

November 14, 2017

The regular 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 7 pm on the 14th day of November 2017 per due call and notice. Mayor Wayne Pelzel and Councilors Richard Zinniel, Nathan Stevermer, Douglas Pelzel and Joann Schmid were present. Larry Braun was absent. Also present were City Manager Mark Kober, City Attorney Fischer, City Engineer Dave Palm, Public Works Director Bob Elston, Police Chief Matt Andres and City Clerk Linda Tiedeken.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Councilor Stervermer moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2017 regular meeting. Councilor Pelzel seconded the motion and the motion carried.

City Manager Kober presented an offer from the SCDIU Swat Team to purchase the 2002 Ambulance for \$500.00 including the chassis, box and all components associated with the vehicle as in condition. The Swat Team will be responsible for transferring the title and licensing. Councilor Zinniel moved to accept the offer and require that the Sleepy Eye Ambulance Service wording be removed and the ambulance be repainted. Councilor Stevermer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

City Attorney Fischer presented a resolution to allow the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN/DOT) to acquire easements for the following city properties: Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 26, OP; Lots 24, 25, 26 and 27, OP and Lot 3 and 4, Block 1, Snow First Addition, all within the City of Sleepy Eye. Lot 4, Block 1, Snow First Addition was sold after the date of the resolution. Councilor Zinniel moved to approve the following resolution:

Resolution No. 10-2017

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MN/DOT) TO ACQUIRE EASEMENTS ON CITY LAND: PARCELS 23, 26, 27, 46

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Sleepy Eye, which in consideration of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for parcel 23, Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) for parcel 26, One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$1,900.00) for parcel 27, and Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$13,950.00) for parcel 46, to be paid by the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, allows the acquisition of land by direct purchase to the State of Minnesota the parcel described as follows:

(Parcel 23)

Tract A. Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 26, Sleepy Eye Lake, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Brown County, Minnesota;

The right to use the southerly 8 feet of Tract A described below for highway purposes, which right shall cease on December 1, 2023, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

excepting therefrom the existing sign situate thereon.

(Parcel 26)

Tract A. Lots 24 and 25, Block 23, Sleepy Eye Lake, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Brown County, Minnesota.

The right to use the southerly 12 feet of Tract A described below for highway purposes, which right shall cease on December 1, 2023, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes:

(Parcel 27)

Tract A. Lots 26 and 27, Block 23, Sleepy Eye Lake, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Brown County, Minnesota.

The right to use the southerly 12 feet of Tract A described below for highway purposes, which right shall cease on December 1, 2023, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

(Parcel 46)

A perpetual easement on and over real property in Brown County, Minnesota, described as follows the northerly 15 feet of Tract A described below:

Tract A. Lots 3 and 4, Block 1, SNOW FIRST ADDITION, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Brown County, Minnesota;

Also a right to use the following described strip for highway purposes, which right shall cease on December 1, 2023, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway Purposes.

A strip being the northerly 25 feet of Tract A hereinbefore described, adjoining and southerly of the above described strip.

Adopted by the City Council this 11th Day of July, 2017.

Wayne Pelzel, Mayor

Attest: _____
Mark Kober, City Manager

Councilor Stevermer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Councilor Pelzel moved to accept the pull tab license for the New Ulm Area Youth Wrestling Association at the City Limits located at 619 Main Street East, Sleepy Eye. Councilor Stevermer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

City Attorney Fischer reported that the option to purchase Lot 3, Block 4, and Burda Commercial Second Addition from Timothy and David Scheiffert for \$59,000 will expire December 31, 2017. City Manager explained that if 12th Avenue NE expands to the north, the current Event Center parking lot may be more valuable for another use and this property could be used as an alternative. Kober explained that if the lot is not purchased now, the price could be much higher if the City needs additional parking area in the future and if there is an interest in the current parking lot. Councilor Stevermer stated there is limited on-street parking now. Councilor Zinniel express concern on spending more money on parking area. Councilor Pelzel moved to purchase the lot with research that the title is clear. Councilor Stevermer seconded the motion and voting in favor were Councilors Stevermer, Pelzel and Schmidt, Against Councilor Zinniel. Motion carried on a 3 to 1 vote.

City Manager Kober reported that employee evaluations will be done for all employees and will begin salary negotiations with the police union. He will be setting a date for a finance meeting in December.

City Attorney Fischer reported on the following:

- A. Blight ordinance was published on October 19, 2017 and will be effective 30 days from date of publication. The city attorney and a committee appointed by the mayor will set the parameters and work directly with the blight officer.
- B. Waiting for state approval on the Haala Annexation.
- C. Liability waive for the Orchid Inn Auction has been sent to City Manager Kober.
- D. Councilor Pelzel asked about underage drinking at the Event Center. City Manager Kober and City Attorney Fischer agreed that minors are not being served by the Event Center's bartenders, but liquor and beer served or purchased by legal aged individual was then given to minors. City bartenders have tried to stop this type of activity. Posting signs, eliminate serving pitchers of beer and plain clothed security were discussed.

Jan Zinniel was presented and express concern about the blight behind the buildings on the 100 block Main Street East. Zinniel owns a building on this block and is hoping that the new blight ordinance will be enforced.

City Engineer Dave Palm reported on the following:

- A. 2018 Hwy Project. MNDOT held a public information meeting at the Event Center on November 9, 2017. Received input and comments from business owners and citizens. Turned over the 90% plan to MNDOT and are currently working on the City portion of the project which includes the 12th Avenue intersection and the flashing lights at the crosswalk from St. Marys Street to the Bike Trail. Also working on the sanitary, steam and electrical manholes in the project area that need repair, replacement or be completely discontinued.
- B. 2020 Street and Utility Project. Presented the map with the possible repairs and maintenance.
- C. 12th Avenue NE Project. Received letters of support for the LRIP application. Project would include grading and graveling the route, railroad crossing, water main and storm sewer at a cost of 1.6 to 1.7 million. The maximum grant amount is \$750,000.

D. 12th Avenue and Maple Street SE. Did some preliminary costs and surveying of the land south of Maple Street SE.

City Manager Kober reported on the following:

- A. There will be a 2.5 to 3 percent increase in health insurance costs. The City self-insured portion of the health insurance allows the city to purchase a higher deductible policy, which is a savings to the city and employees. Will be holding an employee meeting for health insurance and investment/pension options in December.
- B. Request for a special council meeting on November 21, 2017 at noon for a zoning variance hearing and review remodeling plans for the liquor store space into police department offices. Councilor Stevermer moved approve November 21, 2017 at for a Special council meeting. Councilor Zinniel seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Miscellaneous correspondence was included in agenda packets.

Councilor Schmidt moved to approve the October police report and October cash fund balances. Councilor Stevermer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Police Chief Andres reported that he is satisfied with the current ATV ordinance but suggested that the wording be brought up to date in include the new types of vehicles and sizes. After discussion the changes were tabled until December regular council meeting.

Councilor Zinniel moved to pay the monthly bills of \$447,913.07. Councilor Pelzel seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There was no other business.

The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Wayne Pelzel, Mayor

Linda Tiedeken, City Clerk