

April 6, 2009

The Mayor and City Council of the City Of Pierce met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Pierce Fire Hall. Present: Mayor Shannon Stuchlik, Bob Bates, Tom Maas, Rick Ronspies, and Lee Acklie. Also: City Clerk Mary Jean Rogers, City Administrator Chad Anderson, City Attorney Verlyn Luebbe, Jerry Thackston, Lowell Zellmer, Jack Weber, and Sharon Broekemeier.

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 April 6, 2009. 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 Ronspies to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 City Council Meeting. Voting Aye: Maas, Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve the City Of Pierce March 31, 2009 Financial Report listing Cash And Investments in the amount of \$1,809,471.09 and Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of \$1,460,000.00. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bates and seconded by Maas to approve the City Of Pierce Claims in the amount of \$80,839.18 and the Pierce Utilities Claims in the amount of \$104,780.04 for a total of \$185,619.22. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, Maas, and Bates. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Lowell Zellmer spoke to the City Council concerning the condition of property in his neighborhood. A Board Of Health meeting was scheduled for April 15, 2009 at 4:00 P.M. at the Pierce City Office to discuss possible nuisance conditions on various properties in the City Of Pierce.

Lowell Zellmer also expressed concern for the speed of traffic in his neighborhood and inquired about either four-way or two-way stop signs in the area. Police Chief Jerry Thackston stated that more traffic control can be set up in the area.

A discussion of all-terrain vehicles and 2007 legislation passed by the Nebraska Legislature to give municipalities greater control of all-terrain vehicles within their corporate limits was held. An all-terrain vehicle may be operated within the corporate limits of a municipality only if authorized by an ordinance adopted by the municipality in accordance with the law. Jack Weber spoke to the City Council in support of having such an ordinance adopted in the City Of Pierce. No action was taken on the matter of the operation of all-terrain vehicles in the City Of Pierce.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Maas to advertise for bids for a sewer liner project for Second Street To First Street Alley Between Nebraska Street And Florence Street, Lucas Street To Second Street Alley South Of Willow Street, Seventh Street To Lucas Street Alley Between Nebraska Street And Florence Street, Lucas Street To Brown Street Alley Between Nebraska Street And Florence Street, And Brown Street To Second Street Alley Between Nebraska Street And Florence Street in the City Of Pierce. Voting Aye: Acklie, Maas, Bates, and Ronspies. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Shannon Stuchlik announced the appointment of Monte Zierke as Emergency Management Director to replace Peter Graham.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Maas to approve the Resolution to enter into an agreement with the State Of Nebraska Dept. Of Roads for school crossing installation and sidewalk construction with funds made available through STP Safe Routes Program Funds. Voting Aye: Maas, Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Ordinance #641, to amend all Pierce Utilities customer late payment charges to the rate of \$10.00 was introduced by City Council Member Tom Maas.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Ronspies to waive the three readings of Ordinance #641. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve Ordinance #641, to amend all Pierce Utilities customer late payment charges to the rate of \$10.00. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, Maas, and Bates. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Bates to approve the Resolution to adopt the Pierce Utilities Identity Theft Prevention Program. Voting Aye: Acklie, Maas, Bates, and Ronspies. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bates and seconded by Maas to approve Jerry Aschoff as member of the Pierce Fire Dept. Voting Aye: Maas, Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Mary Jean Rogers
City Clerk

Shannon Stuchlik
Mayor