

The Mayor and City Council of the City Of Pierce met in regular session on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Pierce Fire Hall. Present: Mayor Shannon Stuchlik, City Council Members Tom Maas, Rick Ronspies, and Lee Acklie. Absent: City Council Member Bob Bates. Also Present: City Clerk Mary Jean Rogers, City Administrator Chad Anderson, City Attorney Verlyn Luebbe, Wade Leisner, Ashley Halsey, Richard Eymann, Edward Sporleder, Brett Oestreich, Mike Baumann, Steve Dolesh, Rodney Schwartz, Mike Ross, Charlie Hunt, Lyndon DeJong, Randee Falter, and interested citizens.

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 October 2, 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 Maas and seconded by Ronspies to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Budget Meeting and the September 11, 2017 City Council Meeting. Voting Aye: Maas, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Absent: Bates. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve the City Of Pierce September 30, 2017 Financial Report listing Cash And Investments in the amount of \$4,096,601.67 and Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of \$1,045,000.00. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Absent: Bates. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Maas to approve the City Of Pierce Claims in the amount of \$157,168.88 and the Pierce Utilities Claims in the amount of \$174,463.42 for a total of \$331,632.30. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Absent: Bates. Motion carried.

The matter of the Conditional Use Permit application for the use of self-storage units within a C-2 (General Commercial) District located at Block 31, S ½ Lots 5 & 6 (62x132), Original Town Of Pierce, And Block 31, South 40 Feet Of North ½ Lots 5,6 & North 22 Feet of East 12 Feet, Lot 6, Original Town Of Pierce, Pierce, Nebraska which was tabled at the September 11, 2017 City Council Meeting was brought up for discussion. Charlie Hunt was in the audience.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Acklie to deny the request on the Conditional Use Permit application for the use of self-storage units within a C-2 (General Commercial) District located at Block 31, S ½ Lots 5 & 6 (62x132), Original Town Of Pierce, And Block 31, South 40 Feet Of North ½ Lots 5, 6 & North 22 Feet of East 12 Feet, Lot 6, Original Town Of Pierce, Pierce, Nebraska. Voting Aye: Acklie, Maas, and Ronspies. Nay: None. Absent: Bates. Motion carried.

Mike Baumann was in attendance at the meeting on behalf of his new car wash and discussed water and sewer rates relative to his business. He inquired if the City Council would consider offering some sort of a volume discount based on larger amounts of water usage. He asked if the City Council would consider waiving hook-up fees and also brought up the matter of Tax Increment Financing. No formal action was taken.

Mike Ross, Rodney Schwartz, and Steve Dolesh addressed the Mayor and City Council concerning the structure of the Pierce Fire Department. Discussion items included the department consideration to apply for a 501(c) (3) status, tax deductible donations, grants, sales tax, and keeping the Mayor and City Council informed of the various matters that are being researched by the department.

Ordinance #691, to approve the purchase of land from David R. Haas for use as an additional well site within the City Of Pierce, was introduced by City Council Member Rick Ronspies.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Maas to waive the three readings of Ordinance #691. Voting Aye: Maas, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Absent: Bates. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve Ordinance #691, to approve the purchase of land from David R. Haas for use as an additional well site within the City Of Pierce. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Absent: Bates. Motion carried.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Acklie to approve the Resolution dividing a tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Section 34, Township 26 North, Pierce County Nebraska, also known as J And T Lot Split. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Absent: Bates. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Maas to approve the 2017 NDOR Holiday Open House Parade Resolution. Voting Aye: Acklie, Maas, and Ronspies. Nay: None. Absent: Bates. Motion carried.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Ronspies to approve Nate Emerson as a member of the Pierce Fire Dept. Voting Aye: Maas, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Absent: Bates. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve a \$112.50 per month cost of living increase for Chad Anderson, Troy Becker, Richard Eymann, Ashley Halsey, Paul Hilkemann Jr., Wade Leisner, Brett Oestreich, Mary Jean Rogers, Austin Rohrich, Edward Sporleder, Dawnn Tucker, and Gary Zimmer and to approve a .25 per hour increase for Vicky Marks, Terese Polt, Elizabeth Blair, Judy Fuerhoff, and Mark Henzler. Voting Aye: Maas, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Absent: Bates. Motion carried.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Acklie to increase the salary of Richard Eymann by \$100.00 per month effective on the second payroll run in October 2017. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Absent: Bates. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Maas to adjourn. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

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Mayor