The September meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Pierce was held following the budget hearing at the Pierce Fire Hall and was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Tom Meyer. Present: Mayor Tom Meyer, City Council Members Kyle Stuchlik, Jared Baumann, and Will Fogle. Not Present was Lee Acklie. Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Furstenau, City Administrator Chad Anderson, City Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Police Chief Brett Oestreich, Randee Falter, and several residents of the City of Pierce community.

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 September 10, 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 Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2026 City Council Meeting. Voting Aye: Baumann, Stuchlik, and Fogle. Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Fogle to approve the City of Pierce August 31, 2026 Financial Report listing Cash and Investments in the amount of $6,762,972.51 and Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of $1,335,000.00. Voting Aye: Fogle, Baumann, and Stuchlik.
Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

Motion by Stuchlik and seconded by Baumann to approve the City Of Pierce Pierce Telephone Company claims in the amount of $766.29 and the Pierce Utilities Pierce Telephone Company claims in the amount of $547.57. Voting Aye: Stuchlik and Baumann. Nay: None. Abstaining: Fogle. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the remainder of the City Of Pierce Claims in the amount of $224,529.56 and the remainder of the Pierce Utilities Claims in the amount of $252,390.34. Voting Aye: Baumann, Fogle, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the City Of Pierce 2026-27 Budget. Voting Aye: Fogle, Baumann, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

Motion by Stuchlik and seconded by Fogle to approve the Resolution setting the 2026-27 property tax request. Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Fogle, and Baumann. Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Baumann to open a hearing for Consideration of Approval of a Subdivision Known as Sokol's 2nd Addition within the City's One Mile Zoning Jurisdiction. Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Baumann, and Fogle. Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

City Administrator Chad Anderson discussed that this would include three rural lots west of the Sunset Street trailer court. The private driveway would be located on the east side of the subdivision. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved the subdivision at their August 10th meeting.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to close the hearing for Consideration of Approval of a Subdivision Known as Sokol's 2nd Addition within the City's One Mile Zoning Jurisdiction. Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Baumann, and Fogle. Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to waive the three readings of Ordinance #750. Voting Aye: Fogle, Baumann, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve Ordinance #750. Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Fogle, and Baumann. Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Baumann to open a hearing for Consideration of Approval of Amending Zoning Regulations to add the Definition of a "Shouse" and allowing a "Shouse" as a Permitted Conditional Use within a (TA) Transitional Agriculture District. Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Baumann, and Fogle. Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

City Administrator Chad Anderson discussed that the "Shouse" structure would have to be comprised of at least sixty percent living space, and forty percent attached garage or other space on ground level. The home must have a partitioned one-hour floor to ceiling fire wall to separate the living space on ground level and the structure must meet the definition of a single-family dwelling as outlined on Page 14 within the zoning regulations. He also discussed that a building permit is required along with the approval of the structure plans from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council before any construction can begin.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to close the hearing for Consideration of Approval of Amending Zoning Regulations to add the Definition of a "Shouse" and allowing a "Shouse" as a Permitted Conditional Use within a (TA) Transitional Agriculture District. Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Baumann, and Fogle. Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

Motion by Stuchlik and seconded by Fogle to waive the three readings of Ordinance #751. Voting Aye: Fogle, Baumann, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve Ordinance #751. Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Fogle, and Baumann. Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve Payment Request #21 for $62,204.87 for the Downtown Revitalization Grant 22-DTR-010. Voting Aye: Baumann, Stuchlik, and Fogle. Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

Motion by Stuchlik and seconded by Baumann to authorize City Administrator Chad Anderson to advertise for the Street Department Position. Voting Aye: Fogle, Baumann, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stucklike to authorize City Administrator Chad Anderson to advertise for the hiring of a Fourth Police Officer. Voting Aye: Baumann, Fogle, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

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

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City Clerk Mayor