

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SLEEPY EYE,
BROWN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sleepy Eye was duly held in the Council Chambers, 200 Main Street East, Sleepy Eye, MN on the 13th day of December 2022 at 7:00 pm, per due call and notice.

Mayor Wayne Pelzel and Councilors Gary Windschitl, Nathan Stevermer, Douglas Pelzel, Christina Andres and Scott Krzmarzick were present.

City Manager Bob Elston, City Clerk Michelle Strate, Investigator Shawn Bohnen, Officer Amber Meyer and Asst Fire Chief Aaron Schauman were also present. City Attorney Alissa Fischer Groen was absent.

M/Windschitl, S/Andres, to accept the Minutes of November 8, 2022 Regular Meeting with corrections and the November 16, 2022 Special Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Windschitl, S/Pelzel to approve Resolution 25-2022, A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Sleepy Eye. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Pelzel opened the Truth-In-Taxation Hearing at 7:02 pm.

M/Pelzel, S/Krzmarzick to approve the 2023 Final Budget. The 2023 budget will increase 3.96% or \$62,515.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Pelzel closed the Truth-In-Taxation meeting at 7:09 pm

M/Stevermer, S/Andres to approve the Mayor's appointment of Cody Groen to the PUC Commission beginning 2023.

M/Windschitl, S/Stevermer to approve Fire Department Officers as follows: Chief: Ron Zinniel; 1st Asst Chief: Aaron Schauman; 2nd Asst Chief: Jeff Zinniel; Secretary: Jesse Fischer; Trustees: Shane Martinka, Leon Steffl, Brad Hoffmann; Fire Marshal: Scott Krzmarzick; Asst Fire Marshall: Dan Schottenbauer; Fire Wardens: 1st Ward Colton Borth, 2nd Ward Keaton Borth; Building Caretaker: Colton Borth; Equipment Caretaker: Shane Martinka; Lower level caretaker: Aaron Bruggeman; Airpack Maint: Scott Braun and Shaun Heiderscheidt; Thermal Camera/Gas Monitors: Scott Krzmarzick; Historian: Jesse Fischer. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Steevermer, S/Windschitl made a motion authorizing Mayor Pelzel to sign a Mutual Aid Agreement with Springfield for temporary Wastewater Operator with the absence of Ron Zinniel. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Steevermer, S/Windschitl to approve a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License to SE Brewing for the SE Pong Hockey Tournament to take place January 28, 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Windschitl, S/Andres to approve not waiving statutory tort limits. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Pelzel, S/Krzmarzick to approve the Ambulance Rate Increases. In town BLS Run will be \$1100.00, out of town BLS run will be \$1125.00 and mileage will be \$22.00/mile. Motion carried 5-0.

Matt Ibberson made a zoning request for a fish house on his property, that looks like a shed, size is 10x16. He has registered it with the DNR. He indicated that the State of MN description of a fish house is vague and that he can have this on his property. P&Z did deny the request due to being over the allowed square footage on the property. M/Windschitl, S/Steevermer to support P&Z decision to deny the request. Voting to deny request, Windschitl, Steevermer, Andres, Krzmarzick; Opposing the motion was Pelzel. Motion carried 4-1.

M/Krzmarzick, S/Andres to approve certifying unpaids (utilities, garbage, mowing, snow removal) to Brown County for collection. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Steevermer, S/Pelzel to approve writing off PUC balances of \$3,642.70. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Andres, S/Krzmarzick to approved Resolution 26-2022, increasing city employee wages 4% for 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Pelzel, S/Andres to approve the purchase of a new pickup for the Parks Department. It was indicated that after 2022 the city will no longer receive the benefit of being a government entity when purchasing vehicles. Chuck Spaeth Ford has this new pickup on hand and the cost will be approximately \$10,000.00 less than

City Engineer report: Nothing

City Attorney Groen report: Nothing

City Manager Elston report:

A. M/Steevermer, S/Krzmarzick to approve the PUC Salaries. Motion carried 5-0.

B. M/Steevermer, S/Andres to prepay for fireworks for 2023 in January 2023 to receive a 12.5% discount. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Steevermer, S/Pelzel approved Police Report and Cash Fund Balances. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Krzmarzick, S/Andres to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting properly adjourned at 8:03 pm

Wayne Pelzel, Mayor

Michelle Strate, City Clerk