

July 7, 2008

The Mayor and City Council of the City Of Pierce met in regular session on Monday, July 7, 2008 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, Troy Becker, David Hoogestraat, Charles Sokol, Carol Sokol, John Jenkins, Miriam Krueger, Janice Wragge, Terry Nathan, Don Zimmer, Andrew Evans, 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 July 7, 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 Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2008 City Council Meeting. Voting Aye: Maas, Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Maas to approve the June 30, 2008 City Of Pierce Financial Report listing Cash And Investments in the amount of \$1,791,410.20 and Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of \$1,505,000.00. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Ronspies to approve the City Of Pierce Claims in the amount of \$290,264.12 and the Pierce Utilities Claims in the amount of \$112,128.49 for a total of \$402,392.61. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, Maas, and Bates. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Ronspies to open the Sokol's Addition hearing. Voting Aye: Acklie, Maas, Bates, and Ronspies. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Ordinance #634, to approve Sokol's Addition was introduced by City Council Member Tom Maas.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Bates to waive the three readings of Ordinance #634. Voting Aye: Maas, Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve Ordinance #634, to approve Sokol's Addition. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There being no other business, the Sokol's Addition hearing was closed.

John Jenkins spoke to the City Council concerning the need for a new softball field. Items of discussion included possible grant funds available, using existing material from the present softball field, location, support from the city, and involving Pierce Public School in this matter. The City Council supported the idea of a new softball field. More information will be presented at the August 4, 2008 City Council Meeting.

Terry Nathan presented a report on the 2008 International Fire Truck.

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

Motion by Maas and seconded by Acklie to approve the Resolution for the lot split in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 26 North in Pierce County, Nebraska. Voting Aye: Acklie, Maas, Bates, and Ronspies. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding a proposed agreement with Crossroads Wireless Holding LLC. for the location of a tower on the City Of Pierce water tower.

A letter from Robin Reed concerning dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs, multiple dog ownership, and the breeding of dogs in the City Of Pierce was reviewed by the City Council. Don Zimmer spoke to the City Council on the matter of dog owners needing to take responsibility for the dogs, multiple dog ownership, and the matter of barking dogs around his neighborhood. City Administrator Chad Anderson was instructed to check and see how other communities handle the various dog issues.

City Administrator Chad Anderson presented a report concerning proposed items to be considered for the City Of Pierce 2008-09 Budget.

Ordinance #635, to create Street Improvement District Nos. 2008-01 through 2008-11 was introduced by City Council Member Tom Maas.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Ronspies to waive the three readings of Ordinance #635. Voting Aye: Maas, Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Maas to approve Ordinance #635, to create Street Improvement District 2008-01 through 2008-11. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Ronspies that the Notice Of Creation Of Street Improvement District Nos. 2008-01 through 2008-11 be approved and be published on July 10, 2008, July 17, 2008, and July 24, 2008. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to increase the salaries of Danielle Tucker, Kendra Fuerhoff, Ryan Falter, Stefanie Koehler, and Jason Tuttle in accordance with the minimum wage to \$6.55 per hour effective July 24, 2008. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, Maas, and Bates. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Bates to approve the hiring of Brett Suckstorf for the position of Street Dept. Assistant at \$7.30 per hour. Voting Aye: Acklie, Maas, Bates, and Ronspies. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bates and seconded by Maas to set the City Of Pierce mileage rate at .50 per mile. Voting Aye: Maas, Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Ronspies to acknowledge the updates of Housing Rehab Loan #99202 and Housing Rehab Loan #99217 as presented by City Attorney Verlyn Luebbe. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Mary Jean Rogers
City Clerk

Shannon Stuchlik
Mayor

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