

Pipestone, Minnesota  
January 4, 2010

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Work Session of the Pipestone City Council was duly held in the Municipal Building at 6:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010. Mayor Ness called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. Members present: Laurie Ness, Barbara Heyl, Harry Hansen, Jim Stout and Fred Portz. Absent: None. Others present: Debra Fitzgerald and City Administrator/City Attorney Jeff Jones.

Mayor Ness stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed 2010 fee schedule.

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones then identified several proposed changes and some new fees including a storm sewer connection fee of \$350.00 for new connections. Other charges included an increase in the monthly storm sewer charge. Councilmember Hansen stated that an increase in the storm sewer fee was understandable in view of work that needs to be done.

The Council then discussed a proposed fee for use of city picnic tables outside the city limits. The proposal is to charge \$8.50 per table and require the renter to transport the picnic tables. A \$25.00 per table deposit would also be required. Councilmember Heyl questioned whether city picnic tables should be available to individuals living outside the city.

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones pointed out that the ordinance setting the fees would need to be introduced during the Regular Council meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>. The vote on the ordinance would take place on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Jones then informed the Council that Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership had asked to be placed on the agenda to obtain Council support to pursue an Energy Efficiency grant. If received, the grant would be used to purchase and install energy efficient windows in the Storybrook Apartments. These apartments are owned by Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership. The Council directed Jones to request that a representative of Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership make a presentation to the Council at its January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Stout, seconded by Heyl and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

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Laurie K Ness  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeffrey R. Jones  
City Administrator