

October 6, 2008

The October 2008 meeting of the Pierce City Council was held on Monday, October 6, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Pierce Fire Hall. Present: Tom Maas, Bob Bates, Rick Ronspies, and Lee Acklie. Absent: Mayor Shannon Stuchlik. Also Present: City Clerk Mary Jean Rogers, City Administrator Chad Anderson, City Attorney Verlyn Luebbe, David Hoogestraat, Troy Becker, Jerry Thackston, Chuck Micek, Bill Stonacek, Donovan Koehler, 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 Acting Mayor and the City Council members have signed an Acknowledgment Of Receipt Of Notice Of Meeting dated October 6, 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.

Tom Maas conducted the meeting as Acting Mayor.

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 Acklie and seconded by Bates to approve the minutes of the 2008-09 Budget Hearing and the September 8, 2008 City Council Meeting. Voting Aye: Bates and Acklie. Nay: None. Abstaining: Ronspies. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve the City Of Pierce September 30, 2008 Financial Report listing Cash And Investments in the amount of \$1,606,760.95 and Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of \$1,385,000.00. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, and Bates. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Bates to approve the City Of Pierce claims in the amount of \$83,320.56 and the Pierce Utilities claims in the amount of \$181,634.28 for a total of \$264,954.84. Voting Aye: Acklie, Bates, and Ronspies. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chuck Micek of Town And Country Agency presented information on the property insurance renewal for the 2008-09 year.

Bill Stonacek told the City Council that he has purchased two hundred bricks to replace worn or broken street bricks in front of his business on West Main Street and offered to help the city workers with the replacement project. He also encouraged the city to go through the brick in piles out by the city dump and save whatever brick can be used to preserve the brick streets in town. It was announced that the brick replacement project could be done in the spring of 2009.

Concerning a recent electric line project north of town, Bill Stonacek requested that his trees be cut off at the ground as others in the area had been done. City Administrator Chad Anderson will contact a Pierce County official concerning this matter. Bill Stonacek also discussed the condition of Mill Street and expressed a concern of a property owner using his own property by Prospect View Cemetery as a dump ground.

A discussion of several options for Court Street from Fifth to Sixth was held including filling with patch, rock, or slag, gap paving, grinding it up and putting it back down, and turning the street back to a gravel street. Costs will be reviewed and more information will be presented later on this matter.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to approve the Resolution to participate in the Elkhorn Valley Economic Development Council Interlocal Agreement from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. Voting Aye: Ronspies and Acklie. Nay: Bates. Motion carried.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Bates to approve the Resolution to approve the Nebraska WARN Water And Wastewater And Stormwater Mutual Aid Agreement. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, and Bates. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was held of several options concerning an agreement with Crossroads Wireless Holding LLC. for the location of a tower on the City Of Pierce water tower.

Ordinance #637, to authorize the issuance and sale of Series 2008 Bond Anticipation Notes to provide interim financing for Street Improvement District Nos. 2008-02 through 2008-11 was introduced by City Council Member Rick Ronspies.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Acklie to waive the three readings of Ordinance #637. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, and Bates. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ronspies and seconded by Bates to approve Ordinance #637, to authorize the issuance and sale of Series 2008 Bond Anticipation Notes to provide interim financing for Street Improvement District Nos. 2008-02 through 2008-11. Voting Aye: Acklie, Bates, and Ronspies. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Ronspies to approve the hiring of Jessica Painter for the position of Library Assistant at \$6.75 per hour. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Acting Mayor Tom Maas stated that the time was 7:55 P.M. and asked for a motion to enter into executive session with the discussion of employee salaries as the limitation of the subject matter to be discussed in executive session. Motion by Acklie and seconded by Ronspies to enter into executive session at 7:55 P.M. with the discussion of employee salaries as the limitation of the subject matter to be discussed in executive session. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, and Bates. Nay: None. Motion carried. Acting Mayor Tom Maas then restated the reason of the discussion of employee salaries as the limitation of the subject matter to be discussed in executive session.

Motion by Bates and seconded by Ronspies to come out of executive session at 8:35 P.M. Voting Aye: Bates, Ronspies, and Acklie. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Acklie and seconded by Bates to approve a merit pay increase in the amount of \$75.00 per month to Gary Fuerhoff, \$75.00 per month to Debra Woslager, \$75.00 per month to Paul Hilkemann Jr., \$300.00 per month to Mary Jean Rogers, and \$75.00 per month to Gary Zimmer and to approve a \$100.00 cost of living increase to Gary Fuerhoff, Debra Woslager, Paul Hilkemann Jr., Mary Jean Rogers, Gary Zimmer, Chad Anderson, Troy Becker, Cope Clark, Dawnn Tucker, David Hoogestraat, Kevin Korth, Brett Oestreich, and Jerry Thackston and to approve a .30 per hour increase to Marcella Wragge, Vicky Marks, and Judy Fuerhoff. Voting Aye: Ronspies, Acklie, and Bates. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

Mary Jean Rogers
City Clerk

Tom Maas
Acting Mayor