

Pipestone, Minnesota
November 3, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the Pipestone City Council was duly held in-person in the Municipal Building at 9:00 a.m. on the 7th day of November, 2025. 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, Danielle Thompson, and Verdeen Colbeck. Absent: None. Others present: Museum Director Susan Hoskins, Community Development Director Justin Schroyer, Public Works Director Mike Bloemendaal, Kyle Kuphal, City Engineer Travis Winter, Cable Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt, and Interim City Administrator – Clerk Stephanie LaBrune.

WORK SESSION

Carnegie Library

Delaney shared, in a special work session, this evening, the council reviewed a report outlining the full scope of work that is needed to refurbish the Historic Carnegie Library building and also explained that the Minnesota Historical Society has granted \$122,162.00 to the City of Pipestone to complete repairing the east wall of the Carnegie Library Building. He also added that the deadline to complete the project is December 1, 2025, explaining that the council will need to make a decision on whether or not to apply for an extension.

During the discussion, project costs and funding were discussed. LaBrune stated that some of the funding set aside for the match to the grant were utilized to pay LHB for the full scope of work. Smidt and Swanson both agreed that they are not in favor of the city spending taxpayer money on the property. Thompson also said she did not support using taxpayer dollars to pay for the repairs, but would be supportive of using grants. Delaney said the intentions were never to put the burden of paying for the repairs on the taxpayers and explained that the city did set aside the match for the grant with the intent of following through with the project.

Smidt also said he would like to know what the end use will be asked what will go in the building after the repairs are made. Delaney stated that the intent all along has been to move the Chamber of Commerce to the building and have a portion of the building be an art gallery. He said this will open up prime real estate on highway 75 where a restaurant or other business could go. He also shared that the Heritage Preservation Commission, who is a commission of the city made a recommendation to the council to ask that the city preserve the historic building and said past council's have also put money into maintaining the building.

Additional discussion was held. LaBrune informed the council that an additional quote was received to stabilize the wall as a recommendation from a masonry company who said the building should not go through another freeze thaw cycle. She stated that the same company also recommended the wall repair be done simultaneously with the roof repair due to the wall and the roof being tied in together with one another. In closing, LaBrune explained that the council will need to decide whether to pursue a grant extension and determine if they want to move forward with stabilizing the east wall prior to year end.

City Hall

Motion by Delaney, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously carried to table the City Hall agenda item to the next special meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Colbeck, seconded by Thompson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Dan Delaney
Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie LaBrune
Interim City Administrator - Clerk