

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 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, PUC Director Mike Hardin, Chief Matt Andres, Investigator Shawn Bohnen, Chief Aaron Schauman, City Engineer Matt Miller and City Attorney Alissa Fischer Groen were also present.

M/Andres, S/Krzmarzick, to approve the Minutes of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Lucas Heiderscheidt, Max Heiderscheidt and Bransten Rehbein were presented Citizenship Awards for their courageous efforts during the house fire in May 2025 by Police Chief Andres and Fire Chief Schauman.

Larry Lund donated and presented the City of Sleepy Eye with an ariel photo of the City of Sleepy Eye. Koozie donated the printing of the photo. The last aerial picture of the City of Sleepy Eye was from 1983.

Mayor Schmidt opened the Truth-In-Taxation Hearing at 7:07 p.m. M/Stevermer, S/Windschitl to approve the budget increase for 2026 at 9.17%. Motion carried 5-0. Truth-In-Taxation Hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m.

M/Stevermer, S/Andres to approve Resolution 23-2025, A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Sleepy Eye. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Pelzel, S/Andres to approve fire department officers as follows: Chief Aaron Schauman; First Asst Chief Shane Martinka; Second Asst Chief Jeff Zinniel; Secretary Jesse Fischer; Trustees Leon Steffl, Brad Hoffmann, Mike Suess; Fire Marshall Dan Schottenbauer; Asst Fire Marshall Shaun Heiderscheidt; Fire Warden 1 Jesse Como; Fire Warden 2 Dan Christensen; Building Caretaker Colton Borth; Lower Level Caretaker Nick Martinka; Air Packs Tyler Heiderscheidt

and Jeff Mathiowetz, Thermal Camera Dan Christensen; Historian Jesse Fischer. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Krzmarzick, S/Andres to approve the updates and addition of the new law PFML to the personnel policy. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Steevermer, S/Windschitl to approve the Mayor's appointments of the following: Casey Coulson and Alex Bruggeman to the EDA Board; Mark Schwartz and Greg Gangelhoff to the SEMC Board; Ed Trembl to Lake Improvement Committee; Toby Arneson and Lenny Neid to Airport Board; Katie Kober, Mindy Hardin and Kate Nelson to the Library Board; Carter Fromm to the Park Board; Nichole Voigt and Dean Stimpert to P&Z; Scott Salfer to the PUC Commission. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Steevermer, S/Krzmarzick made motion to approve not waiving statutory tort limits. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Steevermer, S/Andres not to object to exempt gambling permit for SE Arena Association (pond hockey) and St. Mary's Church (Caribbean Knights) and St. Mary's Church (Men's Sausage Dinner). Motion carried 5-0.

M/Windschitl, S/Andres to approve Resolution 24-2025 adopting employee wages for 2026. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Andres, S/Steevermer to approve the PUC Commissioner salary payments for 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Pelzel, S/ Krzmarzick to approve the unpaid city invoices from 2025 to be certified to taxes in 2026. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Andres, S/Windschitl to approve the 2025-year end write off balances for the PUC. Motion carried 5-0.

City Engineer Matt Miller report: M/Pelzel, S/Krzmarzick to approve the airport turf improvement bid to David Swenson Construction for \$11,846. This improvement will cost the city 10% of the cost and the State to pay 90%. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Groen report: Nothing.

City Manager Elston report: nothing

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

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

Meeting properly adjourned at 7:33 pm

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Joann Schmidt, Mayor

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Michelle Strate, City Clerk