

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Kirby presiding. Council Members present: Huntington, Schlueter, Sullivan, Touhey, and Williams. Also participating: City Administrator, Joe Roby; HR/Communications Director, Stacy Lawrence; Baseball Association Member, Dylan Feeney

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Schlueter seconded by Council Member Sullivan to pull item 4E from the Consent Agenda and move it to Regular Agenda then approve agenda as amended. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 6-0.

**4. Consent Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Sullivan seconded by Council Member Williams to approve the following consent agenda items 4A-4D and 4F-4G:

**4A.** City Council Minutes 05/08/2023

**4B.** Disbursements Through May 22, 2023 Meeting

1. Purchases over \$25,000

i. Center National Bank – 2010 Healthcare Bond Payoff - \$162,853.08

ii. Minnesota Department of Revenue – April 2023 City Sales Tax - \$39,767.00

**4C.** Exempt Gambling Permits

1. Giant Days

2. St. Anne's Catholic Church

**4D.** 3.2% Liquor License-Le Sueur Baseball Association

**4E. Item pulled from the Consent Agenda**

**4F.** Personnel Actions – Seasonal Hires

**4G.** Summer in the Valley 2023 Partnership

Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 6-0.

**5. Public Comment:** None.

**6. City Administrator Update:**

Took a tour at Home Town Bioengineering with Olmstead County Commissioners. Attended the groundbreaking with for the new LSH elementary school. Attended a Le Sueur County Administrator's meeting. Administrator Roby along with Chief Thieke and Ryan Graff, participated in the Giants Reality Challenge. Closed on the Ridgeview property on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Planning Commission Chair, Dan Ryerson resigned, with Commissioner Krogmann being named the new Chair and Terry Johnson the Vice Chair.

**7. Regular Agenda:**

**7A. Resolution R2023-023 Discriminatory Covenants**

Administrator Roby presented City Council with resolution 2023-023 condemning the use of discriminatory covenants, moving to discharge discriminatory covenants on City-owned property,

and directing the City Administrator to initiate participation in the Just Deeds Coalition. Staff were made aware of discriminatory language used in development covenants for the Green Acres development located within Le Sueur city limits that was approved by the City Council in the 1940's. Court rulings have prohibited such covenants, but they do still exist in Le Sueur if the property owner hasn't specifically requested they be removed. Just Deeds is an organization that will help property owners discharge any such covenants that remain on their property pro-bono. A motion by Mayor Kirby seconded by Council Member Schlueter to approve R2023-023 as presented by staff. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 6-0.

#### 7B. Mike Keenan Press Box Dedication

Administrator Roby along with Dylan Feeney from the Le Sueur Baseball Association, presented to City Council a proposal to dedicate the press box at Bruce Frank field to long time announcer, Mike Keenan, who passed away earlier this year. Mr. Keenan announced athletic events for decades in Le Sueur and at LSH until his retirement and was very active in Le Sueur baseball. The dedication ceremony would take place at the June 16<sup>th</sup> Le Sueur Braves game. Dylan Feeney added that it was the least the baseball association felt they could do for all Mr. Keenan's dedication over the decades to Le Sueur athletics. A motion by Council Member Huntington, seconded by Council Member Sullivan to approve the dedication of the press box in memory of Mike Keenan. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 6-0.

#### 7C. Bruce Frank Scoreboard Install and Donation

Administrator Roby presented City Council that the Le Sueur Baseball Association raised funds to purchase and install a new scoreboard for Bruce Frank Field. The association is asking City Council to accept the \$33,000 donation for the new scoreboard. A motion by Council Member Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Touhey to accept the donation of a new Daktronics LED scoreboard for Bruce Frank Field from the Le Sueur Baseball Association. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 6-0.

#### 7D. Main Street Closure and Public Dance Application-The Bar

Administrator Roby presented to City Council an application submitted by The Bar & Grill to close Main Street for a public dance on June 17, 2023, beginning at 6pm until 12am. Chief Thieke has approved the applications for the street closure and public dance. A motion by Council Member Touhey, seconded by Council Member Sullivan to approve the Main Street closure and public dance applications as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 6-0.

#### 7E. (formally 4E) Storm Sewer Fund Capital Reallocation

Administrator Roby presented to City Council that following the winter and spring of 2023 it has been determined that Doppy Lane has sustained substantial erosion and is creating an unsafe two-way driving service. Staff is proposing to reallocate funds (\$35,000) from the North Main Street project to maintenance/repairs to make stormwater improvements to Doppy Lane. Council Member Schlueter commented that he pulled the item so citizens could see what the funds are being used for. A motion by Council Member Schlueter, seconded by Council Member Sullivan to approve reallocating \$35,000 in the approved 2023 Stormwater Fund CIP/CEP from the North

Main Street Storm Sewer Assessment project to maintenance/repairs, to be used in support of improvement on Doppy Lane. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 6-0.

**8. Comments/Reports/Items of Appreciation:**

- Huntington: None
- Schlueter: Wanted to thank Dan Ryerson for his service! City forum questionnaire will be available in July. Le Sueur County Officials meeting in Le Center with a presentation Emerald Ash Borer.
- Sullivan: Transit meeting, nothing much to report. Attended the new school groundbreaking. EDA meeting was held this evening and will have a special meeting next week.
- Touhey: None
- Williams: HUD audit in June. Lion's breakfast at the airport was well attended and a good event.
- Kirby: None

**9. Closed Session:**

**9A. Annual City Administrator Review**

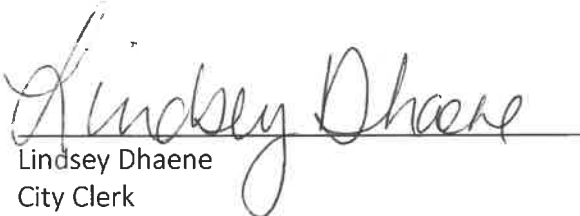
Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05; subd. 3, City Council will hold a closed meeting to discuss the City Administrator's performance evaluation.

A motion made by Council Member Touhey, seconded by Council Member Huntington to enter a close session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, subdivision 3 to discuss the City Administrator's annual performance. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Council Member Schlueter, seconded by Council Member Williams to reopen the meeting. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Kirby provided a brief overview of Mr. Roby's review including many strengths that Mr. Roby has shown as well as some areas they would like to see some improvement. Mayor Kirby added that Council thinks Mr. Roby is doing an excellent job.

**Motion Huntington to adjourn meeting at 7:37pm seconded by Council Member Sullivan. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 6-0.**

  
Lindsey Dhaene  
City Clerk

