The Mayor and City Council of the City Of Pierce met in regular session on Monday, March 02, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. at the Pierce Fire Hall. Present: Mayor Tom Meyer, City Council Members Lee Acklie, Kyle Stuchlik, and Jared Baumann. Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Furstenau, City Administrator Chad Anderson, City Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Randee Falter, Police Sargent Troy Becker, Fire Chief Steve Dolesh, Ross Lawrence with JEO Consulting Group, Curt Becker with the Lower Elkhorn NRD, and a few residents of the Pierce Community. Not present was City Council Member Will Fogle.

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 March 02, 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 February 09, 2026 City Council Meeting. Voting Aye: Baumann, Stuchlik, and Acklie. Nay: None. Absent: Fogle. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the City Of Pierce February 28, 2026 Financial Report listing Cash And Investments in the amount of $6,346,421.72 and Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of $1,560,000.00. Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Baumann, and Acklie. Nay: None. Absent: Fogle. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the City Of Pierce claims in the amount of $174,530.10 and the Pierce Utilities claims in the amount of $214,755.24. Voting Aye: Baumann, Acklie, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Absent: Fogle. Motion carried.

Ross Lawrence, with JEO, presented to the Mayor and City Council the results of the Levee Accreditation Evaluation which was completed in December. The Levee Accreditation Evaluation is Phase I of the Levee Accreditation Process. The recommendations of the evaluation include all levee components that need to be upgraded to meet today's FEMA's minimum standards for a levee system. The components include the amount of freeboard necessary to meet FEMA minimum requirements; closures and drainage structure slide gates; embankment and foundation stability including the addition of seepage berms and/or trench drains; and operation and maintenance updates. The Evaluation also recommends an interior drainage component which includes the option of installing two pumping stations. Phase 2 of the Levee Accreditation Process is to begin the preliminary design process. The total estimated cost for Phase 2 is $443,000. The City of Pierce will request funding from the Lower Elkhorn NRD to split the costs.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Stuchlik to Authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District for Cost Sharing Engineering Services based upon approval of the Lower Elkhorn NRD's approval of the final draft. Voting Aye: Acklie, Stuchlik, and Baumann. Nay: None. Absent: Fogle. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Stuchlik to waive the three readings of Ordinance #748. Voting Aye: Acklie, Stuchlik, and Baumann. Nay: None. Absent: Fogle. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Acklie to approve Ordinance #748, Detachment of Property From City Limits, Mohr's 3rd Addition All of Block 3 and Mohr's 3rd Addition Block 2, Lots 7-8 from City Limits Owned by Pierce Ag Society. Voting Aye: Acklie, Baumann, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Absent: Fogle. Motion carried.

Steve Dolesh presented the 2025 Pierce Fire Report and the 2025 Pierce Rescue Report.

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

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Stuchlik to approve Lot Split Resolution, Pierce O.T. Block 27, Lots 3&4 and Vacated Alley. Voting Aye: Baumann, Acklie, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Absent: Fogle. Motion carried.

One Bid was received for the Chilvers Park Basketball Court.

Tri State Snap Sports $37,399.00
(includes Outdoor Dura Court, painting & installation along with a basketball hoop system)

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Acklie to approve the bid from Tri State Snap Sports in the amount of $37,399.00 for the Chilvers Park Basketball Court. Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Baumann, and Acklie. Nay: None. Absent: Fogle. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the addition of Ethan Kipp to the Pierce Volunteer Fire Department. Voting Aye: Acklie, Stuchlik, and Baumann. Nay: None. Absent: Fogle. Motion carried.

Motion by Stuchlik and seconded by Acklie to approve the additional payroll change for Troy Becker $240.48 per month, Ashley Halsey $467.78 per month, Austin Rohrich $305.09 per month, Jennifer Thomsen $372.19 per month effective February 25th, 2026. Voting Aye: Acklie, Baumann, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Absent: Fogle. Motion carried.

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

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City Clerk Mayor