

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Kirby presiding. Council Members are present: Huntington, Nelson, Schlueter, Smith, Sullivan, 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 Huntington seconded by Council Member Nelson to approve the agenda as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Nelson, Schlueter, Smith, Sullivan, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Presentations

4A. Annual Planning Commission Review

Planning Commission Chairman, Newell Krogmann, presented to City Council that Planning Commission serve their community by following the comprehensive plan. Mr. Krogmann discussed the role of the Planning Commission as an advisory committee, making recommendations to City Council for approval. He discussed the Future of the City Forum that the Planning Commission is responsible for planning. Mr. Krogmann added that in 2025, PC held three public hearings and complimented committee members, Autumn, Colleen, Chris, and Terry, as well as Council Member Schlueter, who is a non-voting member of the PC, for their work last year. The Planning Commission is looking to fill one vacancy.

5. Public Hearing

5A. Easement Vacation – Turril Street and Elmwood Avenue

Administrator Roby presented to City Council a request to consider a blanket vacation of an electric easement in the area of Turril Street and Elmwood Avenue that was established in 1967. The easement covers several acres but is not specific to installed electrical infrastructure and impinges on development.

Motion by Council Member Schlueter seconded by Council Member Sullivan to open the public hearing. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Nelson, Schlueter, Smith, Sullivan, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

No members of the public were present to speak.

Motion by Council Member Huntington seconded by Council Member Sullivan to close the public hearing. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Nelson, Schlueter, Smith, Sullivan, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 6. Consent Agenda:** Motion by Council Member Huntington seconded by Council Member Schlueter to approve the following consent agenda items:

6A. City Council Minutes January 26, 2026

6B. Disbursements Through February 9, 2026

Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Nelson, Schlueter, Smith, Sullivan, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

7. Public Comment

Brad Bisek, 217 Elmwood Avenue, asked Administrator Roby and City Council to create a QR code to make following along easier, as the smaller font can be difficult to read.

8. City Administrator Report

Administrator Roby reminded citizens to sign up for SmartHub! Law enforcement union negotiations continue tomorrow and are close to being finalized. The EDA held a special meeting last week and are preparing to close on Park Elementary and the vacant land along Kingsway. There is a Planning Commission meeting on Thursday and Administrator Roby will be speaking at LSH Career Day on Friday. City offices will be closed on Monday the 16th for President's Day and the next City Council meeting will be held February 23rd. Administrator Roby thanked council members for a good Work Session, held prior to tonight's meeting.

9. Regular Agenda:**9A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 619 – Miller Homes Planned Unit Development**

Administrator Roby presented ordinance 619 for the second reading to allow for a planned unit development (PUD) at the southwest corner of Turril Street and Elmwood Avenue. The developer applied for a PUD to build three single family homes but to allow for flexibility with lot width for one of the three lots. The PUD meets the review criteria found in the zoning ordinance and a public hearing was conducted at the Planning Commission meeting on January 8th. City Council waived the first reading of the ordinance at the January 26th meeting.

Motion by Council Member Schlueter seconded by Council Member Huntington to waive the second reading of ordinance 619 and approve as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Nelson, Schlueter, Smith, Sullivan, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

9B. Resolution R2026-011: 2026 Summary Publication for Ordinance 619

Administrator Roby presented City Council with resolution R2026-011 that approves the publishing of a summary of ordinance 619 instead of the entire lengthy ordinance.

Motion by Council Member Huntington seconded by Council Member Sullivan to adopt resolution R2026-011 as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Nelson, Schlueter, Smith, Sullivan, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

9C. Resolution R2026-008 Vacation of Public Utility Easement

Administrator Roby presented City Council with resolution R2026-008 that approves the vacation of the public utility easement located at Turril and Elmwood. A public hearing was held earlier in the meeting to hear from any members of the public who wished to speak on the issue but no members of the public were present to speak about the matter. Blanket easements were common at the time it was established but can restrict development and there is no public utility infrastructure on the parcel where the vacation is being requested.

Motion by Council Member Williams seconded by Council Member Sullivan to approve resolution R2026-008 as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Nelson, Schlueter, Smith, Sullivan, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

9D. Resolution R2026-010 Approve Minor Subdivision – Miller Homes

Administrator Roby presented City Council with resolution R2026-010 which approves a minor subdivision to allow for the development of three single family homes at Turril Street and Elmwood

Avenue. The minor subdivision appears to meet the review criteria and is being recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. Staff were also directed by City Council at it's previous meeting to bring a resolution with findings of approval.

Motion by Council Member Huntington seconded by Council Member Schlueter to approve resolution R2026-010 as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Nelson, Schlueter, Smith, Sullivan, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

9E. Second and Final Reading Ordinance 616 Amending City Charter

Administrator Roby presented City Council with ordinance 616 for the second and final reading, that amends the city charter as it pertains to election related petitions. The first reading was conducted November 10th, 2025 and the public hearing was held December 8, 2025. Questions arose regarding some of the amended language and the second reading was tabled and sent back to legal counsel for clarification. City Council was presented with an amended version of ordinance 616 that clarifies all signature requirement numbers.

Motion by Council Member Nelson seconded by Council Member Huntington to waive the second and final reading of ordinance 616 as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Nelson, Schlueter, Smith, Sullivan, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

9F. Resolution R2026-004 Publication Summary for Ordinance 616

Administrator Roby presented City Council with resolution R2026-004 that would allow staff to publish a summary of ordinance 616. Ordinances are required to be published after the holding of the second reading before the ordinance can take effect however, state statute allows for summaries to be published when ordinances are lengthy.

Motion by Council Member Sullivan seconded by Council Member Huntington to approve resolution R2026-004 as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Nelson, Schlueter, Smith, Sullivan, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

9G. Resolution R2026-012 Airport Land Acquisition Purchase Agreement

Administrator Roby presented resolution R2026-012 that would authorize staff to sign the purchase agreement for 19.31 acres (5.71 acres which are donated) to allow for expansion of the current runway. In 2023, funds were budgeted in the capital improvement plan to cover the city's share but the sale never took place. The FAA and MnDOT would cover 97.5% of the acquisition.

Motion by Council Member Huntington seconded by Council Member Schlueter to approve resolution R2026-012 as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Nelson, Schlueter, Smith, Sullivan, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

9H. Resolution R2026-009 Abatement and Joint Powers Agreement

The City of Le Sueur along with Le Sueur County entered into a joint tax abatement agreement in 2007 on three parcels in city limits. Funds were to be used for Cambria Avenue and Hwy 169 J-turns but those projects have since been completed so the joint committee are recommending termination of the abatement and recommending a modified joint powers agreement that will outline the use of the remaining funds. Discussion was held regarding how the funds could be used within the city.

Motion by Council Member Schlueter seconded by Council Member Sullivan to approve resolution R2026-009 as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Nelson, Schlueter, Smith, Sullivan, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

9I. Planning Commission Policy and Procedure Manual 2026

Administrator Roby presented to City Council that the Planning Commission reviews its policies and procedures each year with the review being held at their January 2026 meeting. The Planning Commission is making no recommended changes to their policies and procedures for City Council to review and adopt.

Motion by Council Member Schlueter seconded by Council Member Sullivan to approve the Planning Commission Policy and Procedures for 2026 as presented. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Nelson, Schlueter, Smith, Sullivan, and Williams. Voting no: None. Motion passed 7-0.

10. Comments/Reports/Items of Appreciation:

- Huntington: Nothing to Report
- Nelson: Nothing to Report
- Schlueter: Attended a Le Sueur County Officials meeting on the 28th and a special EDA meeting on the 29th. Will be attending a Region 9 meeting, Planning Commission meeting, and a Le Sueur Chamber meeting. If time allows he will also be attending a public hearing at Le Sueur County on the County's Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday the 17th at 10am.
- Smith: Nothing to Report
- Sullivan: Nothing to Report
- Williams: Congratulations to the students who participated in the One Act Play, it was incredible! Good luck to all winter sport athletes as they begin to head into playoffs, we are rooting for you!
- Kirby: Read a statement regarding the request for an electronic signature he received on a letter being circulated to Minnesota Mayors pertaining to the alleged fraud in the state and why he won't be signing it.

Motion by Council Member Huntington to adjourn meeting at 7:19pm.

Lindsey Dhaene
City Clerk