

Pipestone, Minnesota
July 18, 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 18th day of July 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: John Draper, Diane Heard, Marjie Oye, Helena Carlson, Rob Dykstra, Roger Raschke, Steve Weets, Jo Weets, Aeronautics Engineer Silas Parmar, City Engineer Travis Winter, Cable Access Coordinator Steve Moffitt, and City Administrator/City Attorney Jeff Jones.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA – ADDITIONS, CHANGES OR DELETIONS

Mayor Koets stated the agenda will need to be amended to add an Executive/Closed Session item to discuss the possible offer to purchase Lot 1, Greenhouse Addition to the City of Pipestone.

Motion was made by Stout, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to amend the agenda to include an Executive/Closed Session to discuss the possible offer to purchase Lot 1, Greenhouse Addition to the City of Pipestone.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Koets stated the Consent Agenda contains the July 5, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes; July 5, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills in the amount of \$401,938.24 for warrants #067118 to #067228 to be issued in payment thereof; June 2022 Financial Reports; and Informational Reports and asked if there was any discussion regarding these items.

Motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Schroyer and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the July 5, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes; July 5, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; Payment of Claims-Listing of Bills in the amount of \$401,938.24 for warrants #067118 to #067228 to be issued in payment thereof; June 2022 Financial Reports; and Informational Reports.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Helena Carlson stated her concerns regarding tourism in the City of Pipestone and encouraged the council to do more to support the city.

PUBLIC HEARING

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Mayor Koets stated the purpose of the public hearing was to take comment on the 2023 budget.

Motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Stout and unanimously carried to open the public hearing.

Steve Weets addressed the council requesting that the council consider supporting the new Senior Center/Food Shelf building with \$150,000.00 paid over three years. They are also requesting that the city continue to provide financial support for the Senior Center at its current location for 2023.

Motion was made by Schroyer, seconded by Stout and unanimously carried to close the public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-33

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones explained that the resolution would authorize submission of a grant to MnDOT to pay for new fuel tanks at the airport. The resolution had been tabled from a previous meeting to allow Silas Parmar, Aeronautics Engineer for Bolton & Menk, to attend the council meeting.

Silas Parmar then addressed the need for the new tanks due to water getting into the current tanks. The new tank would be an above-ground tank. The city's share will be \$162,800.00.

Motion was made by Stout, seconded by Delaney and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2022-33: A RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT EXCLUDING LAND ACQUISITION.

Resolution 2022-38

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones stated that the council had approved surfacing 1th Street NE at a previous meeting. This resolution would authorize soliciting bids for the project.

Motion was made by Schroyer and seconded by Stout to approve Resolution 2022-38: A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT BIDS. Upon vote taken; Ayes: Koets, Stout, Schroyer; Nays: Smidt, Delaney, motion carried 3-2.

Water Treatment Facility Project – Change Order No. 3

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones stated that this had been tabled to allow the council additional time to review the Change Order.

City Engineer Travis Winter explained that Change Order No. 3 was for additional alarms and other staff requested items to be added. The change order was for \$27,469.15.

Motion was made by Stout, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to approve Change Order No. 3.

Winter then gave an update on the street project stating paving will begin July 27th.

Carnegie Library Building

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones stated that this item had been tabled at the July 5th meeting. Legal counsel has prepared a Restrictive Covenant to ensure that the historic appearance of the building will remain if purchased.

Councilmember Delaney expressed his concerns about selling the property.

Motion was made by Stout and seconded by Smidt to approve adding the Restrictive Covenant to the sale provisions of the Carnegie Library. Upon vote taken; Ayes: Koets, Stout, Smidt; Nays: Delaney, Schroyer, motion carried 3-2.

Public Library Agreement

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones stated that he was seeking guidance from the council regarding the directive to him to prepare a new library agreement. Jones stated that he felt, based on the February 11, 2022 letter from the Department of Education, that the core issue was who hires and fires public library personnel.

After some discussion, Jones was directed to prepare a new proposal for council review.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-39

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones explained that the city has a Limited Use Permit from MnDOT authorizing the city to put up flags and banners in the median along Highway 30. The permit expires in October 2022 and needs to be renewed.

Motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Stout and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2022-39: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PIPESTONE TO ENTER INTO A LIMITED USE PERMIT WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR MAINTENANCE AND USE BY THE CITY OF PIPESTONE UPON, ALONG AND ADJACENT TO TRUNK HIGHWAY 30.

Approve 1-4 Day Temporary Liquor License for Pipestone Jaycees

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones stated that this request was part of the annual County Fair events.

Motion was made by Stout, seconded by Schroyer and unanimously carried to approve the 1-4 Day Temporary Liquor License for Pipestone Jaycees.

Chamber of Commerce Request

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones explained that the Chamber will be holding Crazy Days July 30th and is requesting closure of the 200 block of West Main and the use of City Hall public restrooms that day.

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Stout and unanimously carried to close the 200 block of West Main Street and use of City Hall restrooms on Saturday, July 30th for Crazy Days.

CLOSING COMMENTS

City Administrator/City Attorney Jones pointed out that the city provides \$35,000.00 in support to the Chamber and Visitors and Tourism Board and reminded councilmembers that department budget sessions will be starting July 26th.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Stout and unanimously carried to close regular session and go into Executive/Closed Session to discuss the possible offer to purchase Lot 1, Greenhouse Addition to the City of Pipestone.

Motion was made by Smidt, seconded by Schroyer and unanimously carried to open Executive/Closed Session.

Motion was made by Stout, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to close Executive/Closed Session.

Motion was made by Stout, seconded by Smidt and unanimously carried to re-open regular session.

Mayor Koets stated that no action would be taken regarding the closed session topic.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Myron D. Koets
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey R. Jones
City Administrator