

Pipestone, Minnesota  
February 22, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Pipestone City Council was duly held in the Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m. on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2022. Mayor Myron Koets called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. Members present: Myron Koets, Jim Stout, Rodger Smidt, Dan Delaney and Justin Schroyer. Absent: None. Others present: Lauren Blacik via Zoom, Colin Buechel via Zoom, City Engineer Travis Winter via Zoom, Kyle Kuphal, Building and Zoning Official Doug Fortune, Cable Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt, City Administrator/City Attorney Jeff Jones and City Clerk 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 Stout, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Koets stated the Consent Agenda contains the February 7, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes; February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills; January 2022 Financial Reports and Informational Reports and asked if there was any discussion regarding these items.

Motion was made by Schroyer, seconded by Stout and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the February 7, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes; February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills in the amount of \$209,133.69 for warrants #066089 to #066173 to be issued in payment thereof; January 2022 Financial Reports and Informational Reports.

### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

Mayor Koets shared he had received a concern from an individual regarding the future of the Meinders Community Library. Koets stated he had informed the concerned citizen that the city council is working diligently on this issue trying to maintain its current location.

### **LEGAL**

#### **Amended Ordinance 136, Fourth Series**

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones stated this ordinance was introduced at the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and if approved, would include the following addition to the list of fees:

### **Public Works and Water/Wastewater Charges**

Surcharge Fee for Non-Compliance of Reduction of Clear Water in the Sanitary Sewer System - \$100.00/month.

Motion was made by Smidt and seconded by Stout to approve Amended Ordinance 136, Fourth Series: AN AMENDED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES, CHARGES AND COMPENSATION AS ALLOWED BY CITY CODE. Upon roll call vote; Ayes: Koets, Stout, Smidt, Delaney, Schroyer; Nays: None, motion carried 5-0.

### **ENGINEERING**

#### **Sanitary Sewer Main & Lateral Investigation for 2022 Street & Utility Improvements**

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones shared that staff is recommending that the sanitary sewer lines be televised before the start of the 2022 street and utility improvements project. Council has not approved plans yet but performing the investigation of the sanitary sewer lines would be beneficial for the 2022 project and any future projects. The cost of the project is \$17,255.50 and Joel has money in his budget to cover this cost.

City Engineer Travis Winter stated televising the sanitary sewer lines ahead of the project helps identify where each house service is at thereby eliminating connections to dead-end lines but also gives the engineers more time to work with homeowners to set up repairs to be completed during the project which in the long run saves money for the homeowner.

Motion was made by Stout, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to approve the Sanitary Sewer Main & Lateral Investigation Proposal for 2022 Street & Utility Improvements.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution 2022-8**

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones stated this resolution was tabled at the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting because it was requested by staff to amend Ordinance 136, Fourth Series to include a monthly surcharge fee for residents that are non-compliant with the clear water reduction ordinance. Amended Ordinance 136, Fourth Series needed to be approved prior to approving the resolution and was approved earlier in the meeting.

Motion was made by Stout, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2022-8: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY FOR AMENDED ORDINANCE 136, FOURTH SERIES: AN AMENDED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES, CHARGES AND COMPENSATION AS ALLOWED BY LAW.

#### **Discuss Appointments to Library/School District Negotiating Committee**

Mayor Koets stated the appointments to the Library/School District Negotiating Committee was tabled at the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow staff time to see if the recommended individuals were willing to serve on the committee.

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Stout and unanimously carried to appoint Councilmember Delaney, Councilmember Schroyer and Evan Schiller to sit on the Library/School District Negotiating Committee.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution 2022-15**

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones stated a donation has been received from Sioux Valley Energy to assist the city with “Lights at the Lodge.” This resolution accepts the donation.

Motion was made by Schroyer, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2022-15: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION.

#### **Consider Approval of Scott Blom Historic Loan/Grant Application**

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones stated Scott Blom has submitted an application for an historic loan/grant to open up a doorway in the basement, change out lights to LED in main common areas, and remove asbestos tile in basement at 201 South Hiawatha. Due to higher costs than expected, Mr. Blom will just do half the electrical work and breakdown the tile removal into stages. Total project cost is \$12,489.71 with loan amount of \$4,371.40; grant amount of \$4,371.40 and owner equity of \$3,746.91.

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Stout and unanimously carried to approve the Historic Loan/Grant Application for Scott Blom.

#### **Consider Approval of Final Plat**

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones stated the Planning Commission met on February 16<sup>th</sup> to review the final plat for the proposed new subdivision “North Hiawatha Addition” and is recommending council approve the final plat which includes the addition of all existing utilities as requested.

Lauren Blacik, Superintendent of the Pipestone National Monument, then shared the National Monument’s mitigation recommendations to reduce impacts to visitor experience and protected resources at the Monument as follows:

- Buildings be designed with night sky-friendly lighting and limits set on light pollution since many people enjoy coming to the monument at night for its oasis of dark night sky.
- Retaining water in holding ponds or rain gardens to help prevent runoff from new parking lots and other impervious surfaces from reaching Pipestone Creek.
- Explore alternative locations to meet community needs when appropriate and incorporate mitigations to protect recreational, cultural and environmental values when development bordering the monument is necessary.

Ms. Blacik thanked the council for their consideration of the Monument’s recommendations.

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Stout and unanimously carried to approve the Final Plat for the North Hiawatha Addition.

#### Update on Highway 30 Traffic Study

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones then shared that due to the construction of the new grade school out by the high school, council had recommended a traffic study be conducted at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and Highway 30. MnDOT has coordinated with a company to do the actual study which is expected to be done by May 31<sup>st</sup> and possibly even sooner. The city should receive the recommendations of the study in late April early May. The city's share of the cost of the study is \$5,000.00.

#### Consider Approval of Conditional Use Permit

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones stated the Planning Commission had met on February 16<sup>th</sup> to consider the Conditional Use Permit application from Andrew Royer who wishes to install roof mounted solar panels on his home located at 807 8<sup>th</sup> St SW. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend council approve the conditional use permit.

Motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Stout and unanimously carried to approve the Conditional Use Permit application from Andrew Royer.

### **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

Hiawatha Pageant Park Liaison Koets reported the "Lights at the Lodge" event this past year was a great success.

Planning Commission Liaison Smidt reported the Final Plat and Conditional Use Permit approved earlier in the meeting by the council were the only items for consideration of the Commission this past month.

Park & Recreation Liaison Delaney reported no meeting was conducted due to lack of a quorum.

Economic Development Authority Boardmember Smidt reported no meeting was held due to lack of business to discuss.

Human Rights Commission Liaison Koets reported on several items the Commission is working on: research being done on the possible burials of Indian Boarding School students on National Monument ground; Pride picnic scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup> at Southwest Park along with a possible float during the Watertower Festival parade; the Commission has started interviewing people new to the community; and developing a booklet to be handed out to new people moving to Pipestone.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones stated the city is update ng its Comprehensive Plan and shared a bar graph summary of the community survey that was completed. He felt the results of the survey would be beneficial when the council meets in March to continue its planning session.

Jones also encouraged councilmembers to contact him with any other items they would like to discuss at the planning session.

Mayor Koets shared the Pilot Program initiative the Southwest Mayors Association is currently working on to retain and attract workforce in Southwest Minnesota through technical education/training for targeted occupations. He said the program is being modeled after “Build South Dakota.”

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Stout and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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Myron D. Koets  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deb Nelson  
City Clerk