

August 13, 2019

The regular 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 7 p.m. on the 13th day of August, 2019 per due call and notice. Councilors Gary Windschitl, Nathan Stevermer, Douglas Pelzel, Joann Schmidt and Larry Braun were present. Also present were City Manager Bob Elston, City Attorney Alissa Fischer, City Engineer Dave Palm, Police Chief Matt Andres, EDA Director Kurk Kramer, Fire Chief Ron Zinniel and City Clerk Michelle Strate. Absent was Mayor Wayne Pelzel

Councilor Pelzel moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 regular meeting, July 22, 2019 and August 9, 2019 special meetings. Councilor Stevermer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Councilor Schmidt presented a check for \$1,403.23 to the Melissa Braulick and Isaac Huiras, two members of the FFA for their help and efforts in raising funds for the 4th of July Fireworks.

Councilor Braun made a motion to approve the closing of 1st Avenue South on Friday, August 16, 2019 for the street dance. Councilor Stevermer seconded the motion and motion carried.

Councilor Stevermer made a motion to approve a \$500,000 Line of Credit to be set up with First Security Bank. The City Manager and/or City Clerk will have authority on the account. SEMC will request an advance from the City when they wish to be advanced funds. Motion was seconded by Councilor Pelzel and motion carried.

Chief of Police Andres indicated that he spoke with residents along the 600 block of 3rd Ave NW regarding allowing the street to be a one-way. 4 of the residences did not want a one-way and 2 were for it. Councilor Pelzel made a motion to remove 15 feet of yellow that is currently located at 541 3rd Ave NW beginning from the South and moving North. Motion was seconded by Councilor Windschitl. Those in favor were Councilor Stevermer, Windschitl, Schmidt and Pelzel. Councilor Braun voted against and motion carried.

City Attorney Fischer reported on the following:

- A. Requesting an Ordinance that a Summary Publication is appropriate for the Ordinance #147 Rental Ordinance. The cost to publish the Ordinance #147 Rental Ordinance is just under \$2,000.00. The City is able to publish the full Ordinance #147 Rental Ordinance in the City Library for a period of time. Councilor Stevermer called for the First Reading
- B. Consider possible amendment to the dangerous dog ordinance. Does the Council want to change the definition of "Dangerous Dog" when there is substantial injury. This is tabled until next month.
- C. Consider an Annexation for the "Schieffert Sliver". Councilor Pelzel called for First Reading.

City Engineer Dave Palm reported on the following:

- A. 2020 Street & Utility Improvements Project
Full Reconstruction Streets, Rehab Streets and Mill & Overlay Streets are all continuing with design. Coulson Alley and Ron Myers & Neighbors alley surveys are done and design to commence. Considering the Borth Memorial alley, waiting on MnDOT

B. 12th Ave NE & St. Mary's St. Project

Design / Plans are ongoing / Surveys to be completed for Event Center Parking Lot
There are three Marti Easements. 1. Permanent Utility Easement. The cost would be \$500 to Marti's; 2. Temporary Construction Easement. 2 acres @ \$1200/acre plus loss of 2.5 acres on south side. Additional \$1200 for this area; and, 3. Slot & Temporary Construction Easement. 4.34 acres @ \$1300/acre. The total cost for the three Easements would be \$9742.00. Councilor Windschitl made a motion to approve the three Easements. Councilor Schmidt seconded the motion and motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilor Windschitl to Lease the property east of 12th Ave NE (4.4 acres) back to Marti's for 5 years at \$0/per acre. Councilor Schmidt seconded the motion and motion carried.

Councilor Pelzel made a motion to approve a Slope Easement & Temporary Construction Easement with Central Region Coop, upon City Attorney Alissa Fischer's review. This is needed for tree clearing and for RR ditch sloping. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stevermer and motion carried.

CP Railroad Construction Agreement approved by RR & City Council. Easement Agreement is needed yet.

C. 2019 Airport Lighting Project is moving forward

Interim City Manager Bob Elston reported on the following:

- A. Motion was made by Councilor Schmidt to hold a Special Meeting set for August 28, 2019 at noon. This meeting is to allow for 2nd Readings of Annexations. Councilor Braun seconded the motion and motion carried.
- B. The County has denied a stop sign requested at 3rd Ave & St. Mary's street. They indicated that a stop sign is intended for intersection control, not for speed control.
- C. Possibility of refinancing the Hospital Bonds as there is a good interest rate. The refinance would save approximately \$200,000.
- D. Morecom submitted a proposal for new City Council Chambers Technology. The cost would be \$3,258.71 for Audio and \$2,957.00 for Video. Councilor Braun made a motion to move forward with Morecom for both audio and video. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stevermer. Voting in favor were Councilors Stevermer, Schmidt, Pelzel and Braun. Councilor Windschitl voted against and motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilor Stevermer to accept the Police Report and Cash Fund Balances. Motion was seconded by Councilor Braun and motion carried.

Councilor Schmidt moved to approve and allow payment of the monthly bills as presented. Councilor Pelzel seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There was no other business and the meeting was properly adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Joann Schmidt, Councilor

Michelle Strate, City Clerk