

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Kirby presiding. Council Members present: Huntington, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Also participating: City Administrator, Joe Roby; Bob Broeder, RLC Chair; Stacey Lee, Ridgeview Medical Center; Ben Nielsen, Ridgeview Medical Center C.O.O.; Shannon Frost

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Swanberg seconded by Council Member Williams to approve the agenda. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.
4. **Presentations:**
 - 4A. Ridgeview Le Sueur

Bob Broader, Chair for the Ridgeview Foundation, presented to City Council that the Taste, Tunes, and Taps event raised over \$25,000, which will be used for life saving equipment. Mr. Broader updated City Council about the Ridgeview Advisory Board that Council Member Williams currently sits on as the City's liaison. The board meets quarterly and holds an annual budget meeting in December. Stacey Lee from Ridgeview Medical Center presented to City Council updates on the care being offered by the Le Sueur Campus and nursing home. Ms. Lee spoke briefly about the debt payoff and purchase of the building, a new partnership with Cura to keep the nursing home open, and the master facility plan. Ben Nielsen spoke to City Council about updates being made to the Le Sueur facility.
5. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Sullivan seconded by Council Member Touhey to approve the following consent agenda items:
 - 5A. City Council Minutes 04/25/2023
 - 5B. Police Chief Update
 - 5C. Disbursements Through May 8, 2023 Meeting
 1. Purchases over \$25,000
 - i. MMPA c/o Avant Energy- April 2023 Purchased Power- \$476,881.52
 - ii. B & B Transformer, Inc.- 1500 Pad RM Transformer- \$46,000.00
 - iii. New Water Treatment LLC- FX300 Material- \$30,589.75
 - 5D. Insurance Requirement for Pole Attachments
 - 5E. 2023 Liquor License Renewals
 - 5F. Personnel Action-PT Fitness InstructorVoting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.
6. **Public Comment:** None.
7. **City Administrator Update:**

Officer Mike Felt passed away on May 4th at his home after battling brain cancer. He will be remembered for his jovial demeanor and commitment to community service. His services will be

held in Waconia on May 10, 2023, at Johnson Funeral Home from 4pm to 7pm with funeral services on May 11, 2023, at 1pm at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Middle tower (across from the dog park) was cleaned and looks great. Had a great kick-off meeting with Brennan Construction about Park Elementary. Recommending a May 22nd Work Session to hear the Rec Facilities Master Plan presentation. Rural Businesses Workshop at MSU on May 10th. This Friday there is a tour of the Home Town Bioengineering facility here in town. Upcoming agenda items will be: Mike Keenan Press Box dedication, GreenStep Cities, and JustDeeds.

8. Regular Agenda:

8A. Summer Ice 2023 Agreement

Administrator Roby presented an agreement between the City and the Bulldog Youth Hockey Association to provide skating ice at the community center between May and July 2023.

Motion Council Member Swanberg and seconded by Council Member Sullivan to approve the agreement for summer ice as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

8B. Veteran's Memorial Project

Administrator Roby presented to City Council that City Council had previously approved a new concept plan for a new veteran's memorial for Legion Park. He added that the City had been awarded a grant from the MN Dept. of Administration in the amount of \$25,000. The American Legion is spearheading this project with the City just playing a supportive role. Shannon Frost spoke to City Council about the project and voiced her appreciation for Corey Bienfang (City Engineer) and all the guidance he has given.

Motion Council Member Huntington seconded by Council Member Sullivan to approve the Bolton & Menk Engineering Scope & Fee for the Veterans Memorial Project as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

8C. Resolution R2023-021: Sale of City-Owned Property

Administrator Roby presented City Council with resolution R2023-021 selling the city owned property located on the 200 block of South Second Street to Giant LLC. The property has been used as a parking lot for the dental office almost exclusively for several years and the City didn't feel it necessary to continue ownership when the dental office expressed their interest in purchasing the property.

Motion Council Member Schlueter seconded by Council Member Touhey to approve Resolution R2023-021 as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

8D. LSH Easement Vacation

Resolution R2023-019 approving an easement vacation at 901 Ferry Street for the construction of a new elementary school was provided to City Council. Motion City Council Sullivan seconded by Council Member Swanberg to approve resolution R2023-019 as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

8E. LSH Conditional Use Permit Site Plan Approval

Administrator Roby presented R2023-020 to approve a conditional use permit submitted for the new elementary school for 901 Ferry Street. Planning Commission held a public hearing for the site plan approval and conditional use permit and the application received no comments from the public. A conditional use permit is required for a PUD to be approved to allow more than one principal structure on a property. Staff reported that the conditions of the CUP would be met if the development agreement is approved.

Motion Council Member Schlueter seconded by Council Member Touhey to approve resolution R2023-020 as presented by staff. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

8F. LSH Development Agreement

Administrator Roby presented City Council with a development agreement between the City of Le Sueur and LSH for the elementary construction project. He added that the agreement would ensure rights and obligations of both the City and school district are met throughout the project. The LSH School Board voted on May 5, 2023, to enter into the agreement with the City.

Motion Council Member Sullivan seconded by Council Member Touhey to approve the LSH Development Agreement as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

8G. IUOE 49 MOU

Administrator Roby presented to City Council with an updated MOU for the IUOE (International Union of Operating Engineers) Local 49, which would modify the regular working hours. The schedule will change to four 10-hour shifts (Monday-Thursday) for the months of May until September. This change will be for a trial period and if it appears to not be successful, the schedule will revert back.

Motion Council Member Sullivan seconded by Council Member Schlueter to approve the modification to the MOU as presented by staff. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

8H. Ridgeview Debt Update

Administrator Roby presented City Council with Resolution R2023-022 directing the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into an escrow agreement with Ridgeview Medical Center. Ridgeview Medical Center is seeking to clear debt owed to the City of Le Sueur for the purchase of the property to pursue future endeavors.

Motion Council Member Sullivan seconded by Council Member Williams to approve resolution R2023-022 as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

9. Comments/Reports/Items of Appreciation:

- Huntington: None
- Schlueter: Le Sueur County Officials meeting on the 26th. Planning Commission meeting is coming up on Tuesday.
- Sullivan: Meeting at Joint Services building at 2:30 tomorrow. Condolences to Mike Felt's family.

- Swanberg: None
- Touhey: None
- Williams: Hazardous waste collection coming up on May 11th.
- Kirby: Condolences to Officer Felt's family, friend, and colleagues.

Motion Huntington to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

Lindsey Dhaene
City Clerk