

The Mayor and City Council of the City Of Pierce met in regular session on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Pierce Fire Hall. Present: Mayor Shannon Stuchlik, City Council Members Bob Bates, Rick Ronspies, and Lee Acklie. Absent: City Council Member Tom Maas. Also Present: City Clerk Mary Jean Rogers, City Administrator Chad Anderson, City Attorney Verlyn Luebbe, Troy Becker, Jared Baumann, Tom Higgenbotham, Mike Baumann, Charlie Hunt, Randy Evans, Rick Higgins, Shannon Reinke, Todd Wragge, Steve Dolesh, and Randee Falter.

Advance notice of the meeting was published in the Pierce County Leader. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council. The Mayor and the City Council members have signed an Acknowledgment Of Receipt Of Notice Of Meeting dated August 7, 2017. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice in the Pierce County Leader and in the notice to the Mayor and City Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The audience was notified that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted inside the west entrance of the Pierce Fire Hall on the north wall.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 City Council Meeting. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Absent: Maas. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve the City Of Pierce July 31, 2017 Financial Report listing Cash And Investments in the amount of \$3,974,216.47 and Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of \$1,045,000.00. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Absent: Maas. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve the City Of Pierce Claims in the amount of \$145,705.94 and the Pierce Utilities Claims in the amount of \$216,176.43 for a total of \$361,882.37. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, and Bates. Nay: None. Absent: Maas. Motion carried.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Ronspies to open the hearing on the application to the Nebraska Department Of Economic Development for a Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00. Voting Aye: Acklie, Bates, and Ronspies. Nay: None. Absent: Maas. Motion carried.

Tom Higgenbotham of the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District explained the various aspects of the Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant application. It was noted that the City Of Pierce matching funds would be \$9,450.00 instead of \$9,000.00 that was listed in the Notice Of Public Hearing.

The application represents Phase I in which \$30,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant Funds is being requested and of that amount, \$27,000.00 would be used for planning activities and \$3,000.00 would be used for general administration of the grant. The \$9,450.00 City Of Pierce matching funds would also be used for planning activities. The total amount of planning activities is \$36,450.00 and the total project budget is \$39,450.00.

If the grant application is successful, a consultant would be hired to implement the planning activities process.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to close the hearing. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Absent: Maas. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve the Resolution that Mayor Shannon Stuchlik be authorized and directed to proceed with the formulation of any contracts, documents, or other memoranda regarding the application for an amount of \$30,000.00 for a Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant. The proposed project will aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. No persons will be displaced as a result of CDBG activities. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Absent: Maas. Motion carried.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Ronspies to approve the Resolution to declare that the Pierce Downtown Redevelopment Area meets the definitions of substandard according to criteria set forth in Section 18-2103 (10) of the Nebraska Community Development Act. It is further declared that it meets the definitions of blighted according to the criteria set forth in Section 18-2103 (11) (a) of the Nebraska Community Development Act and at least one of the factors set forth in (i) through (iv) of Section 18-2103(11)(b) of the Nebraska Community Development Act. The Pierce Downtown Redevelopment Area meets the CBDG National Objective of slum and blight on an area basis (SBA). Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, and Bates. Nay: None. Absent: Maas. Motion carried.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Ronspies to appoint Tom Maas as an alternate representative of the City Of Pierce to the NMPP Members' Council. Voting Aye: Acklie, Bates, and Ronspies. Nay: None. Absent: Maas. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve alcohol consumption in the Pierce Fire Hall in conjunction with the Pierce Fire Department Annual Appreciation Feed on August 11, 2017 from 6:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Absent: Maas. Motion carried.

Motion by Bates and seconded by Ronspies to approve Josh Rasmussen and Reed Schaefer as members of the Pierce Fire Dept. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Absent: Maas. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve Josh Henery as a member of Pierce Rescue. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, and Bates. Nay: None. Absent: Maas. Motion carried.

City Attorney Verlyn Luebbe presented information concerning a request for the City Of Pierce to either disclaim or release mineral rights on property in Lots 5 and 6, Lot 29, and all of that part of Lot 8, Block 30, all in the Original Town Of Pierce. Certain matters regarding neighboring properties were also discussed.

Motion by Bates and seconded by Acklie to adjourn. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Mayor