

March 04, 2024

The Acting Mayor and City Council of the City Of Pierce met in regular session on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the Pierce Fire Hall. Present: Acting Mayor Lee Acklie, City Council Members Kyle Stuchlik, Jared Baumann, and Will Fogle. Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Furstenau, City Administrator Chad Anderson, City Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Randee Falter, Police Chief Brett Oestreich, and several members of the Pierce Community. Not present was Mayor Tom Meyer.

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 Acting Mayor and the City Council Members have signed an Acknowledgment Of Receipt Of Notice Of Meeting dated March 4, 2024. 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 Baumann and seconded by Fogle to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024 City Council Meeting. Voting Aye: Acklie, Stuchlik, Baumann, and Fogle. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Fogle to approve the City Of Pierce February 29, 2024 Financial Report listing Cash And Investments in the amount of \$5,759,324.61 and Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of \$1,966,368.75. Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Fogle, Acklie, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

City Of Pierce claims were submitted in the amount of \$151,462.79 and Pierce Utilities claims were submitted in the amount of \$173,006.81 for a total of \$324,469.60.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the City Of Pierce Pierce Telephone Company claim in the amount of \$756.88 and the Pierce Utilities Pierce Telephone Company claim in the amount of \$544.33. Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Baumann, and Acklie. Nay: None. Abstaining: Fogle. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the remainder of the City Of Pierce claims in the amount of \$150,705.91 and the remainder of the Pierce Utilities claims in the amount of \$172,462.48. Voting Aye: Baumann, Acklie, Fogle, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Fire & Rescue Annual Report was tabled until next month's meeting.

City Administrator, Chad Anderson pointed out the benefits of MEAN's modernized Schedule Service M Agreement with the Mayor and City Council. The modernized SSM contract includes an option for MEAN members to exit the contract if they choose. The modernized SSM contract updates terms and policies to match today's electric utility standards.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Fogle to waive the three readings of Ordinance #736. Voting Aye: Acklie, Stuchlik, Fogle, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve Ordinance #736, To Adopt and Execute Service Schedule M, Amended and Restated Total Power Requirements Power Purchase Agreement with Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN). Voting Aye: Baumann, Stuchlik, Acklie, and Fogle. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chad Anderson reported on the results and recommendations of the water and sewer rate study conducted in January by the Nebraska Rural Water Association.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to waive the three readings of Ordinance #737. Voting Aye: Acklie, Stuchlik, Fogle, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve Ordinance #737, To Amend Water Customer Service Charge; and Sewer Customer Service Charge and Rates for Pierce Utility Customers. Voting Aye: Acklie, Baumann, Fogle, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Fogle to approve the Authorization for Advertisement for Bids for 5<sup>th</sup> & Main Intersection Project and approve the plans and specifications for 5<sup>th</sup> & Main Intersection Replacement Project with the estimated cost of \$90,000 from Advanced Consulting

Engineering Services. Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Acklie, Fogle, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve additional payroll change for Austin Rohrich to \$307.89 per month. Voting Aye: Baumann, Acklie, Fogle, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Shane Clausen was present to discuss with the Mayor and City Council some concerns about certain repairs and updates that need to be addressed regarding the Gilman Park Baseball Field prior to the start of summer practice beginning in mid-May.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to adjourn. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

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Acting Mayor