September 10, 2026

The City Of Pierce 2026-27 budget hearing was held on Thursday, September 10, 2026. The budget hearing began at 6:30 P.M. and the tax request hearing was held immediately following the budget hearing.

Present: Mayor Tom Meyer, City Council Members Kyle Stuchlik, Jared Baumann, and Will Fogle. Council Member Lee Acklie was absent. Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Furstenau, City Administrator Chad Anderson, City Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Police Chief Brett Oestreich, Randee Falter, and a few members of the City of Pierce community.

Advance notice of the hearing was published in the Pierce County Leader. Advance notice of the hearing 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 hearing 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 open the City Of Pierce 2026-27 budget hearing. Voting Aye: Baumann, Stuchlik, and Fogle. Nay: None. Absent: Acklie. Motion carried.

A discussion of the City Of Pierce 2026-27 budget was held.

The 2026-27 budget of expenditures is $9,913,810.00. That represents a 14.72% increase from the 2025-26 fiscal year budget of expenditures.

The 2026 valuation is $152,332,958.00 an increase of $11,551,127.00 from the 2025 valuation.

Chad Anderson went over with the Council the major expenditures budgeted for within each fund of the City.

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

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

The 2026-27 tax requests were reviewed.

The total tax requests for the 2026-27 fiscal year will be $905,959.59. That is an increase of 8.2% from the 2025-26 fiscal year total tax requests. The General Fund tax request is $703,959.59 and the Bond Fund tax request is $202,000.00. The City Of Pierce is proposing to adopt a tax request that will result in the tax rate to be $0.594723 per $100.00 of assessed value.

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

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to adjourn the combination budget/tax request hearings at 6:51 P.M. Motion carried.

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City Clerk Mayor