Pipestone, Minnesota
August 17, 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 17th day of August, 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, and Danielle Thompson. Others present: City Engineer Travis Winter, City Attorney Jason Hill via Zoom, Cable Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt, City Administrator Stephanie LaBrune, City Clerk Megan DeWitte, Dustin Seiler, Carla Heyl, Steve Weets, Joann Weets, Gen Lustfield, Annette Weisbeck and Sally Smith.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA – ADDITIONS, CHANGES OR DELETIONS
Motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Colbeck and unanimously carried to approve the agenda with the change to Item 9A under Engineering.

CONSENT AGENDA
Mayor Delaney stated the consent agenda contains the August 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, and Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills and 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 August 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, and Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills in the amount of $1,381,070.05 for warrants #078112 to #078224.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS
Carla Heyl from the Pipestone Area Community Foundation spoke on behalf of concerns about the Carnagie Library Project and asked for an update on the repair process and where the City is at in the repair contracts.

Administrator LaBrune shared project updates and explained why the City switched engineers from LHB to Bolton & Menk.

LEGAL

ENGINEERING
Delaney shared that there needs to be a change order adjustment made due to a surprise that was found while doing the 2026 Street and Utility Improvement Project.
Engineer Winter shared that the existing sewer line that was thought to be 6” on the property line between houses 710 and 709 was found to be 8” and running under house 710. A change from the proposed pipe bursting method of installation to directional bore was required to locate the new main correctly and would be up sized to 8” to match the existing. The existing 8” main will also be sand filled to abandon it in place.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Engineer Recommendation for the Municipal Airport 2026 Fuel Replacement Project

Delaney said that on August 3, 2026, one bid was received for the 2026 Airport Fuel Replacement project. That bid was $430,995 over the engineer's estimate. Delaney asked Winter to share information on the recommendation.

Winter shared that the recommendation is to reject the bid and to rebid the project for bid opening on September 8th at 6:30pm.

Motion made by Smidt, seconded by Swanson, and unanimously carried to reject the received bid and rebid the Municipal Airport 2026 Fuel Replacement Project.

Pipestone Sportsman Club Gambling License

Delaney shared that staff has received an application from the Pipestone Sportsmen's Club to hold a raffle at Dave's Guns at 413 8th Ave SE Pipestone MN, September 1st through October 30, 2026. The raffle is a fundraiser for the Pipestone Sportsman Club.

Motion made Swanson, seconded by Smidt, and unanimously carried to approve the Pipestone Sportsman's Club Gambling License for a raffle to be held September 1st through October 30, 2026.

Pipestone Chamber of Commerce Request for Council Action: Car Cruise-In Event

Delaney shared that the Pipestone Area Chamber of Commerce is requesting Council approval to close the 100 Block of West Main Street from 4:00pm-8:00pm on Wednesday, September 9, 2026. Also, in the event the capacity of the 100 block is exceeded, they are also asking for permission to close the intersection of 2nd Ave SW and 2nd Ave NW and West Main Street in order to expand west towards Geyermans, possibly all the way to 3rd Ave SW and 3rd Ave NW.

The Chamber is also requesting assistance from the Public Works Department to provide barricades, Street Closed Signs, Picnic Tables, and Garbage Bins for the Car Cruise-In event. This has been approved in the past.

Motion made by Colbeck, seconded by Smidt, and unanimously carried to approve the Chamber request for the road closer and public works assistance.

Pipestone Chamber of Commerce and Pipestone Kiwanis Request for Council Action

Delaney shared that the Pipestone Area Chamber of Commerce and Pipestone Kiwanis are partnering to co-host the Minn-Dakotas Conference for Kiwanis Club International on Saturday October 3rd, 2026 at the Hiawatha Lodge here in Pipestone. This will be an educational meeting on how to increase volunteerism in the respective regional communities. This will be the first time in at least 20 years that Pipestone will be the host of the meeting. The Chamber is requesting a waiver of all fees for the use of the Hiawatha Lodge.

Motion made by Thompson, seconded by Colbeck, and unanimously carried to wave the rental fee for the Pipestone Kiwanis club to host the Minn-Dakotas Conference for the Kiwanis Club Internation at the Hiawatha Lodge on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026.

Resolution 2026-43: A Resolution Accepting Donations
Delaney stated that the Southwest Initiative Foundation has awarded a grant to the City of Pipestone in the amount of $2,400.00 for improvements to the Disc Golf Course.

Motion made by Swanson, seconded by Smidt, and unanimously carried to accept the $2,400 grant donation for the Disc Golf Course improvements.

2027 Budget Work Session
Delaney shared that with the deadline approaching to set the preliminary levy by September 30th, staff would like to provide an update to the council on the 2027 budget proposal and gather input from the council.
LaBrune shared preliminary budget information with council and explained some preliminary information for each fund and department.
Delaney stated supporting a special work session for the 2027 budget before the next regular council meeting.

CLOSING COMMENTS
Heros behind the badge blood drive on August 24th
The Fishing Derby is happening on Wednesday this week from 5 to 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Colbeck, seconded by Smidt, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm.