

February 1, 2018

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Sleepy Eye was held in the Council Chambers, 200 Main Street East, Sleepy Eye, MN at 12 noon on the 1st day of February, 2018 per due call and notice. Mayor Wayne Pelzel and Councilors Richard Zinniel, Nathan Stevermer, Douglas Pelzel and Joann Schmid were present. Absent was Councilor Larry Braun Also present were City Manager Mark Kober, City Attorney Alissa Fischer, Public Works Director Bob Elston, EDA Director Kurk Kramer and City Clerk Linda Tiedeken.

Consideration of a letter of support for AGlobal for fund raising to remodel the Orchid Inn building to create a dormitory for the Elite Language Immersion Institute, a program in Minnesota designed for international high school students to attend local high schools. The plans would include the removal of the center portion of the building and building an addition to the existing motel portion to include a kitchen, classrooms and gathering space. The Minnesota Room would be remodeled into space for the AGlobal STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) labs. The labs would focus on agriculture for students and teachers in Southern Minnesota. Funding for the project would be through federal, state grants and corporate grants from companies in agriculture. AGlobal is requesting a letter of support to apply for this funding. They are asking the city to support the project, but not financially. This program will generate revenues for both of the local schools. Representatives from Sleepy Eye Public School and St. Mary's School stated they are in favor of this program. Councilor Zinniel moved to draft a letter of support for the funding raising efforts of AGobal to renovate the Orchid Inn building. Councilor Stevermer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The meeting was properly adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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Wayne Pelzel, Mayor

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Linda Tiedeken, City Clerk