

October 10, 2017

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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 10th day of October 2017 per due all and notice. Mayor Wayne Pelzel and Councilors Richard Zinniel, Nathan Stevermer, Douglas Pelzel, Joann Schmid and Larry Braun were present. Also present were City Manager Mark Kober, City Engineer Dave Palm, Public Works Director Bob Elston, Police Chief Matt Andres, EDA Director Kurt Kramer and City Clerk Linda Tiedeken.

Councilor Zinniel moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2017 regular meeting. Councilor Stevermer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Pelzel read the proclamation that the week of October 1 thru 7, 2017 is Minnesota Manufacturing Week. Braun and Borth Sanitation was awarded the Manufacturing and Technology Award for 2017. The award recognizes outstanding community businesses that have contributed to the Minnesota economy, are committed to making Minnesota a better place to live and work and have improved and increase technology needs in the workplace. Councilor Braun moved to approve the proclamation and award the 2017 Manufacturing and Technology award to Braun and Borth Sanitation. Councilor Pelzel seconded the motion and the motion carried.

City Attorney Alissa Fischer reported on the following:

- A. Blight Ordinance. Revised the definition of blight officer as one that is appointed by the council. Added subdivisions to Article 6 pertaining to no parking of vehicles on dirt or grass covered areas; not applicable during snow emergencies and not in the front yard setback unless approved by the City Council. Discussion followed of the duties of the blight officer and adding wording that a construction dumpster must be removed 5 calendar days after the expiration of a building permit, completion of inspections and the issuance of the occupancy certificate. Also discuss the building maintenance section of the ordinance and what programs would be available to property owners to help pay for the repairs. EDA Director Kurt Kramer added that Southwest MN Initiative Foundation has programs available. Councilor Schmidt called for the second reading of "Ordinance No. 140, Second Series, An Ordinance Regulating Blight Conditions Within the City". Councilor Zinniel seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- B. Councilor Pelzel called for the first reading of "An Ordinance Regulating Backyard Composting Within the City".
- C. After discussion on allowing the use of ATV's on city streets, Councilor Zinniel moved to table an ATV ordinance for further study until the next regular council meeting. Councilor Pelzel seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- D. Councilor Stevermer called for the second reading of "Ordinance No. 139, Second Series, An Ordinance Annexing Property to be Platted as Haala's Eleventh Addition".
- E. Reported that the \$50,000 funding limit applies to regional or local originations not a city EDA fund.
- F. Reminder about the option to buy the Schieffert lot, north of the Event Center will be discussed at the next finance meeting.

Councilor Zinniel moved to approve the following one-day liquor licenses for St. Marys Church, 636 1st Avenue N for November 18, 2017, January 10, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

Councilor Braun seconded the motion and the motion carried.

City Manager Kober reported that Eric Oleson of Oleson and Hobbie Architects met with him, Mayor Pelzel and Councilor Braun and did a walk through the liquor store area. Oleson will be putting together 3 or 4 options for remodeling the liquor store space into an office for the police department and will report in 3 to 4 weeks.

Councilor Stevermer moved to not object to Knights of Columbus application for an exempt gambling permit for January 8, 2018. Councilor Braun seconded the motion and the motion carried.

City Engineer Palm reported on the following items:

- A. 2018 Hwy 14 Project. Going thru the repairs and improvements. MNDOT has moved the bidding to March 2018.
- B. Airport CIP update. Will include crack seal and fog seal repairs in the 2018 project.
- C. Councilor Schmidt moved to approve a resolution to update LRIP application for 12th Avenue NE railroad crossing.

Resolution No. 9-2017

WHEREAS, the City of Sleepy Eye would like to alleviate traffic pressure on 1st Ave. North and State Highway 4 North in Sleepy Eye and create an alternate route to highway 14 east in from the North side of Sleepy Eye and:

WHEREAS, the City of Sleepy Eye intends to build the rail crossing at 12th Ave. NE north and connect the North and Northeast portion of Sleepy Eye to this crossing from the North and:

WHEREAS, the County of Brown must be the sponsor of grants through the MnDot Local Road Improvement Program and for communities in Brown County with populations of 5000 and less:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the City of Sleepy Eye City Council will pursue the MnDot Local Road Improvement Program grant program for said purpose with sponsorship of Brown County understanding that all costs and the local match on the grant would be the responsibility of the City of Sleepy Eye.

Passed and approved this 10th day of October, 2017.

/s/ Wayne Pelzel
Wayne Pelzel, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Mark Kober
City Manager

Councilor Braun seconded the motion and the motion carried.

D. Capital Improvement Project. Continuing to work on project details.

City Manager Kober reported the 2017 CGMC Fall Conference will be November 16-17, 2017 at Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center in Alexandria, MN. Councilors should let Mark know if they are interested in attending.

The survey results have been tabulated and will be getting the results to the council next week.

Miscellaneous correspondence was included in the packet.

City Manager Kober requested that part of no parking zone in front of his home on 3rd Avenue NW (Hwy 4) be removed in order to have one parking space in front of his home. Police Chief Andres will check into this and report at November council meeting.

Councilor Schmid moved to pay the monthly bills of \$888,646.22. Councilor Zinniel seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There was no other business.

The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Wayne Pelzel, Mayor

Linda Tiedeken, City Clerk