

March 3, 2008

The Mayor and City Council of the City Of Pierce met in regular session on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Pierce Fire Hall. Present: Mayor Shannon Stuchlik, Tom Maas, Bob Bates, Rick Ronspies, and Lee Acklie. Also: City Clerk Mary Jean Rogers, City Administrator Chad Anderson, City Attorney Verlyn Luebbe, David Hoogestraat, Troy Becker, Kevin Gaden, Randee Falter, 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 March 3, 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 February 4, 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 February 29, 2008 City Of Pierce Financial Report listing Cash And Investments in the amount of \$1,450,044.75 and Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of \$1,505,000.00. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, Acklie, and Maas. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The total claims on the March 3, 2008 Approval Of Claims list is \$171,870.96.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Bates to approve City Of Pierce claims in the amount of \$29.01. Voting Aye: Acklie, Maas, and Bates. Nay: None. Abstaining: Ronspies. Motion carried.

Motion by Maas and seconded by Ronspies to approve City Of Pierce claims in the amount of \$82,665.89. Voting Aye: Acklie, Maas, Bates, and Ronspies. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve Pierce Utilities claims in the amount of \$89,176.06. Voting Aye: Maas, Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Municipal Energy Agency Of Nebraska (MEAN) Director Of Energy Supply Kevin Gaden presented information regarding consideration of the City Of Pierce to change from a Schedule K bulk power participant to a Schedule M bulk power participant. Currently, there is no difference between the Schedule K and Schedule M rates. The MEAN Board has approved a rate differential between a long term contract (Schedule M) and a medium term contract (Schedule K) to be implemented beginning April 1, 2008. The current MEAN Schedule M rate for the rates effective April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009 is \$11,372.00 lower than the MEAN Schedule K rate. Kevin Gaden explained how long term contracts impact MEAN in terms of stability, higher bond ratings, lower interest rates, and lower power rates. City Administrator Chad Anderson recommended that City Attorney Verlyn Luebbe check over the contract and stated that the City Council could pass an ordinance at the April 7, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to advertise for bids for the rehabilitation of approximately one half mile of 7.2 kV single phase distribution line for right of way expansion to North Boat Dock Road. The rehabilitation consists of removing existing poles and installing new poles and conductors and reconnecting to the City Of Pierce rural branch circuit. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, Maas, and Bates. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Mary Jean Rogers
City Clerk

Shannon Stuchlik
Mayor

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