

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Kirby presiding. Council Members present: Huntington, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, Williams, and Mayor Kirby. Also participating: City Administrator, Joe Roby, Police Chief, Aaron Thieke, and HR & Communications Director, Stacy Lawrence.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Sullivan 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:** Police Chief, Aaron Thieke, introduced newly hired Officer Billy Madson and administered the Le Sueur Police Officer Oath of Office to Officer Madson.
5. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Swanberg seconded by Council Member Sullivan to approve the following consent agenda items:
  - 5.A. City Council regular meeting minutes of March 27, 2023
  - 5.B. Personnel Action-Sergeant Promotion
  - 5.C. Personnel Action-PT Grounds Maintenance
  - 5.D. 2023 Depositories Update
  - 5.E. Approve Final Pay Application Number 3 to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC.
  - 5.G. Resolution R2023-13 Arbor Day Proclamation
  - 5.H. Approval of Water & Wastewater Engineering and Technical Professional Services Consultant Pool for 2023-2027
  - 5.I. Disbursements Through April 10, 2023
    1. Purchases over \$25,000
      - i. MMPA C/O Avant Energy - March Purchased Power - \$617, 182.84
      - ii. League of MN Cities - 2023 Liability & Auto Insurance - \$175,003.00
      - iii. League of MN Cities - 2023 Workers Comp Coverage - \$130,138.00
      - iv. MN Dept of Revenue - Mar 2023 City Sales Tax - \$44,685.00
      - v. Le Sueur County Treasurer - 2023 Property Taxes - \$25,470.00Voting 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:** City Administrator Roby welcomed new City Clerk, Lindsey Dhaene! The new elementary school review continues and will be reviewed at Planning Commission on Thursday with hopes of having a recommendation for City Council. The developer's agreement will also be on a future City Council agenda for approval. Administrator Roby along with Mayor Kirby and Council Member Williams will be meeting with Ridgeview Medical Center to discuss the new services and equipment at the Le Sueur location. Le Sueur County is hosting the Review and Equalization meeting from 10am to 6pm, on Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Roby is attending

a think tank session to discuss Greater Mankato Growth's future planning. Attended a meeting with South Central Healthcare Coalition to discuss emergency preparedness and crisis communication. Due to recent social media posts, staff along with leadership from the school district, were able to exercise with crisis communication. Administrator Roby gave kudos to the leadership team and Chief Thieke for handling the incidents very well and professionally. The City of Le Sueur electric department was named one of 219 utilities recognized nationwide for excellence in reliability. Public works is in the process of switching seasons and has been sweeping streets, hiring seasonal help, and taking the plows off the trucks. He added citywide clean-up is May 6<sup>th</sup> and the City is currently having their Arbor Day tree sale that runs until Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Roby informed City Council that more information will be presented at an upcoming meeting for Le Sueur to participate in Green Step Cities, a free assistance program that supports and recognizes implementation of 29 sustainability best practices.

## 8. Regular Agenda:

8.A. Motion by Council Member Huntington seconded by Council Member Swanberg to adopt **Resolution R2023-14** calling for a public hearing on an issue of revenue notes by the City of Chaska on behalf of Ridgeview Medical Center. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

8.B. Communications & HR Director, Stacy Lawrence, provided the steps and the review format for Mr. Roby's upcoming City Administrator annual performance review. Ms. Lawrence indicated a survey would be sent to all Council Members for completion and scores will be averaged and discussed with Mr. Roby during a closed session. When the session re-opens a summary will be given for the record.

8.C. Motion by Council Member Touhey seconded by Council Member Sullivan to approve the updated language in the recreation department code of conduct building policies for the community center. 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: Has two meetings this week. Wednesday there is a Region 9 meeting and Thursday there is a Planning Commission meeting with a public hearing on the school district's planned unit development.
- Sullivan: None.
- Swanberg: Congratulations to the electric department, it is a great honor. Thank you to the Lions Club for the Easter egg hunt, it was very well done.
- Touhey: Nice event at the high school, thought it was well planned and a lot of people there.
- Williams: Attended the RPAC where there was a discussion about the Veteran's memorial and the department is getting ready for spring and summer. Lion's event again was well done, there were a lot of eggs. Hope our police department stays safe.
- Kirby: None

Motion Huntington to adjourn meeting at 7:08pm

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Lindsey Dhaene  
City Clerk