The Mayor and City Council of the City Of Pierce met in regular session on Monday, January 05, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. at the Pierce Fire Hall. Present: Mayor Tom Meyer, City Council Members Lee Acklie, Will Fogle, Kyle Stuchlik, and Jared Baumann. Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Furstenau, City Administrator Chad Anderson, Library Director Jennifer Thomsen, City Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Randee Falter, and John Zwingman with Advanced Consulting Engineering 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 the City Council Members have signed an Acknowledgment Of Receipt Of Notice Of Meeting dated January 05, 2026. 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 Stuchlik and seconded by Acklie to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 City Council Meeting. Voting Aye: Fogle, Baumann, Stuchlik, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the City Of Pierce December 31, 2025 Financial Report listing Cash And Investments in the amount of $6,213,567.60 and Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of $1,560,000.00. Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Baumann, Fogle, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Acklie to approve the City Of Pierce Pierce Telephone Company claim in the amount of $1,732.63 and the Pierce Utilities Pierce Telephone Company claim in the amount of $1,439.32. 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 $230,025.31 and the remainder of the Pierce Utilities claims in the amount of $192,503.16. Voting Aye: Acklie, Fogle, Baumann, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The following appointments were announced by Mayor Tom Meyer:

City Clerk/Treasurer	Cathy Furstenau
City Administrator	Chad Anderson
City Attorney	Ted Lohrberg
City Physician	Lane Handke
Electric Supt.	Clay Johnson
Water/Sewer Supt.	Kirk White
Park Supt.	Austin Kroupa
Street Supt.	Bill Wragge
Zoning Administrator	Chad Anderson
Emergency Management Director	Arnie Venteicher
Police Chief	Brett Oestreich
Police Sargent	Troy Becker
Police Officer	Austin Rohrich

Planning and Zoning Commission: Paul Sedlacek, Dave Bachman, Leon Janovy, Josh Nichols, Blaine Bockelman, Chad Theisen, Craig Wachter.

Board of Adjustment: Mike Kroupa, Gerald Hixson, Dave Bachman, Steve Schwartz, Jody Koehler, Chase Warneke (Alternate).

Library Board: Billie Graham, Anne Muhs, Julie Schultz, Tracy Sporleder, Molly White.

Housing Authority: Rick Higgins, Austin Kroupa, Pam Magdanz, Lori Wragge, Susan Stevens.

Board of Appeals: Shawn Koehler, Brad Ekberg, Chad Theisen, Leon Janovy (Alternate).

Tree Board: Austin Kroupa, Pat Moeller, Mary Birch, Mike Gleason, Matthew Neal, Karen Koehn, Paula Bretschneider.

Downtown Revitalization Committee: Bruce Brester, Shawn Koehler, Trent Thompson, Kim Fogle, Jessica Rohleder.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Fogle to approve the appointments as announced by Mayor Tom Meyer. Voting Aye: Acklie, Stuchlik, Fogle, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Library Director Jennifer Thomsen presented to the Mayor and City Council a report on the day-to-day operations of the library. She also discussed some upcoming events that include hosting a multi-month group looking at the travels of Lewis and Clark; January 22nd- Unearth a Story (find your family tree); February 13/14th, will be hosting Chocolate Lovers Day; February 26th- Spotting Scams; and March 12th-Remember the Ladies-Stitching Together a Revolution with Humanities Nebraska. Director Thomsen also reminded the Mayor and Council along with those in attendance, that activities or any updates happening at the Library are posted on the Marquee located on the front of the building, in the Pierce County Leader and also posted on Facebook.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Acklie to approve the Plans and Specifications and to approve the authorization of advertising for bids for the sewer lagoon valve replacement. Voting Aye: Fogle, Stuchlik, Acklie, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

City Administrator Chad Anderson discussed with the Mayor and City Council about raising the Gilman Park Camping Fees from $10.00 per day to $20.00 per day.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the increase of the Gilman Park Camping Fees from $10.00 to $20.00 per day. Voting Aye: Fogle, Acklie, Stuchlik, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was announced that the 2024-25 Form 35K, Nebraska City Lottery Annual Report, is available for public inspection at the Pierce City Office.

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

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City Clerk Mayor