

The Mayor and City Council of the City Of Pierce met in regular session on Monday, October 7, 2024 at the Pierce Fire Hall. Present: Mayor Tom Meyer, City Council Members Lee Acklie, Jared Baumann, Kyle Stuchlik, and Will Fogle. Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Furstenuau, City Administrator Chad Anderson, City Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Brett Oestreich, Austin Rohrich, Todd Wragge, Brenda Roberts, Kathleen Rockey, Barb Buettgenbach, Devon Munter, Randee Falter, and Andrew Wolff with Highstreet Insurance & Financial Services.

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 City Council Members have signed an Acknowledgment Of Receipt Of Notice Of Meeting dated October 7, 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.

It was announced 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 Stuchlik to approve the minutes of the September 09, 2024 Budget Hearing and to approve the minutes of the September 09, 2024 City Council Meeting. Voting Aye: Fogle, Stuchlik, Acklie, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the City Of Pierce September 30, 2024 Financial Report listing Cash And Investments in the amount of \$6,385,913.85 and Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of \$1,761,368.75. Voting Aye: Fogle, Baumann, Stuchlik, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

City Of Pierce claims were submitted in the amount of \$146,728.90 and Pierce Utilities claims were submitted in the amount of \$189,974.75 for a total of \$336,703.65.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Acklie to approve the City of Pierce Pierce Telephone Claim in the amount of \$861.58 and the Pierce Utilities Pierce Telephone Company Claim in the amount of \$487.53. Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Baumann, and Acklie. Nay: None. Abstain: Fogle. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the remainder of The City Of Pierce claims in the amount of \$145,867.32 and the Pierce Utilities claims in the amount of \$189,487.22. Voting Aye: Acklie, Stuchlik, Fogle, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Fogle to open the 2025 Street Plan Hearing. Voting Aye: Fogle, Acklie, Baumann, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chad Anderson presented information on the 2025 Street Plan which includes the 2025 One Year Plan and the 2026-2030 Six Year Plan.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Acklie to close the 2025 Street Plan Hearing. Voting Aye: Fogle, Stuchlik, Baumann, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Stuchlik to adopt the 2025 Street Plan. Voting Aye: Fogle, Acklie, Stuchlik, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the Resolution for the signing of the Municipal Annual Certification Compliance Form 2024. Voting Aye: Fogle, Acklie, Stuchlik, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to Open Hearing to Consider the Approval of Conditional Use Permit for a Motel/Hotel Within A General Commercial District, Original Town Block 26, Part of Lots 5&6, Pierce NE. Voting Aye: Acklie, Baumann, Stuchlik, and Fogle. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Devon Munter discussed with the Mayor and Council his plans for 2 motel rooms on the west side of the building with one unit to include a small kitchen and both units' entry door accessible to Brown Street. Bookings would be done via Airbnb with a maximum stay of no more than 60 days. City Administrator informed the Mayor and Council that the Planning and Zoning Committee had approved the request.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Fogle to Close the Hearing to Consider the Approval of Conditional Use Permit for a Motel/Hotel Within A General Commercial District, Original Town

Block 26, Part of Lots 5&6, Pierce NE. Voting Aye: Acklie, Baumann, Stuchlik, and Fogle. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Acklie to Approve the Conditional Use Permit for a Motel/Hotel Within A General Commercial District, Original Town Block 26, Part of Lots 5&6 for a period of 5 years and a maximum stay of a guest of no more than 60 days. Voting Aye: Baumann, Stuchlik, Acklie, and Fogle. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Andrew Wolff spoke to the Mayor and City Council about the insurance renewal rates & coverage of property insurance and workers compensation insurance.

Brenda Roberts and Kathleen Rockey were present to discuss with the Council the house at 115 E. Court St. which the City Council had deemed previously as an unsafe structure as defined within Municipal Code 9-301. Mrs. Rockey and Mrs. Roberts discussed with the Council the condition of the home, what had been done to the home within the past month, and what the short-term plans were for improvements to the home. There was discussion of having an on-site meeting between City officials, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Rockey, and the general contractor prior to November 4th. Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to extend the deadline a month to November 30th with the understanding there would be a progress report, completion date, and documentation from the contractor overseeing the construction that the home was a safe structure to be given at the November 4th City Council meeting.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the Vacant Property Registration Exemption Request at 320 E Willow for one year. Voting Aye: Baumann, Acklie, Fogle, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the Vacant Property Registration Exemption Request at 410 E Main for one year. Voting Aye: Baumann, Acklie, Fogle, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Acklie to approve the Authorization of Advertisement for Bids for the Street Department Pickup. Voting Aye: Fogle, Stuchlik, Acklie, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Acklie to approve the payment of 50 personal days for Brett Oestreich and Troy Becker. Voting Aye: Fogle, Stuchlik, Baumann, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Baumann to approve a \$250.00 per month cost of living salary increase for salaried employees; \$100.00 per month salary increase plus the cost of living raise for fiscal year 2024-25 for Chad Anderson, Troy Becker, Brett Oestreich, Austin Rohrich, and Bill Wragge; a \$150.00 per month salary increase plus the cost of living raise for fiscal year 2024-25 for Clay Johnson; hourly staff increases were Emily Edmisten to \$13.50 per hour, Judy Fuerhoff to \$13.50 per hour, Jadie Grashorn to \$13.50 per hour, Brandy Watson to \$13.50 per hour, and Cali Warneke to \$11.00 per hour. Payroll Changes will be effective the second pay period in October 2024. Voting Aye: Fogle, Acklie, Stuchlik, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Stuchlik to approve Kansas City Life Insurance Coverage for Levi Stepp (FIRE), Meranda Reukuf and Christine Nichols (CERT). Voting Aye: Fogle, Stuchlik, Baumann, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Acklie to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Mayor