

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 13th day of January 2026 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, Officer Elliott Waterbury, City Engineer Matt Miller and City Attorney Alissa Fischer Groen were also present.

M/Pelzel, S/Stevermer, to approve the Minutes of December 9th, 2025, Regular Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Pelzel, S/Windschitl to appoint Councilor Andres as Council President. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Stevermer, S/Krzmarzick to approve Resolution 1-2026, A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Sleepy Eye. Motion carried 5-0.

Members of the Splash Pad Committee were present to ask the council to consider allowing a splash pad to be built on city property. They would raise all the funds needed to build the splash pad along with maintenance costs for a few years beyond construction, to relieve the burden to the citizens of the City. This died for lack of motion.

M/Krzmarzick, S/Andres to approve Resolution 2-2026 approving State Airport Fund Grant Agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Pelzel, S/Windschitl to approve Resolution 3-2026 supporting the MN OEMS Grant for Ambulance Service. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Stevermer, S/Pelzel to call for second reading of Ordinance #232, Selling Real Estate to Trevor Dahlof. The purchase price is \$25,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Stevermer, S/Windschitl to allow the City Clerk and the City Manager to invest city funds. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Steevermer, S/Andres to designate the Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch as the office city newspaper, and to designate First Security Bank, SouthPoint Financial Credit Union and Americana Bank as the office depositories. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Windschitl, S/Krzmarzick to approve a temporary liquor license to St. Mary's for Caribbean Knights to be held on February 7, 2026. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Krzmarzick, S/Andres to approve the increase of ambulance rates. BLS runs will be \$1,500.00, mileage will be \$25.00/mile and lift assist will be \$200.00. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Steevermer, S/Windschitl to approve the payment to Board of Directors of the SEMC. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Groen report: Nothing.

City Manager Elston report: would like a finance meeting on January 28, 2026 at noon.

M/Krzmarzick, 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 7:40 pm

Joann Schmidt, Mayor

Michelle Strate, City Clerk