

January 12, 2021

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 Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on the 12th day of January 2021 per due call and notice. Mayor Wayne Pelzel and Councilors Nathan Stevermer, Douglas Pelzel, Scott Krzmarzick, Christina Andres and Gary Windschitl were present. Also, present were City Manager Bob Elston, City Attorney Alissa Groen, Public Works Director Mike Hardin, Chief of Police Matt Andres and City Clerk Michelle Strate.

Councilor Stevermer moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting and the December 17, 2020 Special Meeting. Councilor Pelzel seconded the motion and the motion carried with roll call votes 5-0.

Mayor Pelzel appointed Joe Schieffert to the EDA Board and Christina Andres as the Council liaison to the EDA Board. Councilor Stevermer moved to approve the appointments as stated. Councilor Krzmarzick seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0 with Councilor Andres abstaining.

Councilor Windschitl moved to designate the Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch as the official newspaper for the year 2021 and designate the First Security State Bank, Southpoint Financial Credit Union and Americana Community Bank the official depositories for all City funds and checking accounts. Councilor Stevermer seconded the motion and the motion carried with roll call votes 5-0.

Councilor Pelzel moved to authorize the City Manager and/or City Clerk to select financial institutions of choice for City investments as needed or required. Councilor Windschitl seconded the motion and the motion carried with roll call votes 5-0.

Councilor Stevermer moved to authorize payment of Hospital Board salaries. Councilor Andres seconded the motion and the motion carried with roll call votes 5-0.

Councilor Stevermer made a motion to approve the Fire Department Election of Officers. Councilor Windschitl seconded the motion and the motion carried with roll call votes 4-0 with Councilor Krzmarzick abstaining.

Councilor Stevermer made a motion to extend the Rural Fire Agreement for 1 year. The townships were unable to meet due to the pandemic. Councilor Andres seconded the motion and the motion carried with roll call votes 5-0.

The Personnel Manual will be moved to the February meeting.

Councilor Pelzel made a motion to approve the Bait Vending Machine in Sportsmen Park for \$120.00/year (including electricity). Councilor Krzmarzick seconded the motion and the motion carried with roll call votes 5-0.

Councilor Stevermer made a motion not to object to the Gambling Permits to St. Mary's Church, February 13, 2021. Councilor Andres seconded the motion and motion carried.

Attorney Groen reported on the following:

- A. Councilor Windschitl called for First Reading of Ordinance #176 To Sell Real Estate to Rod and Vickie Schumacher.
- B. Councilor Pelzel called for First Reading or Ordinance #177 Establishing Twice Addition.
- C. Councilor Stevermer called for Second Reading of Ordinance #174 Establishing Sleepy Hollow Sixth Addition. Councilor Pelzel seconded the motion and the motion carried with roll call votes 5-0.
- D. Councilor Stevermer called for Second Reading of Ordinance #175 Redetermining Salaries of Mayor and Councilpersons. Councilor Windschitl seconded the motion and the motion carried with roll call votes 5-0.

- E. Councilor Pelzel called for the First Reading of Ordinance #178 To Sell Real Estate – City to John Pelzel.

City Engineer David Palm reported on the following:

- A. 12th Avenue Project.
- B. 2020 Project
- C. 1st Ave/St. Mary's Street. Work is in process to create the preliminary assessment roll.

City Manager Elston reported on the following:

- A. Councilor Windschitl made a motion to approve the budget requests from Sleepy Eye Area Historical Society of \$4200 and Sleepy Eye Chamber of \$9000. Councilor Pelzel seconded the motion and the motion carried with roll call votes 4-0, with Councilor Andres abstaining.

Chief Andres indicated that the Officers have not had any issues with speeding on the new roads by 12th Ave and Elm Street. He also discussed the speed signs and would like to keep them down for the Winter months. Councilor Stevermer made a motion to approve the Police Report and Cash Fund Balances. Councilor Krzmarzick seconded the motion and the motion carried with roll call votes 5-0.

Councilor Pelzel moved to approve and allow payment of the monthly bills. Councilor Andres seconded the motion and the motion carried with roll call votes 5-0.

Councilor Andres made a motion to have Councilor Stevermer sign the bill for the month of January. Councilor Krzmarzick seconded the motion and the motion carried with roll call votes 5-0. A new Council President will be selected at the February meeting.

There was no other business.

The meeting was properly adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Wayne Pelzel, Mayor

Michelle Strate, City Clerk