

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 14th day of January 2025 at 7:00 pm, per due call and notice.

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

City Manager Bob Elston, City Clerk Michelle Strate, Chief Matt Andres, Officer Elliott Waterbury City Engineer Matt Miller and City Attorney Alissa Fischer Groen were also present.

M/Andres, S/Krzmarzick, to approve the Minutes of December 10, 2024 Regular Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Stevermer, S/Krzmarzick made a motion to elect Councilor Christina Andres as Council President. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Stevermer, S/Andres to approve Resolution 1-2025, A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Sleepy Eye. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Stevermer, S/Krzmarzick to approve the Mayor's appointments to city boards and commissions. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Pelzel, S/Andres to approve the Fire Department Officers. Chief: Aaron Schauman; First Assistant Chief: Scott Krzmarzick; Second Assistant Chief: Jeff Zinniel; Secretary: Jesse Fischer; Trustees: Shane Martinka, Leon Steffl, Brad Hoffmann; Fire Marshall: Dan Schottenbauer; Assistant Fire Marshall: Shaun Heiderscheidt; Fire Warden 1: Jesse Como; Fire Warden 2: Dan Christensen; Building Caretaker: Scott Maurer; Lower-level caretaker: Nick Martinka; Air packs: Aaron Bruggeman, Tyler Heiderscheidt; Thermal Camera: Dan Christensen; Historian: Jesse Fischer. Councilor Krzmarzick recused himself from vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Brent Kucera with RVS was present to discuss the contract extension for 2025. Contract will be 5-year term with no increases for 2025. One addition will be that RVS will provide compost services to residents that want it. They will bill directly to those residents and provide one cart. M/Stevermer, S/Pelzel to approve the contract extension. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Andres, S/Krzmarzick granting permission to City Manager and City Clerk to invest City funds. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Steevermer, S/Krzmarzick to approve the designation of official city newspaper as Herald Dispatch and City depositories as First Security Bank, SouthPoint Financial Credit Union and Americana Community Bank. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Steevermer, S/Windschitl not to object to exempt gambling permit for St. Mary's for Caribbean Knights on February 8, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Krzmarzick, S/Steevermer not to object to exempt gambling permit for Pheasants Forever Banquet on March 22, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Windschitl, S/Steevermer to approve temporary liquor license for St. Mary's Caribbean Knights on February 8, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

Terry Heiderscheidt was not present for discussion of Sleepy Eye Arena loan. A finance meeting is set up for Wednesday, January 22nd at noon to discuss.

M/Pelzel, S/Krzmarzick to approve the increase in ambulance rates for 2025. In town BLS run \$1400.00; \$24.00/per mile. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Andres, S/Steevermer approving hospital board salaries. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Groen report: nothing

City Manager Elston report:

- A. Introduced our new City Engineer Matt Miller with Bolton & Menk, as David Palm has retired.

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

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

Meeting property adjourned at 7:26 pm

Joann Schmidt, Mayor

Michelle Strate, City Clerk