

Pipestone, Minnesota
March 3, 2025

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 3rd day of March 2025. 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: Glenn Nelson, Tammy Manderscheid, Travis Lund, Kyle Kuphal, City Attorney Jason Hill via Zoom, City Engineer Travis Winter, Cable Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt, and Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Stephanie LaBrune.

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 with the deletion of item A. Harmon Park Pickleball Court Project Pay Requests No. 3 and No. 4 / Final under Old Business and item E. Consider Authorization to Allow City Staff to Approve On-Sale Liquor Licensed Vendors to Operate at the Hiawatha Lodge under New Business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Delaney stated the Consent Agenda contains the February 18, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, 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 Swanson, seconded by Colbeck and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda items which consisted of the February 18, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, and the Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills in the amount of \$427,073.09 for warrants #074329 to #074413 to be issued in payment thereof.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Assistant City Administrator LaBrune stated that there were two people signed in for community concerns, Glenn Nelson and Tammy Manderscheid. Additionally, she stated there were no other concerns received.

Mayor Delaney invited Glenn Nelson to the podium. Nelson stated that he is a resident of Sioux Falls, South Dakota but owned property at 210 2nd St. NW and 111 4th Ave. SW. He also explained to the council that he previously was a representative of a utility committee in the Golden Vista Retirement Park in Arizona which elected him to go further with researching Pipestone's utility rates. He said he has reviewed the city ordinance and researched State Statutes. He spoke about the recommendation from Ehlers to place base fees on properties whether they are connected or not. Delaney then reminded Nelson that he was over the three-minute time limit and asked Nelson to wrap up his comments. Nelson continued by referencing a state statute that allows cities to apply charges to all landowners connected to the system. He said his complaint is that the city's charges are unreasonable. He also said that he did not think it was right for so much debt to be placed on the landowners. He said he figured that each owner should only pay \$5.40 per month based on the city's income and expenses. Lastly, he said that statutes allow cities to finance but said residents should not pay the brunt of the cost.

Mayor Delaney then invited Tammy Manderscheid to the podium. Manderscheid handed out packets of information to the council and stated that she is the Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Director and is present to voice her concerns in regards to the decision of the City Attorney that three current HRA board of commissioners are disqualified due to not residing in the area of operation of the authority. She continued by saying that the HRA operates throughout Pipestone County and a portion of Rock County. She stated that she is concerned about the unintended consequences and ensuring the continued good work of the Pipestone HRA and its relationship with other communities and HUD.

Manderscheid also spoke about the HRA operations and said an important fact is that Pipestone's HRA's area of operation is not limited to Pipestone city limits. She said the communities included in the service area are Pipestone, Edgerton, Jasper, Ihlen, Holland, Ruthton, Verdi, and Beaver Creek. Additionally, she noted that she did not believe the Mayor or Council members were properly informed of the area of service prior to approving the resolution at the February 18th city council meeting and asked for reconsideration. Manderscheid then referenced the past HRA board members that resided outside of city limits and stated that their eligibility was never questioned in the past. She went on to say that in February 2022, the City Council affirmed the soundness of appointing good quality candidates even if they did not reside in Pipestone when City Administrator/Attorney Jeff Jones stated that he found no language in either the code book or the charter prohibiting out-of-town individuals from sitting on the city boards and commissions. She reiterated that she wants the HRA board to be legal and have strength with board members throughout the HRA's area of operation which extends outside of the city limits of Pipestone. Manderscheid also questioned the objectives being sought by the city and requested that her three board members be reinstated. She also asked if those members could not be reinstated, if three other recommendations could be considered, and went on to say that she had four additional recommendations if the council did not want to reinstate or appoint the first three recommendations.

Mayor Delaney thanked Manderscheid for her comments and no other community concerns were heard.

OLD BUSINESS

Rescind the Approval of the Alcohol and Beverage Dispenser Agreement for the Hiawatha Lodge
Mayor Delaney stated after further review of the agreement between the city and Hatfield Entertainment Group, it is being recommended by Attorney Hill to rescind the approval of the agreement that was approved by the council on January 21st.

Motion made by Colbeck, seconded by Swanson and unanimously carried to rescind the approval of the alcohol and beverage dispenser agreement between the city and Hatfield Entertainment Group, that was previously approved by the council on January 21st.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2025-19

Mayor Delaney stated that the following donations have been received and this resolution accepts the donations:

- Southwest Initiative Foundation \$10,000.00 grant to assist the city with remodeling costs of business incubator space at City Hall.

- Southwest Initiative Foundation \$1,350.00 grant to assist the city with providing swimming lessons and aquatic center passes to individuals.
- Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. \$500.00 to assist the Park & Rec Department with the youth Twin's trip.
- Pipestone Livestock Auction Market, Inc. \$499.14 to assist the Park & Rec Department with the youth Twin's trip.
- Hord Farms West, LLP \$499.14 to assist the Park & Rec Department with the youth Twin's trip.
- First Farmers & Merchants \$499.14 to assist the Park & Rec Department with the youth Twin's trip.

Motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2025-19: A Resolution Accepting Donations.

Resolution 2025-20

Delaney said The Pipestone Sportsmen's Club is requesting a gambling permit so they can sell raffle tickets at their annual banquet on April 25, 2025 at the Pipestone National Guard Armory Building. He explained, if the council approves their application, it will be forwarded to the Minnesota Gambling Control Board with no waiting period.

Motion made by Thompson, seconded by Colbeck, and unanimously carried to approve the request by the Pipestone Sportsmen's Club for a gambling permit with no waiting period, so they can sell raffle tickets at their annual banquet on April 25, 2025 at the Pipestone National Guard Armory Building.

Community Improvement Commission Resignation

Delaney said Justin Schroyer has submitted his resignation on the Community Improvement Commission and asked for Council approval to accept the resignation.

Motion made by Swanson, seconded by Colbeck, and unanimously carried to approve Justin Schroyer's resignation from the Community Improvement Commission.

Schedule Public Hearing

Delaney explained that the Water/Wastewater department is recommending that the council vacate the section of right of way located South of the 8th Avenue Diner, and property owned by Dave Bucher, and Michael Crawford. He said the area was originally platted as a public right of way but is only used as a private driveway by Crawford and Bucher and in order to vacate the right of way in Crawford's Addition, a public hearing will need to be held. He said staff is recommending to hold the public hearing on April 7th at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Colbeck, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously carried to schedule a public hearing on April 7, 2025 at approximately 6:30 p.m. for the proposed vacation of the section of right of way in Crawford's Addition located South of the 8th Avenue Diner, and property owned by Dave Bucher, and Michael Crawford.

CLOSING COMMENTS –

Councilmember Thompson reminded the public of the Annual Ambulance chili fundraiser coming up.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Thompson, seconded by Colbeck, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Dan Delaney
Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie LaBrune
Assistant City Administrator / City Clerk