

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 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, Engineer Matt Miller, Chief Matt Andres, Officer Amber Meyer, and City Attorney Alissa Fischer Groen were also present.

M/Andres, S/Krzmarzick, to approve the Minutes of February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

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

M/Stevermer, S/Windschitl to approve Resolution 6-2026 Application for the Lead Service Line Project. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Krzmarzick, S/Stevermer motion not to object to gambling permit for Knights of Columbus for April 12, 2026. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Windschitl, S/Andres to approve a seasonal liquor license for the Sleepy Eye Baseball Association (May 1-June 30). Motion carried 5-0.

M/Krzmarzick, S/Stevermer to approve tobacco license for Ahmed Alnajjar/Sleepy Eye Tobacco, Inc. Motion carried 4-1, with Councilor Pelzel voting against.

M/Pelzel, S/Andres to approve the change to the personnel handbook on the length of notice given for retirement for the payout of sick time. Motion carried 5-0.

Brian Braun was present to give an update on the County. Employees of Divine Providence were also present requesting a letter of support from the city for a grant application for improvements to their facility.

M/Stevermer, S/Andres called for Second Reading of Ordinance #233 Amending City Code 2-7-1 Establishment and Composition of the Hospital Board. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Andres, S/Krzmarzick called for Second Reading of Ordinance #234, Salaries Authorized for Board Members. Motion carried 5-0.

One application was received for the City Manager position effective December 19, 2026 upon the retirement of current City Manager Bob Elston. M/Pelzel, S/Andres to approve the appointment of Michelle Strate as City Manager. Contract negotiations will be discussed in the next month. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Groen report: Nothing.

City Manager Elston report: would like to order Chromebooks for the council to replace the laptops that are now out of date.

Chief Andres reported that he would like to increase the amount of parking fines. He is going to present to council next month.

M/Steevermer, S/Windschitl 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 7:47 pm

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Joann Schmidt, Mayor

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Michelle Strate, City Clerk