

Pipestone, Minnesota  
April 6, 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 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: Recreation Director Rober Petersen, Library Director Jody Wacker, Law Enforcement Officer Edison Dengler, Human Rights Commission President Dave Andres, Jeff Bailey, Kyle Kuphal, City Administrator Stephanie LaBrune, City Clerk Megan DeWitte, and Cable Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt. City Engineer Travis Winter and City Attorney Jason Hill both attended via Zoom.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Delaney stated the Consent Agenda contains the March 16, 2026, 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 Thompson, seconded by Colbeck and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda items which consisted of the March 16, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes and the Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills in the amount of \$576,292.21 for warrants #077130 to #077253 to be issued in payment thereof.

### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

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

### **REPORTS**

- A. Law Enforcement – Officer Dengler provided a verbal report
- B. Public Works – Absent, Bloemendaal provided a written report.
- C. Utility – Absent, Adelman provided a written report.
- D. Liquor Store – Absent
- E. Recreation – Petersen provided a written and verbal report.
- F. Library – Wacker provided a verbal report.

### **PUBLIC HEARING, PETITIONS, AND BID OPENINGS**

Bid closing concluded at 6:30pm with the online bid solicitation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW Street Project. Engineer Winter stated that six bids had been submitted. All bids met the engineer's base bid. Winter will analyze each bid and present a recommendation at the April 20, 2026 council meeting.

## **ENGINEERING**

Engineer Winter provided updates on current projects and shared the status of warranty issues that have been reported to the Pickleball court and for the 2023 Street Project. Winter stated that the Safe Routes to School project will begin very soon with the warmer weather approaching.

## **LEGAL**

Delaney introduced Ordinance 172, Fourth Series: An Ordinance of the City of Pipestone Repealing and Replacing Section 91.07 of the City Code Regarding the Regulation of City Rights-Of-Way. Delaney said council will consider this ordinance at the April 20, 2026 regular council meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Temporary On-Sale Liquor License Application**

Mayor Delaney stated that Staff has received an application for a temporary on-sale liquor license for the American Legion Post 6. Delaney said the temporary permit would allow the Legion to serve alcoholic beverages at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center for the Selena Tribute Event on May 16, 2026.

Motion made by Swanson, seconded by Smidt, and unanimously carried to approve the temporary on-sale liquor license application for the American Legion Post 6 to serve alcoholic beverages at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center on May 16, 2026, for the Selena Tribute Event.

### **Schedule Public Hearing**

Delaney stated that Staff has received a petition to vacate city alleys in the area of the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. Delaney said that Staff would like to schedule a public hearing on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30pm to consider the petition.

Motion made Colbeck, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously carried to approve and schedule a Public Hearing May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30pm, to consider the petition to vacate city alleys in the area of the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW.

### **Resolution 2026-20: A Resolution Accepting Donations**

Mayor Delaney stated that a \$2,500 grant has been given to the city from the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council to fund a public visual arts planning project that Community Development Director Justin Schroyer is working on with the Community Improvement Commission to introduce more art into the community.

Motion made by Thompson, seconded by Swanson, and unanimously carried to approve the \$2,500 Southwest Minnesota Arts Council (SMAC) grant to fund a new art project into the community.

### **Appoint Historic Preservation Commission Member**

Delaney shared that he had received an application from Rich Stangle stating interest in joining the Historic Preservation Commission. Delaney is recommending the council approve Stangle for the commission member appointment.

Motion made by Thompson, seconded by Colbeck, and unanimously carried to approve the mayor's recommendation to appoint Rich Stangle to the vacant seat on the Historic Preservation Commission.

#### Human Rights Commission Bylaws

Delaney reported that the Human Rights Commission has discussed and recommended that the bylaws be eliminated so that the Human Rights Commission follows the same procedure as the other commissions, which have no bylaws for their commission. Delaney then invited Andres to the podium to speak.

Dave Andres stated that the commission would like to do away with redundancy and incorporate what they want to do. Andres said that no other commission has bylaws and we just aren't sure why the Human Rights Commission needs to.

Motion made by Thompson, seconded by Colbeck and unanimously carried to eliminate the bylaws for the Human Rights Commission.

#### **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

Delaney- Delaney shared reports on the Community Improvement Commission, Law Enforcement Liaison Commission, Human Rights and Heritage Preservation Commission.

Swanson- Swanson shared that both Utility and Community Improvement Commission were canceled.

Colbeck- Colbeck shared reports on the Hiawatha Pageant Park Commission and the Law Enforcement Liaison Commission meeting.

Smidt- Smidt had no reports to share at this time.

Thompson- Thompson stated that both her commission representatives shared reports during this council meeting. Thompson had nothing to add.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Delaney announced that the council would like to conduct a closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.05, subd. 2(b) for preliminary considerations of allegations against the City Administrator Stephanie LaBrune.

Motion made by Delaney, seconded by Colbeck, and unanimously carried to enter in to closed session at 7:12pm.

Roll call vote was taken to re-open the meeting at 7:39pm. The vote was five in favor and zero opposed. The motion passed to re-open the meeting.

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

Delaney announced public reminders that sump pump hoses can be discharged outside, as well as, dog license and golf permits are due to renew all as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Delaney also shared City Clean Up Week is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Swanson, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

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Dan Delaney  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Megan DeWitte  
City Clerk