

Pipestone, Minnesota
July 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 6th day of July 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, Danielle Thompson, and Verdeen Colbeck, Absent: none. Others present: John Draper, Myron Koets, Mark Lunn, Scott Wilson, Eric and Chelsea VanderPlaats, Jorge Arellano, Glenn Hubers, Gary Brady, Dan Wildermuth, Edison Dengler, Homero Hernandez, Tyler Soyer, Public Works Director Michael Bloemendaal, Utility Director Joel Adelman, Rebecca Kurtz, City Attorney Jason Hill via Zoom, City Engineer Travis Winter via Zoom, Cable Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt, City Administrator Stephanie LaBrune, and City Clerk Megan DeWitte.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA - ADDITIONS, CHANGE OR DELETIONS

Mayor Delaney stated that he would like to amend the agenda by adding item I. Resolution 2026-38: Resolution approving plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids under New Business.

Motion made by Swanson, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda by adding item I. Resolution 2026-38: Resolution approving plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids under New Business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Delaney stated the Consent Agenda contains the June 22, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and the Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills.

Motion was made by Colbeck seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda items which consisted of the June 22, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and the Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills in the amount of \$596,673.91 for warrants #077780 to #077870 to be issued in payment thereof.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Administrator LaBrune announced that there were four people listed for Community Concerns. Mayor Delaney invited interested parties to the podium.

Myron Koets resident of 103 10th Ave SW. Koets shared concerns about the soccer community.

Administrator LaBrune shared answers to the concerns that Koets had brought forth about the conditions of the soccer fields at the prior city council meeting.

Tyler Soyer county resident shared concerns and information about the soccer program and soccer facilities expressing concerns with the cost of painting the fields, the location of the fire hydrant, and inadequate size of the fields.

Chelsea VanderPlaats shared her questions and concern about the soccer facility maintenance.

Mark Lunn shared some concerns about the fields not being flat and expressed worry about the goals and future of the soccer community that has been growing.

PROCLAMATION

Delaney shared a proclamation of the City of Pipestone recognizing and the supporting the City's Sesquicentennial and the United States Semi-Quincentennial.

REPORTS

Liquor Store – Wilson provided the council with a verbal report.

Library – Absent

Recreation – Petersen was absent but provided the council with a written report.

Water/Wastewater – Adelman provided the council with a verbal and written report.

Public Works – Bloemendaal provided the council with a verbal and written report.

Law Enforcement – Dengler appeared on behalf of Sheriff Vreeman and shared a verbal and written report to council.

LEGAL

ENGINEERING

Pipestone Municipal Airport (PQN) 80'x80' Hangar Project Pay Request No. 3

Delaney stated that the pay application to Everstrong Construction, Inc. for the amount of \$347,005.15 completes payment for building concrete, erection, electrical, and plumbing construction for the Pipestone Municipal Airport 80'x80' Hangar project. City project manager, Silas Parmar from Bolton & Menk recommended Council approval of the pay application.

Motion was made by Swanson seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to approve the Pipestone Municipal Airport (PQN) 80'x80' Hangar Project Pay Request number three for the amount of \$347, 005.15 to Everstrong Construction, Inc.

Safe Routes to School Pay Request No. 2

Engineer Winter shared updates and details for the Safe Routes to School Project and information related to the second Pay Application Request for the amount of \$663,647.44 to Hulstein Excavating, LLC.

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Swanson and unanimously carried to approve the Safe Routes to School Project Pay Request number two for the amount of \$663,647.44 with the condition that the proper corrections be made to the unlevel parts of the project where the sidewalk was wavy.

NEW BUSINESS

Paycom Human Resources Information System and Payroll Services

Delaney introduced Madisyn Rhodes with Paycom, whom attended virtually, to share a presentation on Paycom, a modernized Human Resource and Payroll Software System that provides an integrated platform to manage employee and payroll processes. Staff has recommended council action to approve the partnership between the city and Paycom.

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried to approve the partnership contract and allow Administrator LaBrune to sign the three year agreement with Paycom to implement the modernized Human Resource and Payroll Software System for staff and employee use.

Consider a Resolution 2026-37 Calling for the Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026A

Delaney introduced Senior Municipal Advisor Rebecca Kurtz with Ehlers and stated the Kurtz is here to discuss the sale of general obligation bonds to the council. The bond is needed to help finance the 2026 Street & Utility Project, the Airport Fuel Tank project, and the 7th Ave. SW Street Improvement project as discussed over the past several months. Kurtz shared information and terms of the bond proposal with the council.

