

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Kirby presiding. Council Members present: Huntington, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, and Mayor Kirby. Council Members absent: Loose. Also participating: City Administrator, Jasper Kruggel; Public Services Director Rich Kucera, Communications & HR Director, Stacy Lawrence, Finance Director, Joe Roby, and City Engineer Cory Bienfang.

Motion by Council Member Schlueter seconded by Council Member Sullivan to approve the agenda. Request by Council Member Swanberg to move item 5I (Community Development Director personnel action) and request by Council Member Huntington to move item 5I (Police Chief personnel action) to the regular agenda. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Swanberg. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Le Sueur Police Officers sworn in by Police Chief Aaron Thieke.

Presentations: Minnesota Valley Council of Governments

Motion M2022-015 by Council Member Swanberg seconded by Council Member Sullivan to approve the following consent agenda items:

- City Council meeting minutes of February 28, 2022
- Disbursements through March 14, 2022
- 2022 Arbor Day declaration **(R2022-011)**
- 2022 farm lease approval
- 2022 street maintenance acceptance of bids and award contract **(R2022-013/R2022-014)**
- CSAH36 improvements project award bid **(R2022-012)**
- Le Sueur Farmers Market road closure request
- MMPA alternate director representative
- Reestablish precinct and polling place **(R2022-010)**
- Surplus property declaration
- Small Cities Development Programs funds

Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Swanberg. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Motion M2022-016 by Council Member Sullivan seconded by Council Member Krogmann to approve the City Administrator search timeline with the modification of items on April 5-7 and deletion of item from April 11th. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, and Sullivan. Voting no: Swanberg. Motion passed.

Motion M2022-017 by Council Member Schlueter seconded by Council Member Sullivan to appoint Shawn Kirby, Newell Krogmann, Marvin Sullivan, Rich Kucera, and Stacy Lawrence as members of the City Administrator search ad hoc committee. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Swanberg. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Motion M2022-018 by Council Member Sullivan seconded by Council Member Swanberg to appoint Joe Roby as the Interim City Administrator effective April 9, 2022, with a base salary pay of \$111,099.66. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Swanberg. Voting no: None. Motion passed.


Motion M2022-019 by Council Member Swanberg seconded by Council Member Krogmann to accept Council Member Loose's City Council resignation and declare his seat vacant. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Swanberg. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Motion M2022-020 by Council Member Swanberg seconded by Council Member Huntington to approve item 5I, personnel actions. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Swanberg. Voting no: None. Motion passed.

Comments/Reports/Items of Appreciation:

- Huntington: MRVT meeting last week.
- Krogmann: Future of the City Forum on March 26th.
- Schlueter: CGMC legislative action day at the capitol. Thank you to Representative Pfarr.
- Sullivan: MRVT meeting last week – ridership coming back.
- Swanberg: Thank you to Chief Thieke for brining the police officers in.
- Kirby: Well wishes to Joe Roby as interim City Administrator.
- Kruggel: Property valuations out from Le Sueur County. Upcoming council retreat.

Motion by Council Member Swanberg to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Swanberg. Voting no: None. Motion passed.



Stacy Lawrence
Communications & HR Director/City Clerk