

Pipestone, Minnesota
January 24, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the Pipestone City Council was duly held in-person in the Municipal Building at 9:00 a.m. on the 24th day of January 2026. Mayor Dan Delaney called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared. Members present: Dan Delaney, Rodger Smidt, Danielle Thompson, Scott Swanson, and Verdeen Colbeck. Absent: none. Others present: City Administrator Stephanie LaBrune, and City Clerk Megan DeWitte.

APPROVE AGENDA - ADDITIONS, CHANGE OR DELETIONS

Motion made by Swanson, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

CURRENT ONE, FIVE, AND TEN-YEAR CITY PLANS

Delaney shared that there has been good progress made on the items that were set in the plan from the previous year and LaBrune then shared with the Council the progress and completions that have been made to that one-year plan from the 2025 list.

2025 One-year Plan- Administrator LaBrune shared with the council that extensions have been granted for the grant period allocated for repairs to the library and that the east wall has been stabilized to get by until the repairs and maintenance can be made to Carnegie. She also said. there is continued work towards getting grants and funding for further developments to be made in expanding an Industrial Park, building a new community splash pad, selling remaining lots in Southwest Acres Frist and Third Additions, expanding childcare opportunities, attracting new businesses, promoting vacant properties for new development and continuing to address and utilize programs that address blight properties, as well as updated and maintaining our sidewalks, water-sewer lines and close in on the completion of the Safe Routes to School Sidewalk project.

Delaney said he feels that the Hiawatha Pageant Grounds trail may need to move down to a five-year plan instead. Delaney also shared that he thinks there needs to be more informative connections being advertised to the public that would be addressing and keeping the public involved and up to date on things going on in at the city level.

Smidt and Thompson agreed stating that getting the education out there would help city employees and council to stay ahead of public concerns.

2026-2030 Five-Year Plan- LaBrune shared with the council that the Community Development Director Justin Schroyer has been working hard on moving development forward in the city. LaBrune said there is a lot left to do on codification of City Code and that the 2021 Street Maintenance plan needs to be updated. Additionally, there was discussion held on how to connect the Casey Jone's trail through the city.

2020-2030 Ten-Year Plan- Discussion was held on the current seal-coating program and how to address the current infrastructure and keep the costs down. Delaney thinks maybe getting a small committee together to work with the county commissioners to help share some of these

maintenance issues. All agreed that efforts in strengthening communications with the county and trying to build a relationship with commissioners should be a priority going forward.

Delaney shared that the current condition of the Ewert Rec Center and the Aquatic Center were actually better than anticipated, but the state of the Municipal Building really needs to move into a one-year or five-year plan.

LaBrune informed the council that there is grant money available for energy efficiency updates to address the heating and cooling issues. Delaney shared ideas of trying to attract new business to lease open office space in the Municipal Building. Smidt thought maybe combining a few offices together to create some time of indoor entertainment space for the youth in our community.

There was discussion on building ownership potential. Discussion was had about possibly giving Carnegie Library to the Historical Society. There was also discussion on the potential purchasing of the National Guard Armory building and the open lot across from it and what development could be made if that purchase is made.

Delaney asked what more could we as a city be doing to attract visitors to our area. He feels the need to capitalize on the monument's visitors more and do more things to replace the other tourist events that have disappeared now.

CITY DEPARTMENT GOALS

AIRPORT

Smidt shared that the airport does have a good plan put together and a master plan in the works. They are working on the fuel system replacement project. LaBrune shared that the airport's plan is crucial to getting funding and grants for new things. The airport is hoping to complete the property repair and maintenance plan, as well as, construct additional hangars to increase their rental space capabilities within their five-year plan.

PUBLIC WORKS

LaBrune shared that Schroyer has been working on grants towards the Carnegie Library and explained that LHB is working to finalize plans to continue moving forward with the east wall project. LaBrune shared that both public works and the water department want to see 2nd Ave SW Street reconstruction done. There are plans to update the Maintenance Plans and some discussion needs to be had about the Concrete Water tower and how to proceed with that.

LIBRARY

The library provided a very detailed report of their one-year and five-year goals. In their one-year plan, website accessibility is a main priority so they can become handicap accessible. Getting emergency exit signs, which needs to be done immediately, is also in their one-year plan.

CITY HALL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Ideas were shared about rebranding the city and the city's mission statement. Ideas of community or commission's involvement in the rebranding were given. LaBrune stated there is also a need to bring the cemetery records and recording process up to date with the technology that is available.

LaBrune shared other things that really need to be updated at City Hall also like, software, the City Code and Policies, computers, financial management Plan and Capital Improvement Plan, along with maintenance and updates to the building itself.

Due to it being past noon, a motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously carried to table the remaining agenda items and hold a special work session meeting on February 2nd at 5:00p.m. in the council chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:20p.m.

Dan Delaney, Mayor

ATTEST

Megan DeWitte, City Clerk