Motion was made by Colbeck, seconded by Swanson and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2026-37 approving the sale of general obligation bonds, Series 2026A.

Blight Properties

Delaney turned the meeting over to Community Development Director Justin Schroyer who shared a presentation on blight property concerns with the council. Schroyer was looking for council input on how to move forward with the abatement of the blight properties. The consensus of the council was to allow staff to move forward with the process to remove the properties shown in the slideshow presentation with the potential funding source coming from the Economic Development Authorities blight/demolition fund which currently holds approximately \$100,000.

Schedule Public Hearing to Gather Input on the 2027 Municipal Budget

Delaney shared that staff has begun the process of developing the 2027 budget and are requesting to schedule a public hearing on August 3rd at 6:30pm to gather community input on the upcoming budget for the 2027 fiscal year.

Motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Colbeck, and unanimously carried to schedule a public hearing in the council chambers on August 3rd, 2026, at 6:30pm to gather community input on the upcoming budget for the 2027 fiscal year.

Resolution 2026-34: A Resolution Accepting Donations

Delaney share that the resolution would be accepting the following donations for Daycare Day at the Pipestone Family Aquatic Center.

- “More than Lip Service” \$100 –Daycare Day at the Pipestone Family Aquatic Center
- Re Active Wellness \$50- Daycare Day at the Pipestone Family Aquatic Center

Motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Smidt, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2026-34 accepting donations for daycare day at the Pipestone Family Aquatic Center.

Resolution 2026-35: Resolution Granting a Conditional Use Permit for a Secondary Structure at 310 4th Ave NW in the City of Pipestone

Delaney stated that the Planning Commission has received and reviewed a conditional use permit for a secondary structure at 312 4th Ave NW, owned by Gary Brady. The commission has recommended council approve the conditional use permit with the following conditions:

- (1) the approval and the issuance of a permit for the Primary Structure, (2) the construction of the Primary Structure within 90 days of the placement of the Secondary Structure and (3) removal of the Secondary Structure if the Primary Structure is not complete within the 90 days following the placement of the Secondary Structure.

Motion was made by Smidt seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2026-35: A Resolution Granting a Conditional Use Permit for a Secondary Structure at 312 4th Ave NW in the City of Pipestone.

Resolution 2026-36: Resolution Granting a Conditional Use Permit for Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council

Delaney shared that the Planning Commission received and reviewed a conditional use permit for the construction of an educational facility at the intersection of Hiawatha Ave and 11th Street NW from Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council Inc. (SMOC). The recommendation to the Pipestone City Council by the Planning Commission is to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the following conditions:

- (1) the installation of down pointing lights and (2) planting of tall, multi-stage trees to obstruct the sightline of the National Monument.

Motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Thomspson, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2026-36, approving the conditional use permit for the construction of an educational facility at the intersection of Hiawatha Ave and 11th Street NW from Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council Inc. (SMOC).

Temporary On-Sale Liquor License Application

Delaney said that staff had received an application for a temporary on-sale liquor permit from the Pipestone Jaycees for August 5th, 2026 through August 8th, 2026, to serve alcohol at the Pipestone County Fairgrounds in the Dugout building during the Pipestone County Fair. Delaney said this is a request that council has approved many times in the past so he recommends the approval for the request.

Motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Colbeck, and unanimously carried to approve the temporary on-sale liquor license application for the Pipestone Jaycees to serve alcohol at the Pipestone County Fairgrounds August 5th 2026 through August 8th 2026.

Resolution 2026-38: A Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisements for Bids

Delaney state that this is a resolution approving plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids for the proposed Fuel Systems Replacement project to be completed at the Pipestone Municipal Airport.

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Smidt, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2026-38: A Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisements for Bids for the Pipestone Municipal Airport Fuel Systems Replacement Project.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Colbeck thanked everyone who participated in the Pipestone Veteran's Memorial Flag Day Burger feed fundraiser. Dahl motors will be having a car show with \$10 entry fee that will also be going towards the Veteran's Memorial.

Delaney thanked everyone for their input during the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.

Dan Delaney
Mayor

ATTEST:

Megan DeWitte
City Clerk