

Pipestone, Minnesota
September 21, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Pipestone City Council was duly held in-person and via Zoom in the Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m. on the 21st day of September 2026. Mayor Dan Delaney called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. Members present: Dan Delaney, Rodger Smidt, Scott Swanson, and Verdeen Colbeck. Absent: None. Others present: Kyle Kuphal, Cable Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt, City Administrator Stephanie LaBrune, City Clerk Megan DeWitte, with Travis Winter and City Attorney Jason Hill via Zoom, Dustin Seiler, and Rachel Reit.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA – ADDITIONS, CHANGES OR DELETIONS

There being no additions, changes or deletions to the agenda, motion was made by Colbeck, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Delaney stated the Consent Agenda contains the September 8, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes, September 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, the Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills and the August Financials. Delaney asked if there was any discussion regarding these items.

Motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Colbeck and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the September 8, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes, September 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, the August Financials, and the Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills in the amount of \$1,093,469.80 for warrants #07839 to #078448.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Administrator LaBrune said no one had signed in for community concerns.

LEGAL

None

ENGINEERING

Carnegie Library East Wall Repair Pay Request No.1-

Mayor Delaney stated that staff had received the first pay request from Innovative Masonry Restoration of Prior Lake Minnesota pertaining to the Carnegie Library East Wall Repair Project in the amount of \$8,775.

Motion was made by Colbeck, seconded by Swanson, and unanimously carried to approve the Carnegie Library East Wall Repair Pay Request No. 1 for \$8,775, to be paid to Innovative Masonry Restoration of Prior Lake Minnesota.

Consider Bid Recommendation for the Municipal Airport 100 Low Lead and Jet A Fuel System Replacement Project-

Delaney mentioned that a bid opening was held at the previous council meeting and one bid was received from Urban Companies LLC. The bid was still significantly higher than the engineer's estimate. Delaney asked Winter if he had a recommendation to the council.

Winter explained that the bid was still significantly above the estimated cost. Winter is recommending council reject the bid and stated that Bolton & Menk are planning to explore options to lower project costs and may revise the scope to get more bids.

Motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Smidt, and unanimously carried to reject the bid from Urban Companies LLC.

OLD BUSINESS

Hord Farms West Dust Control Plan-

Delaney stated that Hord Farms had previously received a zoning permit that required them to have a dust control plan approved by the city annually for their receiving pit. LaBrune and members of the council said they have received complaint from a neighbor and that if Hord Farms does not follow the plan the city would have to take measures to revoke the variance that was granted.

Motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Smidt, and unanimously carried to approve the Hord Farms West Dust Control Plan with the condition that Hord Farms follows the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2026-47: A Resolution Accepting Donations-

Delaney shared that this resolution, if approved, would accept the following donations:

Pepsi Cola Bottling Company	\$600- Disc Golf Course
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Motion was made by Colbeck, seconded by Swanson, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2026-47: A Resolution Accepting Donations.

Resolution 2026-48: A Resolution Establishing the Preliminary Tax Levy Payable 2027-

Delaney turned the meeting over to LaBrune to share a presentation about the proposed 2027 budget. LaBrune shared that with some of the unexpected rate increases that could take affect and putting efforts in to make the water and sewer enterprise funds become more self-sustainable, she would like to propose a 6.79% increase over the 2026 levy with an increase of \$87,065 to the General Tax Levy and an increase of \$114,211 to the Debt Service Levy.

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Colbeck, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2026-48: A Resolution Establishing the Preliminary Tax Levy Payable 2027.

Request for Council Action- Relay for Life

Delaney shared that staff had received a request for council action that is asking council to wave the fees for the use of 10 picnic tables for the Relay for Life, Harvest of Hope event on October 3, 2026.

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Swanson, and unanimously carried to wave the picnic table rental fee for the Relay for Life Harvest of Hope event on October 3, 2026.

Request for Council Action- Pipestone Area Elementary Booster Club

Delaney stated that the Pipestone Area Booster Club is throwing a Back to School Bash and has requested council to wave the fees for the use of 10 picnic tables and 4 garbage totes.

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Swanson, and unanimously carried to wave the fees for the use of 10 picnic tables and 4 garbage totes for the Pipestone Area Booster Club's Back to School Bash.

Request for Council- Chamber of Commerce

Delaney shared that the Chamber of Commerce is holding it's annual Trunk-or-Treat & Downtown Candy Walk on Thursday, October 29 and has requested council for the approval of street closures of the 100 and 200 blocks of West Main Street and the 100 Block of East Main Street from 3pm to 6:30pm. The Chamber also is requesting assistance for street closed signs, barricades and garbage totes at the following locations:

West Main Street by Liberty Pawn (but not blocking 3rd Avenue SW/NW)

East Main Street by First Farmers & Merchants (but not blocking 3rd Avenue SE/NE)

On the Intersections of 2nd Avenue SW/NW and Hiawatha Avenue S/N

Motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Smidt, and unanimously carried to approve the request to close the roads and provide the items listed to the Chamber of Commerce to help support the Chamber of Commerce's annual Trunk-or-Treat & Downtown Candy Walk on Thursday, October 29 2026.

Schedule Public Hearing for the Proposed Assessment of Unpaid Municipal Services and/or Utilities-

Staff has asked council to schedule a public hearing for October 19, 2026 at 6:30pm to consider, and possibly adopt, the proposed assessment for unpaid municipal services and/or utilities.

Motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Colbeck, and unanimously carried to schedule a public hearing for October 19, 2026 at 6:30pm for the proposed assessments of unpaid municipal services and/or utilities.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Colbeck stated that there is a Hiawatha Pageant Park Commission meeting coming next Monday, September 28.

Delaney stated that the Human Rights Commission had no quorum.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Administrator LaBrune shared that the Fall City Wide Clean Up is scheduled for October 5th-8th from 7am to 7pm and then until noon on October 9th.

She also shared that early voting has begun at the Pipestone County Courthouse and by absentee voting.

The General Election is set to be at November 3rd at the St. Leo's Catholic Church Gymnasium. LaBrune mention that there is a vacant council seat and staff will be accepting applications for that vacant seat until November 6 and that the water department will be flushing hydrants over the next couple weeks as routine maintenance. LaBrune announced that Pipestone County is under quarantine for Emerald Ashbor that has been found just south and north of Pipestone so do not transport Ashwood at all. LaBrune closed in stating the 2nd Ave SW Project crews will be back to seal the road as soon as they can. The crew has experienced weather delays due to the rains over the past couple weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Colbeck, seconded by Smidt, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm.

Dan Delaney
Mayor

ATTEST:

Megan DeWitte
City Clerk