

Pipestone, Minnesota
May 4, 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 4th day of May 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, Verdeen Colbeck, and Danielle Thompson, Absent: none. Others present: Community Development Director Justin Schroyer, Dave Andres, Darrin DeKam, Dustin VanEssen, Andy Kooiker, Kyle Kuphal, City Attorney Jason Hill via Zoom, City Engineer Travis Winter via Zoom, Cable Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt, City Administrator Stephanie LaBrune, and City Clerk Megan DeWitte.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA - ADDITIONS, CHANGE OR DELETIONS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Delaney stated the Consent Agenda contains the April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, April 27, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes, and the Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills. He then asked if there was any discussion needed regarding these items. No discussion was held.

Motion was made by Colbeck, seconded by Swanson, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda items which consisted of the April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, April 27, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes, and the Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills in the amount of \$463,944.01 for warrants #77351 to #77447 to be issued in payment thereof.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Delaney stated, the purpose of this public hearing is to consider the proposed vacation of all that part of the East/West alley located in Block Seven, Original Plat to the City of Pipestone and all that part of the North/South alley located in Block Seven, Original Plat to the City of Pipestone, Pipestone County, Minnesota. He explained this vacation is being requested by all adjacent property owners.

Motion was made by Colbeck, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously carried to open the public hearing at 6:35p.m.

LaBrune provided a brief explanation of why the request came forth to the city to vacate the alleyways. No other comments were heard from the public.

Motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Smidt, and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 6:40p.m.

LEGAL

Introduction of Ordinance No. 173, Fourth Series

Delaney stated this is an Ordinance of the City of Pipestone Vacating Platted Alleys in the Original Plat of Pipestone Lying in Block 7 Between Lots One through Twelve of the Plat. He said, this ordinance is being introduced and its adoption will be considered at the next city council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Request for Council Action: Human Rights Commission

Delaney explained, at the last city council meeting, a request from the Human Rights Commission came before the council requesting \$250 in funding so the commission could host a booth at the Courthouse lawn during the city Water Tower Festival. This item was tabled to gather more information. Dave Andres, the chairperson of the commission came forth and stated that the total request is for the amount of \$247.59 to cover the cost of a \$20 entry fee, seven Pinatas at a cost of \$168, and eight bags of candy costing \$59.59. Discussion was held. Delaney explained that city commissions do not have a budget and he has learned that there are other Human Rights Commissions in the state that do. Thompson stated that she did not want to set a precedence for all of the city commissions.

Motion made by Thompson and seconded by Delaney, to approve the request to provide the Human Rights Commission with \$247.59 to cover the expenses as presented. Upon a vote of the council, the motion failed 3-2 with Thompson and Delaney voting in favor of the motion and Colbeck, Smidt, and Swanson voting against the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

DVKH Properties LLC Incentive Request

Delaney invited Darrin DeKam with DVKH Properties LLC. to present his request. DeKam stated that he and his partners are proposing to bring a \$1,500,000 investment to Pipestone and is making a special request seeking an incentive of a 7-year city tax abatement and a 7-year adjustment of a 40% reduction in the water and sewer rates relating to the proposed investment. The council asked additional questions on the proposal and LaBrune stated that the city currently does not have a commercial tax abatement program in place and stated that staff could look into it. Following discussion, Mayor Delaney informed the group that they could continue to work with LaBrune and Schroyer to further discuss the proposal and thanked them for considering investing in Pipestone.

Consider Appointment of Planning Commission Member

Delaney stated that Carla Heyl has applied and he is recommended her to be appointed to the City Planning Commission.

Motion made by Smidt, seconded by Swanson, and unanimously carried to appoint Carla Heyl to the city Planning Commission.

Approve Fire Department Officers and New Fire Prevention Officer Position

Delaney said, Fire Chief Michael Bloemendaal is recommending the appointment of the following officers to serve on the Pipestone Fire Department. He shared, included in the list of officers is a newly created position, the Fire Prevention officer. This position will be responsible for the public education and promoting Fire Prevention week which is a large task. The request included setting a salary of \$300 per year for the Fire Prevention Officer.

1 st Asst. Chief	Billy Quist		
2 ND Asst. Chief	Cody Hedibrink		
Secretary	Rick Whipple		
Treasure	Tylan VanderWal		
Training officer	Chris Hoss		
Hose captain	Rick Whipple		
Engine Captain	Jeff Arendt		
Hook and Ladder	Terry Smith		
Custodian	Don Ehlers		
Fire Prevention officer	Jeff Arendt	New position	\$300.00

Motion made by Swanson, seconded by Smidt, and unanimously carried to approve the list of Fire Department Officers for 2026 as presented.

Resolution 2026-24: A Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement Bids

Delaney shared this is a Resolution confirming the acceptance of the bid from Duininck, Inc, of Prinsburg, Minnesota for the 2nd Ave SW Street Improvement Project which was accepted by the city council at the last council meeting. The total amount of the low bid is \$1,992,927.05. Winter explained that the bid had been accepted at the last council meeting and due to the city bonding for the project a resolution was needed as a formality.

Motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Swanson, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2026-24: A Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement Bids.

Resolution 2026-25: A Resolution Accepting Donations

Delaney stated, this Resolution accepts the following donations:

- Wilson Manufacturing Co. \$639.71 Ewert Rec Center- Twins Trip
- Southwest Initiative Foundation \$1700.00 Ewert Rec Center- Aquatic Center Passes and Swimming Lessons Fees

Motion was made by Colbeck, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2026-25: A Resolution Accepting Donations.

REPORTS

LaBrune – Report provided on current and upcoming city projects and programs.

Delaney – Report provided on commission meetings attended.

Smidt – Report provided on commission meetings attended.

Swanson – Report provided on commission meetings attended.

Colbeck – Reported on the upcoming Veteran’s Memorial Flag Day Fundraiser Event at Moore Park.

Thompson – Nothing to report.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Mayor Delaney provided an update pertaining to the City Sign Ordinance and Election Campaign Signs. The entire council also reminded everyone of City Cleanup week.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Smidt, seconded by Colbeck, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Dan Delaney
Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie LaBrune
City Administrator