

Pipestone, Minnesota
March 7, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting of the Pipestone City Council was duly held in the Municipal Building at 5:00 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, City Engineer Travis Winter, Cable Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt and City Administrator/City Attorney Jeff Jones.

2022 PROJECTS

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones reviewed the updated One Year Plan based on discussion at the February 22, 2022 session. Councilmember Delaney stated that the school had expressed interest in participating in any improvements at the new soccer field. Delaney also stated that the Ewert Rec Center locker rooms need updating.

The council then addressed 2022 street project. City Engineer Travis Winter stated that the various national and international events made it a volatile bidding environment. The 2022 project as proposed is estimated at approximately \$6 million. Public Facilities Authority grant and low interest loans are possible to reduce the cost to the city. Winter is proposing an April 4th bid opening.

Jones stated that he and Winter are exploring a grant to fund paving of Industrial Road and East Road. It was the consensus of the council to proceed with the 2022 project as proposed subject to the receipt of the actual bids.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The council then discussed the future of the Community Library. Councilmember Delaney then asked the council to state their view on the negotiation of a new library/school agreement. All members stated their support for a community library. The forum to be held March 14th should provide guidance on the community's position.

LIQUOR STORE SIGN

Mayor Koets stated that the Human Rights Commission is requesting that the peace pipe be removed from the liquor store sign. The reason for the request is that Native Americans view the pipe as a sacred thing and feel it is inappropriate to have it displayed on a liquor store sign.

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones will get an estimate on the cost to remove that portion of the sign. Jones will also obtain a quote to update the sign at Harmon Park.

EXPANSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Discussion then followed on options to expanding the park. Councilmember Delaney asked about closing the grass runway to free up the city-owned lot on Highway 75. Jones will find out the process to eliminate the runway.

The council agreed to hold another Planning Session on April 4, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Myron D. Koets
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey R. Jones
City Administrator