

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 10th day of September 2024 at 7:00 pm, per due call and notice.

Mayor Wayne Pelzel and Councilors Gary Windschitl, Nathan Stevermer, Scott Krzmarzick, and Christina Andres. Councilor Doug Pelzel was absent

City Manager Bob Elston, City Clerk Michelle Strate, PUC Director Mike Hardin, Chief Matt Andres, Investigator Shawn Bohnen, Officers Crystal Ostermann and Officer Joseph Corley, City Engineers David Palm and Matt Miller, and City Attorney Alissa Fischer Groen were also present.

Officer Corley was introduced to the Council as the new police officer for City of Sleepy Eye. Officer Ostermann will be leaving the City in October, 2024 and she was thanked for her service to the City.

M/Krzmarzick, S/Andres, to accept the Minutes of August 13, 2024, Regular Meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Pelzel recognized Senator Gary Dahms and Representative Paul Torkelson for both being selected as League of Minnesota Cities Legislator of Distinction for 2024.

M/Windschitl, S/Stevermer to approve Resolution 18-2024, A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Sleepy Eye. Motion carried 4-0.

M/Andres, S/Krzmarzick to approve the preliminary City Budget for 2025 at 9.17% increase or \$155,433. Motion carried 4-0.

Truth in Taxation Meeting to be set for December 10, 2024.

M/Krzmarzick, S/Windschitl to extend the conditional use permit for Open Bible Church to October 31, 2024. All items need to be completed that were on the list from then Building Inspector Bernie Wenner, except the front door. Kyle Asp must have an estimate and a plan on the front door if it is not installed. Open Bible has been given over a year on the conditional use permit and has not completed the necessary list of items that were required. Motion carried 4-0.

M/Windschitl, S/Andres to approve a zoning variance for Nathan and Nicole Stevermer. The house itself is nonconforming, and this variance would be to extend the addition in line with the house. Motion carried 4-0.

M/Windschitl, S/Andres to approve the purchase of a 2004 plow truck for \$40,000.00. Upon the last inspection of our current plow truck, we need to move forward with purchase of a different one. Money has been set aside for this. Motion carried 4-0.

M/Steevermer, S/Krzmarzick to approve the placement of a large flagpole on property the City recently acquired from the County located by Kibble Equipment along Hwy 14 near County Road 27. The flag will be a 20'x30' and the American Legion is sponsoring the fundraising for the costs. Costs are approximately \$30,000-\$35000. Bolten & Menk is donating their work on this project. Motion carried 4-0.

City Engineer report:

- A. Matt Miller talked about the costs for a potential new street and watermain to extend Birch St NE. A petition was presented for building a new street and did not have 100% signatures of property owners. It would be approximately 400' of street built and the estimated cost would be \$279,710.00, all of which would be assessed to property owners. The petition included paving, curb and gutter. Property owners were present and did not want to move forward with the hearing. Council is allowing City Manager, Bob Elston to work with the current property owners to potentially come up with another plan. M/Krzmarzick, S/Andres to deny the petition. Motion carried 4-0.
- B. David Palm reported on the airport pavement maintenance proposal of \$24,000. MnDOT would pay 95% and City 5%. M/Steevermer, S/Andres to approve. Motion carried 4-0.
- C. M/Andres, S/Krzmarzick to approve the Clear Zone Acquisition Plan for the airport. Cost is \$10,000, with MnDOT to pay 95% and City 5%. Motion carried 4-0.

City Attorney Groen report: nothing

City Manager Elston report: nothing

M/Steevermer, S/Krzmarzick to approved Police Report and Cash Fund Balances. Motion carried 4-0.

M/Andres, S/Krzmarzick to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting property adjourned at 8:21 pm

Wayne Pelzel, Mayor

Michelle Strate, City Clerk