

September 8, 2008

The Mayor and City Council of the City Of Pierce met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Pierce Fire Hall. Present At Roll Call: Mayor Shannon Stuchlik, Tom Maas, Bob Bates, and Lee Acklie. Absent At Roll Call And Arriving Later: Rick Ronspies. Also In Attendance: City Clerk Mary Jean Rogers, City Administrator Chad Anderson, City Attorney Verlyn Luebbe, Brett Oestreich, Monte Zierke, John Krajewski, Dr. Todd Wragge, Dr. Kallie Johnson, Sharon Broekemeier, and several interested citizens.

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 8, 2008. 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 Maas and seconded by Bates to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2008 City Council Meeting. Voting Aye: Maas, Bates, and Acklie. Nay: None. Absent: Ronspies. Motion carried.

Motion by Bates and seconded by Acklie to approve the City Of Pierce August 31, 2008 Financial Report listing Cash And Investments in the amount of \$1,487,034.28 and Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of \$1,385,000.00. Voting Aye: Bates, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Absent: Ronspies. Motion carried.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Acklie to approve City Of Pierce claims in the amount of \$33.16. Voting Aye: Acklie, Maas, and Bates. Nay: None. Absent: Ronspies. Motion carried.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Maas to approve City Of Pierce claims in the amount of \$113,675.67 and Pierce Utilities claims in the amount of \$147,046.38. Voting Aye: Acklie, Maas, and Bates. Nay: None. Absent: Ronspies. Motion carried.

John Krajewski of JEO Consulting Group reviewed the results of a recent electric rate study with the City Council.

Ordinance #636, to create and establish electric rates was introduced by City Council Member Lee Acklie.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Maas to waive the three readings of Ordinance #636. Voting Aye: Maas, Bates, and Acklie. Nay: None. Absent: Ronspies. Motion carried.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Acklie to approve Ordinance #636, to create and establish electric rates. Voting Aye: Acklie, Maas, and Bates. Nay: None. Absent: Ronspies. Motion carried.

Rick Ronspies arrived at the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Monte Zierke discussed garbage rates and the costs incurred by M And M Sanitation in providing garbage service in the City Of Pierce.

Motion by Bates and seconded by Maas to approve the rate increase to M And M Sanitation in the amount of \$650.00 per month effective October 1, 2008. The monthly rate paid to M And M Sanitation will be \$8,500.00 effective October 1, 2008. A contract addendum to reflect the rate increase will be prepared. Voting Aye: Maas, Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The following bid was received for the construction of improvements in Street Improvement District Nos. 2008-02 through 2008-11.

Sta-bilt Construction . . . Remanipulation \$135,450.00 . . . Armor Coating \$8,700.00

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve the bid of Sta-bilt Construction in the amount of \$135,450.00 for remanipulation and \$8,700.00 for armor coating for the construction of improvements in Street Improvement District Nos. 2008-02 through 2008-11. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Bates to approve the Resolution for the declaration of intent to issue tax exempt bond anticipation notes or bonds for improvements in Street Improvement District Nos. 2008-02 through 2008-11 and to declare the City Of Pierce's reasonable expectations to reimburse certain expenditures with the proceeds of such bond anticipation notes or bonds. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Drs. Todd Wragge and Kallie Johnson spoke to the City Council on the safety and benefits of fluoride. The matter of the addition of fluoride to the city water system will be submitted to the qualified electors of the city at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

A discussion of the construction of a proposed new softball field on land owned by Pierce Public School was held with several members of the audience. The future plans for the property would convert the property into a sports complex with the addition of another softball field and a baseball field. Discussion items included grant funds, infrastructure, volunteer labor, and efforts to raise money for the project. The City Council supported the idea for the city workers to do what is needed for the prompt installation of water, sewer, and electric services to the property.

A discussion was held concerning various terms and options for a proposed agreement with Crossroads Wireless Holding LLC. for a tower to be located on the City Of Pierce water tower.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Ronspies to approve a water and sewer rate study to be conducted by Nebraska Rural Water Association. Voting Aye: Maas, Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Maas to adjourn. Motion carried.

Mary Jean Rogers
City Clerk

Shannon Stuchlik
Mayor

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