

Pipestone, Minnesota  
March 16, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026. Mayor Dan Delaney called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared. Members present: Dan Delaney, Scott Swanson, Verdeen Colbeck and Danielle Thompson, Absent: Rodger Smidt. Others present: Kyle Kuphal, Cable Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt, City Administrator Stephanie LaBrune, City Clerk Megan DeWitte and Pipestone Performing Arts Center Manager Mark Thode, and City Attorney Jason Hill and City Engineer Travis Winter appeared via Zoom.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **APPROVE AGENDA - ADDITIONS, CHANGE OR DELETIONS**

Motion made by Colbeck, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Delaney stated the Consent Agenda contains the March 2, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, March 2, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes, the February Financial Reports, and the Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills. He then asked if there was any discussion regarding these items. No discussion was held.

Motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Colbeck and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda items which consisted of the March 2, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, the February Financial Reports, and the Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills in the amount of \$451,992.04 for warrants #077023 to #077129 to be issued in payment thereof.

### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

Administrator LaBrune stated that no one was signed in and no other concerns had been received.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Rec Center- Administrator LaBrune shared that the Parks and Recreation Board met and they have provided pricing for the Ewert Rec Center gymnasium floor replacement with a bid of \$76,125, which was under the estimated cost of \$100,000 previously thought by the council. If approved, an amendment would need to be made to the 2026 budget. LaBrune stated that there are funds available in the recreation reserve fund. This flooring comes with a 25-year warranty. H2I is Sourcewell state contract vendor, so, no second quote is needed. Public Works are planning on doing the current floor removal work.

Motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Colbeck and unanimously carried to approve the project cost of \$76,125 and hire on H2I Group to complete the rec center gymnasium flooring

replacement project to be paid from the recreation reserve fund balance and amend the 2026 budget to go along with this project approval.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Request Council Action: Pipestone Performing Arts Center- Pipestone Performing Arts Center Manager, Mark Thode, spoke about an upcoming event on May 16, 2026, hosted by the Performing Arts Center. The request before council is for a temporary street closure for the event and providing city picnic tables and garbage totes as well.

The streets to be closed for this event would be the portion of Main Street that is in front of the Pipestone Performing Arts Center from the corners of Hiawatha Avenue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE/SE for the hours of 5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.

Council was all in favor of supporting the Pipestone Performing Arts Center.

Motions made by Swanson, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously carried to approve the partial closure of Main Street from the corner of Hiawatha Avenue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE/SE on May 16, 2026 from 5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. for the Pipestone Performing Arts Center event taking place that evening.

Resolution 2026-18- Delaney stated that this is a resolution accepting donations from the Pipestone Area Friends of the Library for the purchase of 31 books at a value of \$548.56, for use at Meinders Community Library.

Motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Colbeck, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2026-18: A resolution accepting donations.

Resolution 2026-19- Delaney shared that this resolution would authorize the city to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for the 80x80 airport hangar project at the municipal airport. The grant will provide the city with approximately \$3,144.92 that will be used for a portion of the construction, engineering, and administration of the project.

Motion was made by Colbeck, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2026-19: A Resolution Approving State Airport Fund Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Schedule Public Hearing- Delaney stated that staff has received a request from a new cable provider to obtain a cable franchise agreement with the city. To consider the request, a public notice needs to be published and a public hearing held to consider qualifications of the applicants. Delaney said that staff would like to schedule that public hearing for Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to consider applications.

Motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Colbeck and unanimously carried to approve a Public Hearing for Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall to consider applications for the granting of a cable franchise to operate a cable system and provide cable services in the City of Pipestone.

Appointment of City Fire Chief- Delaney shared that the Fire Chief is appointed annually by the City Council and that members of the Fire Department have made a recommendation to have Mike Bloemendaal serve again as the Pipestone Fire Department's Fire Chief for the current year.

Motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Colbeck, and unanimously carried to appoint Mike Bloemendaal as Fire Chief for the Pipestone Fire Department for the year of 2026.

Building Official- Mayor Delaney shared that staff is requesting council discussion to continue the contract with SAFEbuilt or seek to hire a local in-house building official again. Council shared hearing public opinions that support both positive and negative feedback on the city's current building permit process. Discussion was had on ending the contract with SAFEbuilt and what that would need to entail.

Motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Swanson, and unanimously carried to direct staff and the Personnel Committee to open the position to hire an on staff Building Official.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Delaney announced a reminder of the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Hearing that is scheduled for 7:00 pm on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at City Hall. He stated that property owners can also meet with the city assessors on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 1 to 4 pm, or contact the Pipestone County Assessor's office in advance of the meeting with questions.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Colbeck, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm.