

September 8, 2020

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sleepy Eye was held electronically in accordance with MN Statute 13D.021. Meeting was held via GoToMeeting and in the Council Chambers, 200 Main Street East, Sleepy Eye, MN at 7:00 p.m. on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020 per due call and notice. Mayor Wayne Pelzel and Councilors Nathan Stevermer, Douglas Pelzel, Joann Schmidt, Larry Braun and Gary Windschitl were present. Also, present were City Manager Bob Elston, City Attorney Alissa Groen, Public Works Director Mike Hardin, City Engineer David Palm, Chief of Police Matt Andres and City Clerk Michelle Strate.

Councilor Schmidt moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 Regular Meeting. Councilor Windschitl seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Pelzel has recommended the appointment of Mindy Hardin to the Library Board. Councilor Schmidt made a motion to approve this appointment. Councilor Pelzel seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Marty Seifert with the Coalition of Greater MN Cities spoke and gave update.

Ron Zinniel presented the Council with two retirements, Ben Hoffmann and Ron Moldaschel. He also presented with two new fire department members, Alex Bruggeman and Keaton Borth. Councilor Windschitl made a motion to approve the two new firemen pending background checks. Councilor Pelzel seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Councilor Stevermer made a motion to approve paving the alley between Maple Street & Water Street & between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW. A Petition was presented with the signatures. Councilor Windschitl seconded the motion carried and motion carried.

Geoffrey Ferik has asked the Council to consider allowing honeybees within the city limits. It was suggested that further research be done and to bring back at future meeting.

Councilor Pelzel made a motion to approve closing the alley from east to west behind the Sleepy Eye Brewing Company for their Oktoberfest Celebration on September 26, 2020. Councilor Schmidt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Attorney Groen reported on the following:

A. Councilor Stevermer made a motion to approve Resolution 23-2020

## **RESOLUTION**

Resolution No. 23-2020

WHEREAS, the City Code for the City of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, provides that no division of an existing parcel of land within the City shall be filed, or accepted for filing, by the Brown County Recorder unless it is accompanied by a certified copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council approving such division; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Fromm and Sharon Fromm, spouses married to each other (hereinafter collectively "Fromm") are in the process of purchasing from the City of Sleepy Eye the following legally described property: Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block 4, Sleepy Hollow Fifth Addition, Section 29, Twp. 110 North, Range 32 West, City of Sleepy Eye, Brown County, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Fromm has requested permission from the City of Sleepy Eye to split the property as a contingency to their purchase of said lots.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council for the City of Sleepy Eye, contingent on a successful sale and transfer of the said property to Fromm, hereby approves the division of the real estate legally described as follows:

Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block 4, Sleepy Hollow Fifth Addition, Section 29, Twp. 110 North, Range 32 West, City of Sleepy Eye, Brown County, Minnesota

into FIVE separate parcels being legally described in the attached Exhibit "A", Exhibit "B", Exhibit "C", Exhibit "D", and Exhibit "E".

Said Resolution was passed on September 8, 2020.

/s/Wayne Pelzel  
Wayne Pelzel, Mayor of the City of Sleepy Eye

/s/Russell Elston  
Russell "Bob" Elston, City Manager

**Exhibit "A"**

The West 76.62 feet of Lot 3, Block 4, Sleepy Hollow Fifth Addition, Section 29, Twp. 110 North, Range 32 West, City of Sleepy Eye, Brown County, Minnesota.

**Exhibit "B"**

Lot 3, Block 4, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the West 76.62 feet of Lot 3, Block 4; AND the West 25.53 feet of Lot 4, Block 4; all in Sleepy Hollow Fifth Addition, Section 29, Twp. 110 North, Range 32 West, City of Sleepy Eye, Brown County, Minnesota.

**Exhibit "C"**

Lot 4, Block 4, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the West 25.53 feet of Lot 4, Block 4 and EXCEPTING THEREFROM the East 25.56 feet of Lot 4, Block 4; Sleepy Hollow Fifth Addition, Section 29, Twp. 110 North, Range 32 West, City of Sleepy Eye, Brown County, Minnesota.

**Exhibit "D"**

The East 25.56 feet of Lot 4, Block 4; AND The West 51.06 feet of Lot 5, Block 4; all in Sleepy Hollow Fifth Addition, Section 29, Twp. 110 North, Range 32 West, City of Sleepy Eye, Brown County.

**Exhibit "E"**

Lot 5, Block 4, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the West 51.06 feet of Lot 5, Block 4, Sleepy Hollow Fifth Addition, Section 29, Twp. 110 North, Range 32 West, City of Sleepy Eye, Brown County.

Councilor Braun seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- B. Councilor Stevermer called for Second Reading of Ordinance #171 An Ordinance for Selling Real Estate to Dennis and Sharon Fromm for purchase price of \$96,000.00. Councilor Pelzel seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- C. Councilor Stevermer called for Second Reading of Ordinance #172 An Ordinance for Selling Real Estate to Thomas and Diane Stoks for purchase price of \$32,000.00. Councilor Braun seconded the motion and the motion carried.

City Engineer David Palm reported on the following:

- A. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project. Mathiowetz Construction is working and the partial pay estimate 5 is due.
- B. 2020 Project. MR Paving is working on the project. Partial pay estimate 5 is due.
- C. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave/St. Mary's Street. No further progress.

City Manager Elston reported on the following:

- A. Pat and Tom Wurtzberger spoke to Council asking for forgiveness of \$6,726.80 if they purchase 416 Main Street West. This property is unique, as it is essentially unbuildable to anyone but Wurtzberger and Freedom because of the setbacks and the lot is only 25' wide. Councilor Pelzel made a motion to forgive \$6,726.80 and Councilor Braun seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- B. The Preliminary 2021 Budget was presented with a 6% increase. Councilor Schmidt made a motion to approve and Councilor Windschitl seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilor Pelzel made a motion to approve the Police Report and Cash Fund Balances. Councilor Schmidt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

There was no other business.

The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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Wayne Pelzel, Mayor

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Michelle Strate, City Clerk