

Pipestone, Minnesota  
May 5, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the Pipestone City Council was duly held in-person and via Zoom in the Municipal Building at 5:15 p.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025. Mayor Dan Delaney called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared. Members present: Dan Delaney, Danielle Thompson, Scott Swanson, Rodger Smidt, and Verdeen Colbeck. Absent: none. Others present: Kyle Krier, Nick Bergman, Luke Johnson, Jim Whipple, Lauren Blacik, Steve Ewing, Dan Wildermuth, Michael Bloemendaal, Gabriel Yellowhawk, Justin Schmidt, Sam Westlund, Brady Nahkala, City Engineer Travis Winter, City Attorney Jason Hill via Zoom, Kyle Kuphal, Cable Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Stephanie LaBrune, and City Administrator Deb Nelson.

Mayor Delaney stated that the Council is holding a special work session meeting to discuss the city's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Project and hear a presentation from the Bolton & Menk on a Floodplain Improvement study that they completed on Judicial Ditch number 1 that goes through the city of Pipestone.

### **WORK SESSION**

#### **SRTS Project Update**

Engineer Winter and Justin Schmidt from Bolton & Menk gave an update on the SRTS project sharing information on moving the location of the proposed sidewalk to the north side of 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW. Schmidt stated that due to the grading on the north side of the road and already having curb on the south side of the road with a flatter grade, the south side of the road is an easier and cheaper option. He then asked what side the council prefers. Swanson asked what the added cost would be. Winter stated that the added cost would be on approximately 1,500 feet and was not entirely sure of the added cost. Delaney shared that he has heard concerns about safety with the traffic flow coming from the State and County Highway shops. Thompson said she has concerns with the proposed crosswalk east of the county's property saying that if it is located just below a hill. Swanson said before the city gets too carried away, he wanted to note that 4<sup>th</sup> Street is a County State Aid Highway (CSAH). Winter stated that time is an issue saying that the project has not been bid yet and it needs to be fully completed in 2025. Discussion was then held on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Delaney asked if the sidewalk should be on the East of West side. Winter said there are more challenges with 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. He also said that any changes made now to the plans will need state approval. Winter also came back with an estimate of \$60,000 in added cost to the city for the changes made if the sidewalk goes on the North side of 4<sup>th</sup> St.

#### **JD 1 Floodplain Improvement Study**

Sam Westlund and Brady Nahkala with Bolton & Menk then gave a presentation to the council and audience on the potential options to help alleviate issues along County Judicial Ditch 1 in Pipestone during flood events. During the PowerPoint presentation five alternative options were provided and including raising road beds, widening bridges, building a berm, and creating upstream water retention projects to help lessen the impact of floodwaters. Winter stated that Bolton & Menk received an \$80,000 grant to perform the study. Following discussion, members of the audience thanked Bolton & Menk and the city for pursuing the study and stated that the information was valuable.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Thompson, seconded by Colbeck and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

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Dan Delaney  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stephanie LaBrune  
Assistant City Administrator / City Clerk