

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Kirby presiding. Council Members present: Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Also participating: City Administrator, Joe Roby

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Sullivan seconded by Council Member Schlueter to move Consent Agenda item 5E to Regular Agenda 8B. Voting in favor: Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Motion carried 6-0.
4. **Public Hearing – Second Reading of Ordinance #599 – Cigarette Sales:** Motion by Council Member Swanberg seconded by Council Member Sullivan to open the public hearing. Voting in favor: Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Motion carried 6-0. No members of the public were present to speak. Motion by Council Member Sullivan seconded by Council Member Swanberg to close the public hearing. Voting in favor: Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Motion carried 6-0.
5. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Touhey seconded by Council Member Williams to approve the following consent agenda as presented:
 - 5A. City Council Minutes 06/12/2023
 - 5B. Disbursements Through June 26, 2023 Meeting
 1. Purchases over \$25,000
 - i. US Bank – 2021A Debt Service - \$75,031.25
 - ii. MN Department of Revenue – May 2023 City Sales Tax - \$44,086.00
 - iii. Neo Water Treatment LLC – FX 300 Wastewater Material - \$39,766.68
 - iv. Minnesota UI Fund – Unemployment Benefits - \$39,196.51
 - v. US Bank- 2020B Debt Service- \$27,760.00
 - 5C. Accept May 2023 Police Chief Report
 - 5D. Approve Planning Commission Appointment
 - 5E. Item moved to Regular Agenda item 8B
 - 5F. Personnel Action: Water/Wastewater Operator
 - 5G. Approve Airport SEH Work Order #3Voting in favor: Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion carried 6-0.
6. **Public Comment:** Mark Rogers, 417 S. 5th Street, spoke to City Council regarding Le Sueur joining GreenStep Cities.
7. **City Administrator Update:**

Administrator Roby informed City Council that he attended the League of Minnesota Cities' Annual Conference from Wednesday to Friday last week. He added that there were over 700 attendees at this conference with many break out sessions with the cannabis session being the most popular since the recent legislative change legalizing recreational use and growing. More conversations

will be had regarding cannabis use. Mr. Roby updated on other items discussed at the conference that includes an increase in LGA and a one-time public safety payment. There is still an opening on the HRA and there is a Fire Commission Meeting on the 28th at the Fire Hall. Finally, a search warrant was executed at 520 Water Street and while the abatement isn't complete it has been started. City staff documented all the items removed from the property and some items will be held at the City's impound lot for 30 days.

8. Regular Agenda:

8A. Second Reading of Ordinance 599: Cigarette Sales

A motion was made by Council Member Swanberg seconded by Council Member Touhey to approve ordinance 599 as presented and waive the second reading.

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

8B. Miller Floors Subordination (formally item 5E)

Administrator Roby presented City Council with resolution R2023-027: Agreement to Mortgage Lien Subordination for Miller's Flooring. A loan was given to Miller's Custom Flooring in 2009 for work planned for their Main Street location and has a remaining balance of \$4,665.62 set to terminate in December 2024. Miller's Flooring is looking to enter into a new mortgage with Cornerstone State Bank and the bank is requiring a subordination, which will give their loan more precedence over the remaining loan amount owed to the City of Le Sueur.

A motion was made by Council Member Swanberg seconded by Council Member Touhey to approve resolution R2023-027 as presented. Voting in favor: Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, and Touhey. Voting no: None. Abstaining: Williams Motion carried 5-0-1.

9. Comments/Reports/Items of Appreciation:

- Schlueter: Had a Region 9 Board Meeting last week, the board authorized a 3% levy increase and still looking for a high school student to join the board.
- Sullivan: EDA meeting held tonight.
- Swanberg: Thank you to Mayor Kirby for speaking at the press box dedication to Mike Keenan, his family was very appreciative. Congratulations to retired Police Chief, Bruce Kelly, for being selected as this year's Grand Marshal of the Giant Days Parade.
- Touhey: None
- Williams: Finished with the compliance audit at Hillside Court.
- Kirby: None

Motion by Council Member Swanberg seconded by Council Member Williams to adjourn meeting at 6:54pm. Voting in favor: Kirby, Schlueter, Sullivan, Swanberg, Touhey, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 6-0.