

Pipestone, Minnesota
September 19, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Meeting of the Pipestone City Council was duly held in the Municipal Building at 12:00 noon on the 19th day of September 2025. Mayor Dan Delaney called the special 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: Kyle Kuphal, Cable Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt, Assistant City Administrator / Clerk Stephanie LaBrune, and City Administrator Deb Nelson.

Mayor Delaney stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the Pipestone County Law Enforcement Contract and consider the Law Enforcement Budget Sub-Committee's recommendation to move forward with the proposed 2026 Law Enforcement Budget.

Administrator Nelson stated that the sub committee met Tuesday afternoon and there was discussion on removing the dispatch charges. She shared that the county's sheriff budget expenses total \$2,361,823 and if the amount is split evenly by the population of Pipestone County (9,424) the city's share would be \$250.60 per capita. She said the committee proposed the city of Pipestone paying \$240 per capita which results in a total amount of approximately \$1,011,600 for 2026.

Delaney said that he also wants the contract to ensure that the Sheriff's department is enforcing all city ordinances and plans to get those details figured out.

Delaney also said Attorney Hill drafted a new contract because the other contract was 25 years old and it needed to be updated.

Discussion was held on the reduction from the initial amount of \$1,056,207 to \$1,011,600 and the impact it would have on the city's 2026 levy.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Swanson and unanimously carried approve the sub-committee's recommendation to proceed with the proposed cost of the Pipestone County Law Enforcement contract with the city at a cost of \$240 per capita as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Colbeck, seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Dan Delaney
Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie LaBrune
Assistant City Administrator / City Clerk