

Pipestone, Minnesota
February 2, 2026

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 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of February 2026. Mayor Dan Delaney called the 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: City Administrator Stephanie LaBrune, City Clerk Megan DeWitte, Public Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt, Community Development Director Justin Schroyer, and Kyle Kuphal.

APPROVE AGENDA - ADDITIONS, CHANGE OR DELETIONS

Mayor Delaney stated that he would like to add Sidewalk Maintenance under item 6, Other, on the agenda.

Motion made by Thompson, seconded by Swanson, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the Sidewalk Maintenance under item 6, Other.

CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON CITY DEPARTMENT'S TEN-YEAR GOALS

Liquor Store- Administrator LaBrune shared the hopes for the Liquor Store is to build a new building, preferably over by the intersection of Hwy 30 and Hwy 23, to increase store accessibility, inventory and overall revenue.

There was discussion about using an existing vacant property for expansion instead. Council stated they would like to see a business plan to compare revenue and expenditures for the Liquor Store and would like a proposal of use for the current building if it were to be vacated.

Recreation- LaBrune shared that there has been continued budgeting and plans being made towards building the new splash pad that is on the current one-year plan.

LaBrune shared that a priority for the Rec Center in the next year would be to replace the basketball court flooring. LaBrune then shared price and quality ranges for the replacement project. Delaney stated that he would like to see the plans get put together for the splash pad and new rec center as soon as possible.

Utilities- LaBrune stated that the one-year goal is to start work on the lead line replacement project. A one-million-dollar grant has been received to help aid those efforts.

Discussion was held about trying to partner with the county on the 2nd St. NE Street projects, and other future projects, to cost share.

Delaney would like to see the replacement of the residential water and sewer services by the golf course area moved up into the three-year plan due to the susceptibility of freezing utility lines in that area.

DISCUSS COUNCIL PRIORITIES & UPDATE ONE-, FIVE-, AND TEN-YEAR CITY PLANS

Delaney commended the Council on the previous one-year plan and spoke on how much has actually been completed or started on from the previous one-year plan.

One-Year- The council would like to see the following items on the city's one year plan; new gym floor for the rec center, community splash pad development, plans drawn up for the new rec center, continuation of industrial park expansion project, a public works sidewalk inventory and maintenance project, boulevard tree care and removal, project plans for City Hall building

updates, pursue purchase of the county lot next to the courthouse, partnering relationships and strengthened communications with County Commissioners, sidewalk extension from 2nd St. to Main St. on 8th Ave NW, continuing repairs and pursuing future grants for Carnegie Library, specifically the roof repair as priority, purchase new playground equipment for Moore Park, update and implement street maintenance plan, put up directional signs for Meinders Community Library, hire post-secondary level summer intern(s), rebrand the city and update its mission statement, and LHB Assessment for the water tower.

Five-Year- Delaney shared that he would like to see the City Hall remodel on the five-year plan. Smidt said he would like to see the city and the EDA purchase the vacant businesses in the community for future development and resale. Council would like to see continued plans of the Hiawatha Park Trail, updating the aquatic center, new rec center building project plans, addressing storm drains by Dahl motors, updating utility service lines in coordination with the Hwy 75 and 8th Ave County project, and purchasing a payloader for the public works department as reflected in the Capital Outlay budget on the five-year plan.

Ten-Year- Council would like to see the Municipal Liquor Store expansion/rebuild, new rec center facility and Delaney also stated he would like a “no horn” ordinance for passing BNSF trains added to the ten-year plan.

DISCUSS UPDATING THE CITY’S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

LaBrune stated that she will continue working with Ehlers to update the Financial Management plans and will continue plans for money to be put aside from the levy instated of raising rates so rapidly.

OTHER

Sidewalk Maintenance- Delaney discussed that his top priority of the sidewalk maintenance project this year is the addition of a side walk for the 2nd St NW and Main St. sidewalk for the children to have more safe accessibility to the bus stop there.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Colbeck, seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Dan Delaney
Mayor

ATTEST:

Megan DeWitte
City Clerk