

Pipestone, Minnesota
January 30, 2016

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Meeting of the Pipestone City Council was duly held in the Municipal Building at 3:00 p.m. on the 30th day of January 2016. Mayor Ness called the special meeting to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. Members present: Laurie K Ness, Myron Koets, Rodger Smidt and Kyle Caskey. Absent: Jim Stout. Others present: Deb Fitzgerald, City Engineer Travis Winter and City Administrator/City Attorney Jeff Jones.

The purpose of the special meeting is to conduct the annual planning session. The Council reviewed the Five Year Plan. Jones stated that he had added notes to show accomplishments and possible changes.

Infrastructure

The Council discussed the proposed Highway 30 project. This project would impact the highway from Highway 23 to 8th Ave SW. Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) would contribute funds to the sidewalks resurfacing and handicap ramps. Public Facilities Authority (PFA) funding is likely for this project.

Jones stated that Joel would like to do infrastructure work on 7th Ave SW from 9th to 11th in 2016. He has money in his budget to do this work in-house. Joel would also like to do work on 9th St SW from 6th to 8th in 2017. The Council discussed doing 5th Ave SW after the hospital project is complete in 2017 or 2018.

In 2018, the Highway 75 waterline replacement would be done to coincide with MnDOT's work on Highway 75.

There was discussion regarding the airport runway overlay in 2016. The City's share of the project would be \$35,000.00. Winter stated that this should extend the life of the runway 3-5 years.

The water treatment facility is scheduled to occur in 2016. At this time, the total funding package is unknown.

In 2018, the County will mill and overlay Hiawatha Ave and 4th St from 8th Ave west to east.

Jones will ask Scott Swanson to prioritize street projects.

The Council discussed possible downtown revitalization. It was determined that RFP's should be sought to have a firm assist the City in developing a revitalization plan.

The possibility of offering incentives for a new movie theater were also discussed.

Jones described the "north" trail project and its current status. A consultant is being provided to assist with planning and grant assistance.

Replacement of damaged sidewalk was discussed. The Council wants the sidewalk on the "square" to be replaced first. The work on Highway 30 will include new sidewalk as part of the project. The

Council stated it would plan to assess affected property owners for 50% of the cost of the new sidewalk. Establishing a sidewalk at Southwest Acres to access Dollar General Coborn's was also addressed.

Possible improvements at Tianna Park were discussed. These included rain gardens and walking paths. Councilmember Caskey raised the idea of a "naming rights" competition.

Councilmember Caskey requested a full launch of the City's website in early 2016 with a presentation at a Council meeting on how to use the website. He also requested that the on-line pay and registration features be on line as soon as possible.

The Council then reviewed a draft of an Alcohol Agreement prepared by Councilmember Koets. This would be an agreement between the City and the vendor selected to serve alcohol at the Lodge. After some discussion, it was decided to place these items on the February 1st agenda for further discussion.

Jones informed the Council that the Robson Grocery building had been sold and that he would be asking the Council on February 1st to approve the purchase of the building from the new owner, David Nix.

Jones pointed out that an updated Financial Management Plan was in the packet of information. Jones will contact Rebecca Kurtz of Ehlers & Associates to see if she can attend a meeting on February 16th.

Jones also informed the Council that the EDA had asked to meet with a subcommittee of the City Council to discuss possible incentives to encourage the sale of residential lost at Southwest Acres.

Councilmember Koets then questioned when the issues he had raised regarding the future of Pipestone might be discussed. He pointed out that the demographics of Pipestone are changing and that this needed to be taken into consideration in any long range planning. Mayor Ness stated that Pipestone Forward was engaged in similar strategic planning and that a joint meeting might be beneficial.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Caskey, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Laurie K Ness
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey R. Jones
City Administrator