

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 February 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, Chief Matt Andres, Investigator Shawn Bohnen, and City Attorney Alissa Fischer Groen were also present.

M/Krzmarzick, S/Andres, to approve the Minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Stevermer, S/Andres to approve Resolution 4-2026, A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Sleepy Eye. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Pelzel, S/Stevermer to approve the liquor license to the Dawg Haus d/b/a Farmhaus pending application and payment of any past due bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion with council regarding changing the personnel policy regarding the retirement notice and the payout of sick time to employee's health care savings. Would like to see a longer notice of retirement and then City would payout 100% of the sick time to health care savings account. A shorter notice would result in less percentage of payout. Language and logistics of this will be worked on and brought to meeting when finalized.

M/Stevermer called for First Reading of Ordinance #233 Amending City Code 2-7-1 Establishment and Composition of the Hospital Board.

M/Andres called for First Reading of Ordinance #234, Salaries Authorized for Board Members.

City Attorney Groen report: Nothing.

City Manager Elston report: submitted Notice of Retirement to the Council. Retirement to be effective December 18, 2026. M/Andres, S/Windschitl to accept the Notice. Motion carried 5-0.

Chief Andres reported on the new body cameras for the Police Department. Servicemen's Club is willing to donate \$25,000 toward the new cameras. M/Steevermer to approve the new body cameras with Motorola, S/Pelzel. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Steevermer, S/Krzmarzick approved Police Report and Cash Fund Balances. Motion carried 5-0.

M/Pelzel, S/Andres approval of the payment of bills. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting properly adjourned at 7:52 pm

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Joann Schmidt, Mayor

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Michelle Strate, City Clerk