

Pipestone, Minnesota
March 7, 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 7th day of March 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: Kyle Kuphal, Building and Zoning Administrator Doug Fortune, City Engineer Travis Winter, 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

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones stated he would like to amend the agenda to include Item A under Engineering “Pay Request No. 5 for the 5th Avenue SW Street & Utility Improvements Project.”

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Stout and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as amended to include Item A under Engineering “Pay Request No. 5 for the 5th Avenue SW Street & Utility Improvements Project.”

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Koets stated the Consent Agenda contains the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills and asked if there was any discussion regarding these items.

Motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills in the amount of \$489,090.35 for warrants #066174 to #066259 to be issued in payment thereof.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

None.

ENGINEERING

Pay Request No. 5 – 5th Avenue SW Street & Utility Improvements Project

City Engineer Travis Winter stated Winter Contracting, LLC has submitted Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$39,016.40 for the final turf establishment seeding for the 5th Avenue SW Street & Utility Improvements Project. He shared we are still holding the retainage.

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Stout and unanimously carried to approve Pay Request No. 5 to Winter Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$39,016.40 for the 5th Avenue SW Street & Utility Improvements Project.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-16

Due to the congressional and legislative redistricting plan for the State of Minnesota, cities and towns must redistrict within 60 days after the legislature has been redistricted pursuant to Minnesota Statute 204B.135. Since boundary lines have not changed due to the redistricting, the city council needs to reestablish current precincts and the polling place for Pipestone. This resolution reestablishes the precincts and polling place.

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Schroyer and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2022-16: A RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACE.

Resolution 2022-17

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones stated this resolution would approve plans and specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for the 2022 Street & Utility Improvements Projects. Approving the resolution does not mean the city will move forward, we would just be receiving bids for the projects.

Motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2022-17: A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS.

Resolution 2022-18

At the February 22nd meeting, council approved the final plat for North Hiawatha Addition. This resolution formalizes that action and will approve the final plat for North Hiawatha Addition.

Motion was made by Schroyer, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2022-18: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF NORTH HIAWATHA ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION OF LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF PIPESTONE, PIPESTONE COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

Scott Bloom Sanitary Sewer Loan Request

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones stated Scott Blom, BLS Investments, LLC is requesting a Sanitary Sewer Loan in the amount of \$4,000.00 to replace the sewer line at 503 2nd Ave SW due to blockage.

Motion was made by Stout, seconded by Delaney and unanimously carried to approve the Sanitary Sewer Loan for Scott Blom, BLS Investments, LLC, in the amount of \$4,000.00 to replace the sewer line at 503 2nd Ave SW.

HPI Historic Loan/Grant Request

Chuck Draper with HPI has submitted an application for funding to upgrade electrical wiring, add circuit breakers and outlets, etc. at 221 4th St SE. Loan amount requested is \$1,785.00; grant request in the amount of \$1,785.00 and owner equity in the amount of \$1,530.00.

Motion was made by Schroyer, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to approve the Historic Loan/Grant application from HPI to upgrade electrical wiring, add circuit breakers and outlets, etc. at 221 4th St SE.

Frederick Portz Sanitary Sewer Loan Request

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones stated Frederick Portz is requesting a Sanitary Sewer Loan in the amount of \$3,500.00 to replace the sewer line at 409 3rd Ave SE.

Councilmember Delaney asked who would be responsible for the loan since it was signed by two parties.

Jones responded he would request loan documents be executed by both parties so both parties would be responsible.

Motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Stout and unanimously carried to approve the Sanitary Sewer Loan request from Frederick Portz.

CLOSING COMMENTS

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones shared the lobbying packet prepared by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities highlighting CGMC continues trying to increase LGA for cities. City expenses keep rising and LGA hasn't kept up. He also shared more than 40,000 child care slots are needed to meet growing demands in Greater Minnesota. One of the largest barriers in creating more child care spaces is infrastructure with the average cost to build a new center topping \$1 million. A proposal by CGMC and Greater Minnesota Partnership aims to address this critical need by reducing start-up and construction costs.

Mayor Koets shared he has been testifying at House meetings pushing to eliminate cities from paying the costs of replacing lead water service lines. There are approximately 300-500 houses with lead water lines in the city. They are asking the legislators to fund a loan/grant program to assist lower income individuals help pay for costs associated with removing lead water lines.

Koets also shared work has been continuing on the dental clinic and they are looking at April as a possible opening date.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Stout and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Myron D. Koets
Mayor

ATTEST:

Deb Nelson
City Clerk