

Pipestone, Minnesota
July 21, 2025

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 21st day of July 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, Verdeen Colbeck and Danielle Thompson. Absent: None. Others present: Kyle Kuphal, Airport Manager Rob Dykstra, Museum Director Susan Hoskins, Senior Center Treasurer Steve Weets, Chamber Director Erica Volkir, bodyCHURCH Wellness Owner Brandie Hulstein, City Engineer Travis Winter, City Attorney Jason Hill via Zoom, Cable Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt and City Administrator Deb Nelson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA – ADDITIONS, CHANGES OR DELETIONS

There being no additions, changes or deletions to the agenda, motion was 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 July 7, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, July 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills and the June Financial Reports and asked if there was any discussion regarding these items.

Motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Colbeck and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the July 7, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, July 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills in the amount of \$334,990.78 for warrants #075319 to #075417, and the June Financial Reports.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PETITIONS, AND BID OPENINGS

Public Hearing to Gather Input on the 2026 Municipal Budget

Mayor Delaney stated each year prior to the development of the annual city budget, the council holds a public hearing to gather input from the community. This public hearing will give the opportunity for anyone to express their opinions on the 2026 municipal budget.

Motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Colbeck and unanimously carried to open the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Delaney shared several daycare providers had shared the idea that they would like to see the addition of a splash pad at Southwest Park.

There being no one else present to comment on the budget, motion was made by Colbeck, seconded by Thompson and unanimously carried to close the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

REPORTS

Airport Manager Robert Dykstra reported everything has been running smoothly at the airport; the AWOS system should be installed soon and there was an aircraft incident over the weekend where the pilot flipped the aircraft over into the corn field during landing with the pilot, fortunately, walking away from the accident.

Senior Center Treasurer Steve Weets reported the Center currently has 122 members which is an all-time high for the Center; Senior dining has been a little slow with summer; they served 494 people during their Belgian Waffle Feed fundraiser; seniors shared a campfire event at the National Monument Park; and the Sherwin & Pam Linton event was well attended.

Chamber Director Erica Volkir reported on the several events the Chamber hosted over the past several months and shared several upcoming events including ribbon cutting events; the Teddy Bear Picnic, Full Steam Ahead at the Meinders Community Library, Crazy Days, Car Cruizin' events, Amp Theater Camp and the Pipestone County Fair.

EDA Director Justin Schroyer reported the successful Childcare 101 Appreciation event, the purchase of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to open a new daycare facility, closed on another lot in Southwest Acres, the Energy Audit has been completed and the city is working on a Federal Land Access Program application for a trail through the Hiawatha Pageant Park.

Museum Director Susan Hoskins reported that museum staff attended the Dakota Conference at Augustana University. She also spoke about two interns that were hired at the museum this year who have been busy doing research and writing coffee talks. Shared that the historical society board is working to inventory their schoolhouse building. She also stated that donations and grants were received to install new window blinds in the museum building and completed her report by sharing some of the upcoming programs and projects they are working on.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Council Action – Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers

Mayor Delaney stated that Bud Johnston, owner of the Keepers Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers, is holding their annual Keepers Gathering July 16th – July 20th. He is requesting that the city waive the fees for the use of a 6 Yard Dumpster during the time of the gathering. This has been approved in the past.

Motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Colbeck and unanimously carried to approve the Keepers Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers request that the city waive the fees for the use of a 6 Yard Dumpster from July 16th through July 20th.

Request for Council Action –bodyCHURCH Wellness

Mayor Delaney shared that Brandie Hulstein with bodyCHURCH Wellness is requesting that the city waive the Hiawatha Pageant Grounds and Lodge rental fees, and also provide three (3) garbage totes for a free community event that she is planning to host from 6:00a.m. to 10:00a.m. on Saturday, August 16th. He said the event will be called REP & REVIVE and it is a free, family-friendly event designed to bring the community together through movement and music.

Delaney then invited Hulstein to the podium. Hulstein shared that the idea came to her to bring the community together and she wanted a common place to hold the event and so she made a request to use the Hiawatha Pageant Grounds. Nelson asked about the type of music that would be played at the event? Hulstein said there would be a trailer where she would be leading the workout and talented members from her church would play the guitar, piano, and sing.

Nelson shared the value of the fees to the council, stating that the fee for the grounds is \$400, \$120 for the Lodge, and shared that there are already garbage totes on the grounds. Nelson also stated that there should be a dance permit received since there will be music played at the event. Nelson then suggested that the council ask for the refundable damage deposit of \$350 be received by Hulstein prior to the event.

Smidt asked if the organization is a non-profit? Hulstein said no, she is not a non-profit, but the event would be free to the public and she would not be making any money on the event.

Discussion was then held on the stage trailer.

Motion was made by Swenson, seconded by Smidt, and unanimously carried to waive the Hiawatha Pageant ground and Lodge fees for the event with the condition that a \$350 damage deposit be provided to the city before the event takes place.

Request for Council Action - Sutton Auctioneers & Land Brokers, LLC

Mayor Delaney said Jared Sutton is requesting a partial street closure on 4th Street SE near the intersection of 2nd Ave. SE and 4th St. SE. to hold an auction at the home of 319 2nd Avenue SE.

The requested area of closure on 4th St. will not block any neighboring driveways, allowing them full access to their properties. The requested street closure would be from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM and Sutton stated that the proposed date of the street closure could consist of any of the following dates – August 5, 6, 7, 12, or 13 with the dates of August 6th or 13th being preferred.

Public Works Director, Michael Bloemendaal, does not have any issues with the street closure and stated that the closure would not affect garbage collection.

Motion was made by Swenson, seconded by Colbeck, and unanimously carried to approve the street closure request from Sutton Auctioneers & Land Brokers, LLC. as presented with the date of closure to be determined by the auction company.

Resolution 2025-45

Mayor Delaney stated this resolution if approved will accept the following donations from:

- Larry Christensen \$500 Donation to the Recreation Department
- Anonymous Pop-Up Tent for Library Play Area valued at \$50.00

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Colbeck, and unanimously carried to approve resolution 2025-45: Resolution Accepting Donations.

Delaney thanked the donors.

Sioux Valley Southwestern Electric Request for Electric Service

Mayor Delaney stated that the request is in correlation with the AWOS project at the airport and asked Engineer Winter to explain the request.

Winter shared that the request is for the city to pay \$6,772.00 to install a transformer for the AWOS project. He said the city would pay for the cost of the project and be reimbursed for the total cost at 100%.

Motion was made by Colbeck, seconded by Smidt, and carried unanimously to sign the request for electric service request from Sioux Valley Southwestern Electric.

City Code Section 92.03 Public Nuisance Affecting Peace and Safety

Mayor Delaney shared the Law Enforcement Liaison Commission has recently been discussing the rules and regulations revolving around utilizing dynamic engine and transmission braking within the city limits of Pipestone. Delaney then said jake brakes have been an ongoing issue for quite some time with three major highways running through town. He said the popping noise is quite a nuisance and the Sheriff's Department has been trying to enforce the issue through the sound ordinance but it has been difficult and is difficult to prosecute. He said a better ordinance may result in a better solution and make it easier for law enforcement to do their jobs. He then made a recommendation for the council to investigate the subject further.

Attorney Hill stated that it should not be an issue to look into it. The consensus of the council was to have the attorney look into the issue around dynamic braking.

CLOSING COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Colbeck, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Dan Delaney
Mayor

ATTEST:

Deb Nelson
City Administrator