



CITY OF LE SUEUR
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Joe Roby, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Designate Official Newspaper
DATE: For the City Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2023

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Designate official newspaper of the City of Le Sueur for the year 2023.

SUMMARY

Le Sueur City Code Chapter 12 dictates that the City Council “shall annually designate a legal newspaper as provided by the laws of Minnesota as its official means of publication”. In 2022, the Le Sueur County News was designated as the City’s official newspaper.

Minnesota State Statute 331A.04 sets a prioritization guide for cities to use when designating a qualified newspaper to serve as “official publisher”. The priority is as follows:

1. If more than one newspaper maintains a known office within the city, one must be selected;
2. If no newspaper has a primary office in the city, but one or more have a secondary office in the city, one must be selected;
3. If no qualified newspaper has a primary or secondary office within the city, a qualified newspaper “of general circulation” within the city shall be designated.

There are no qualified newspapers with primary or secondary offices within the City of Le Sueur and, as such, Council may select a newspaper using Item 3 above; namely, a newspaper that maintains a “general circulation” within Le Sueur.

The circulation of the Le Sueur County News is 674, an unknown quantity of which consists of Le Sueur city limit households. The circulation of the Henderson Independent is 1350, of which 202 are households within the city limits of Le Sueur.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend City Council consider the designation of either the Le Sueur County News or Henderson Independent as official newspaper for the year 2023.