

September 10, 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 10th day of September, 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 Manager Bob Elston, City Attorney Alissa Fischer, City Engineer Dave Palm, Police Chief Matt Andres, EDA Director Kurk Kramer and City Clerk Michelle Strate.

Councilor Schmidt moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 regular meeting and August 28, 2019 special meetings. Councilor Windschitl seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Councilor Stevermer made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving the Issuance of General Obligation Hospital Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2019A. This refinance will result in a total savings of no less than \$275,000.00. Current interest rate is 3.8% and new interest rate will be approximately 2%. Councilor Windschitl seconded the motion and motion carried.

Citizen Dick Zinniel requested garbage pickup be on the agenda and requested that Mark Beito speak on behalf of the citizens. A petition was signed by the citizens of Sleepy Eye that requested the Council to authorize a return to picking up garbage cans from the alley, when the alley is available. 244 signatures were collected and turned in prior to the Council Meeting. 6 were dismissed as they were not valid. 190 households were represented in these ballots. There are approximately 1500 households in Sleepy Eye. These petitions represent approximately 12.5% of the 1500 households. 23 more petitions were presented at the beginning of the Council Meeting. Councilor Windschitl made a motion for garbage pickup to follow code and generally pickup garbage in alleys just like it was done before. Councilor Braun seconded and motion carried. An amendment to the motion was made by Councilor Stevermer to let each resident choose where garbage is to be picked up. Motion was seconded by Councilor Windschitl and motion carried. City Manager Elston will contact RVS to discuss when this will be in effect.

Ken Brody with "Friends of Sleepy Eye Dog Park" spoke regarding building a fenced in park for dogs. The fence material would cost approximately \$15,000. It has been requested that this return to the Park Board and they work with people to raise funds for this, as the 2020 budget has been completed and there have not been any funds allotted for this.

City Manager Elston presented the Preliminary 2020 Budget to the Council with a 7% or \$92,580.00 increase. Councilor Pelzel made a motion to consider the preliminary adoption of the 2020 Budget. Councilor Braun seconded the motion and motion carried.

City Attorney Alissa Fischer reported on the following:

- A. Councilor Schmidt called for Second Reading of the Wedge Swap on the Snow Farm. Councilor Stevermer seconded and the motion carried.
- B. Consider amendment to dangerous dog ordinance. Councilor Pelzel called for First Reading to amend the definition of dangerous dog to: Put under "Potentially Danger Dog" a bite that inflicts substantial bodily harm on human being on public or private property.

- C. Consider amending the number of dogs allowed per residence. The ordinance currently allows 2 dogs in a house. Do we want to consider more? This is tabled until next meeting.
- D. Councilor Stevermer made a motion to approve the CenterPoint Agreement. Councilor Schmidt seconded the motion and motion carried.

City Engineer David 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.
- B. 12th Ave NE & St. Mary's St. Project
Design / Plans are ongoing / Surveys to be completed for Event Center Parking Lot. Easements with Marti are complete. Easement with Central River Cooperative is complete. Working on the Right-of-Ways and Easements. Annexation is sent off to the State.
- C. 2019 Airport Lighting Project is moving forward. Construction started today with setting up for some concrete.

There was no City Manager report

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

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

Mayor was contacted by Sportsmen Club and they would plan to use the gun range on Wednesday nights. They are proposing to put a trap shooting team together through the school.

There was no other business and the meeting was properly adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Wayne Pelzel, Mayor

Michelle Strate, City Clerk