



CITY OF LE SUEUR
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Joe Roby, City Administrator
Lindsey Dhaene, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Resolution R2026-003: Designation of Official Newspaper

DATE: For the City Council Meeting of Monday, January 5th, 2026

PURPOSE

Designate the official newspaper of the City of Le Sueur for the year 2026.

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 2025, the Henderson Independent 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.

It is the recommendation of City staff that the Henderson Independent remain the official publication of record for the City in 2026.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff recommend City Council consider adoption of Resolution R2026-003, designating the Henderson Independent as official newspaper for the year 2026.

Alternate Actions:

- No action / Denial: Henderson Independent will not be named as official publication for the City in 2026 unless otherwise directed by City Council.
- Modification of Recommendation: This is always an option for City Council.

CITY OF LE SUEUR, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION **R2026-003**

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE HENDERSON INDEPENDENT AS THE OFFICIAL
NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF LE SUEUR FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Le Sueur City Council, pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 412.831, is authorized to designate annually a newspaper of general circulation in the City as its official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the Henderson Independent meets the statutory requirements to be designated as the official and legal newspaper for the City of Le Sueur; and

WHEREAS, the Henderson Independent meets the statutory requirement of covering news of local interest; and

WHEREAS, the publication dates and deadlines of the Henderson Independent for legal advertising meet the requirements of the City of Le Sueur.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Henderson Independent meets the requirements to be designated as the official newspaper for the City of Le Sueur and it will be used as the medium for all official and legal publications for the City of Le Sueur through December 2026.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Le Sueur on this 5th day of January 2026.

ATTEST

Shawn Kirby, Mayor

Lindsey Dhaene, City Clerk

VOTE: ___HUNTINGTON ___KIRBY ___SCHLUETER
___SULLIVAN ___NELSON ___SMITH ___WILLIAMS