

February 4, 2008

The Mayor and City Council of the City Of Pierce met in regular session on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Pierce Fire Hall. Present: Mayor Shannon Stuchlik, Tom Maas, Rick Ronspies, and Lee Acklie. Absent: Bob Bates. Also Present: City Clerk Mary Jean Rogers, City Administrator Chad Anderson, City Attorney Verlyn Luebbe, Terry Nathan, Troy Becker, Jerry Thackston, 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 February 4, 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 Acklie to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2008 City Council Meeting. Voting Aye: Maas, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Absent: Bates. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Maas to approve the January 31, 2008 City Of Pierce Financial Report listing Cash and Investments in the amount of \$1,414,617.18 and Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of \$1,505,000.00. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Absent: Bates. Motion carried.

The total claims on the February 4, 2008 City Of Pierce Approval Of Claims list is \$177,696.96.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Ronspies to approve claims in the amount of \$177,589.20. Voting Aye: Acklie, Maas, and Ronspies. Nay: None. Absent: Bates. Motion carried.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Acklie to approve claims in the amount of \$107.76. Voting Aye: Acklie and Maas. Nay: None. Absent: Bates. Abstaining: Ronspies. Motion carried.

The 2008 One And Six Year Plan Hearing For Street Improvement was opened at 7:04 P.M.

Terry Nathan presented the 2007 Annual Pierce Fire Dept. Report and the 2007 Annual Pierce Rescue Report.

Shanda Avis spoke to the City Council concerning the need for a proper amount of sidewalks in the community. She told the City Council that her son had been hit by a vehicle as he was walking home from school. She thanked the law enforcement officials and Pierce Rescue for their assistance from that day. A discussion ensued involving the efforts of the City Of Pierce to obtain grants for sidewalks, putting in six to ten curb cuts per year, and budgeting \$5,000.00 in the current fiscal year to assist property owners with the costs of sidewalk installation. City Administrator Chad Anderson was instructed to check with other communities concerning setting up sidewalk districts. The City Of Hartington was mentioned as an example of a community that had sidewalks installed recently.

City Administrator Chad Anderson informed the City Council of the need to relocate an electric line in conjunction with the asphalt project scheduled for the spring and summer of 2008 at Willow Creek State Recreation Area. The estimated costs to relocate the electric line is \$42,000.00 with an estimated \$35,000.00 of those costs to be reimbursed to the City Of Pierce by Pierce County.

The City Council supported the idea of the City Of Pierce personnel to do mosquito spraying for the Village Of Foster. The agreement will be similar to the agreement between the City Of Pierce and the Village Of Hadar.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Maas to hire Judy Fuerhoff for the position of library custodian at \$7.50 per hour. Voting Aye: Maas and Acklie. Nay: Ronspies. Absent: Bates. Motion carried.

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

An hour having passed, the 2008 One And Six Year Plan For Street Improvement Hearing was closed at 8:09 P.M.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Acklie to approve the Resolution to approve the 2008 One And Six Year Plan For Street Improvement. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Absent: Bates. Motion carried.

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

Mary Jean Rogers
City Clerk

Shannon Stuchlik
Mayor

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