The Mayor and City Council of the City Of Pierce met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 2026 at the Pierce Fire Hall. Present: Mayor Tom Meyer, City Council Members Lee Acklie, Jared Baumann, Will Fogle, and Kyle Stuchlik. Also Present: City Clerk Cathy Furstenau, City Administrator Chad Anderson, City Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Police Chief Brett Oestreich, Officer Troy Becker, Steve and Barb Buettgenbach, Randee Falter, Water/Sewer Superintendent Kirk White, Electric Superintendent Clay Johnson and some residents of the 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 City Council Members have signed an Acknowledgment Of Receipt Of Notice Of Meeting dated October 5, 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.

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

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the City Of Pierce September 30, 2026 Financial Report listing Cash And Investments in the amount of $7,320,467.15 and Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of $1,335,000.00. Voting Aye: Baumann, Stuchlik, Fogle, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Stuchlik to approve The City Of Pierce Pierce Telephone Company claim in the amount of $1,103.96 and the Pierce Utilities Pierce Telephone Company claim in the amount of $566.48. Voting Aye: Acklie, Baumann, Stuchlik. Nay: None. Abstain: Fogle. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Acklie to approve the remainder of the City Of Pierce Claims in the amount of $166,614.14 and the remainder of the Pierce Utilities Claims in the amount of $274,767.59. Voting Aye: Acklie, Fogle, Baumann, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to open the 2027 Street Plan Hearing. Voting Aye: Acklie, Stuchlik, Fogle, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chad Anderson presented information on the 2027 Street Plan which includes the 2027 One-Year Plan and the 2028-2032 Six-Year Plan.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Acklie to close the 2027 Street Plan Hearing. Voting Aye: Baumann, Acklie, Fogle, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Stuchlik and seconded by Fogle to adopt the 2027 Street Plan. Voting Aye: Baumann, Fogle, Acklie, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the Resolution for the signing of the Municipal Annual Certification Compliance Form 2026. Voting Aye: Acklie, Fogle, Baumann, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Stuchlik to open a hearing for Consideration of Approval of Amending Zoning Regulations to Allow Shouses as a Permitted Conditional Use Within an LDR-1 District. Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Baumann, Acklie, and Fogle. Nay: None. Motion carried.

City Administrator Chad Anderson reiterated what was discussed at the September City Council meeting that the “Shouse” structure would have to be comprised of 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 in the zoning regulations. He also discussed that a building permit is required along with approval of the structure plans from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council before any construction can begin.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Stuchlik to close the hearing for Consideration of Approval of Amending Zoning Regulations to Allow Shouses as a Permitted Conditional Use Within an LDR-1 District Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Baumann, Acklie, and Fogle. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Stuchlik to waive the three readings of Ordinance #752. Voting Aye: Fogle, Stuchlik, Acklie, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Stuchlik to approve Ordinance #752, an ordinance Amending Zoning Regulations to Allow a "Shouse" as a Permitted Conditional Use Within an LDR-1 District. Voting Aye: Fogle, Baumann, Stuchlik, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Acklie to approve the Vacant Property Registration Exemption Request at 320 E Willow for six months with an update on the progress at the April 2027 City Council meeting. Voting Aye: Baumann, Acklie, Fogle, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Fogle to approve the Pedersen-Koehler Lot Boundary Change. Voting Aye: Stuchlik, Acklie, Fogle, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Acklie to Approve the Authorization to Draw Up Ordinance Creating Street Improvement Districts for Bond Purposes. Voting Aye: Baumann, Acklie, Stuchlik, and Fogle. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Stuchlik and seconded by Acklie to approve the use of Keno Funds in the amount of $3000 for the purchase of six picnic tables from the Pierce Ag Society. Voting Aye: Acklie, Baumann, Fogle, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve the use of Keno Funds in the amount of $988.94 for the purchase of Fence Guard at Gilman Park Baseball Field. Voting Aye: Acklie, Baumann, Fogle, and Stuchlik. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fogle and seconded by Stuchlik to approve Kansas City Life Insurance Coverage for Vaughn Mathis (FIREFIGHTER), Blaine and Parker Anson (FIRE-CADET). Voting Aye: Baumann, Fogle, Stuchlik, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Baumann and seconded by Fogle to approve a $250.00 per month cost of living salary increase for salaried employees; Ashley Halsey $350.00 per month increase; Cathy Furstenau $350 per month increase; Clay Johnson $400.00 per month. Hourly staff increases were Emily Edmisten to $16.00 per hour, Michelle Ketelsen to $16.00 per hour, Brandy Watson to $16.00 per hour. Payroll Changes will be effective the second pay period in October 2026. Voting Aye: Acklie, Stuchlik, Fogle, and Baumann. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

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City Clerk Mayor