

August 9, 2019

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Sleepy Eye was held in the Council Chambers, 200 Main Street East, Sleepy Eye, MN at 12:30 p.m. on the 9th day of August, 2019 per due call and notice. Mayor Wayne Pelzel and Councilors Gary Windschitl, Nathan Stevermer, Douglas Pelzel, Joann Schmidt and Larry Braun were present. Also present were City Attorney Alissa Fischer and City Clerk Michelle Strate.

Interviews were conducted of the three candidates for City Manager, Devin Swanberg, Kenneth Cammilleri and Russell (Bob) Elston.

Recess was called at 2:4.

Mayor Pelzel called the meeting back in session at 3:02 p.m.

Liza Donabauer with David Drowns Associates read the feedback from the Department Heads, Sleepy Eye Community Members and the Public Utilities Commission.

Council Members and PUC were to vote for one candidate. Could vote for two if they chose to, but must indicate 1st selection and 2nd selection on ballot. Tally of votes from PUC, Council and Mayor:

Bob: 7 – 1st votes; 2 – 2nd votes

Kenneth: 1 – 1st vote; 2 – 2nd votes

Devin: 2 – 1st votes

Councilor Schmidt made a motion to offer the position of the Sleepy Eye City Manager to and negotiate the terms of employment with Bob Elston. Motion was seconded by Councilor Windschitl. Votes in favor were, Councilor Windschitl, Councilor Stevermer, Councilor Pelzel and Councilor Schmidt. Councilor Braun voted against. Motion carried.

Next discussion was the parameters of the contract to be negotiated. Discussion regarding the salary range. PUC was asked of Bob's current salary. It was determined that his current contract with benefits needs to be looked at prior to any negotiating. Councilor Stevermer made a motion to name the Finance Committee as the Contract Negotiating Committee. Motion was seconded by Councilor Schmidt. Motion carried.

Meeting was properly adjourned at 3:35 p.m.