

FORT PIERRE CITY COUNCIL  
APPROVED MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, May 5, 2025

The regular meeting of the Fort Pierre City Council was held at the SD Municipal League conference room and called to order by Mayor Hanson at 6:00 pm. Members in attendance for Roll Call were Bernhard (Zoom), L Cronin, R Cronin, Deal, and Kenzy. Iversen was absent. Officials in attendance were Scheibe, Fergen, Montana, Powell, and Tibbs. Meeting was also held via Zoom.

**Approval of Agenda.** L Cronin moved and Kenzy seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

**Conflict of Interest Declarations.** No Conflict of Interest Declaration was declared.

**Reports.** 1.) Hanson informed council that the Water/Wastewater Operator position is being advertised. A few applications have been received for it. She has continued to receive applications for the Finance Officer and PWD. The Personnel Committee interviewed a second candidate for PWD, but Council members chose not to go forward with the face-to-face interview. The Committee also interviewed two candidates for Finance Officer. Both had good qualifications. More discussion will be held in Executive Session at the end of the meeting. 2.) Hanson reported to council there will be a farewell party for Heezen and Deal next Thursday, 5/15/25, at the picnic shelter in Fischer's Lilly Park. Council members are invited to attend. 3.) Hanson informed council she and Montana met with engineers from Western Dakota Regional Water System as well as Bartlett and West regarding potential water conservation measures the City can take. Staff will be researching some of the water usage data and Joey is looking into improvements in the metering system, especially smart meters that will potentially detect leaks. 4.) Hanson reported that as a follow-up to the meeting with the interested community members about building more outdoor basketball courts, Fergen is looking into installing some basketball courts on the parking lot in Fischer's Lilly Park. In addition, a meeting has been scheduled with the Parks Committee next week to meet with an individual from Mammoth about expanding and improving our park and recreation area near the swimming pool and the school's new sports complex. 5.) Hanson informed council she has received an updated (but speculative) schedule on the Bridge Plaza Schedule. 6.) Hanson reported that she will be attending the Energize Conference in Platte on Tuesday and part of Wednesday, then she will be attending the MRES Annual Meeting in Sioux Falls. Schroer will also attend the MRES meeting. Hanson's expenses are covered by MRES. 7.) Fergen updated council on the street sweeper repairs and that they will be applying mag water to Far West, Buffalo, and Waldron for help with dust control. He reminded council that Stanley had been triple chipped and seemed to be holding up well and it may be an option for these areas. He also reported on the work being done at the pool. 8.) Montana reported to council that insurance was covering the repairs to the water tower. He also reported his crew would be working on the water line in the alley by the Bad River Fish Cleaning Station. 9.) R Cronin asked about the Walleye Drive approach being fixed that was approved last fall. Fergen informed him that project was a window of opportunity and would have to be revisited. 10.) R Cronin asked about the status of the burned garage behind the Taxidermy. Powell informed him that he is working with legal on that issue, due to length of time that has elapsed, the process will have to be restarted. The detached garage has been deemed beyond repair by a civil engineer.

**Consent Calendar.** R Cronin moved and Deal seconded to approve the Consent Calendar: Minutes: 4/22/25 Council Meeting; Raffle Permit: SD Shooting Sports Foundation-4H Shooter Fundraising for Nationals; Fort Pierre Volunteer Fire Dept-Fundraising for maintenance & equipment. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

**Oath of Office Council Members.** Hanson recited the Oath of Office and handed out the Oath to council member Kenzy to be signed.

**Appointment of FO, PWD, City Attorney, Official Newspaper, Official Depositor, Committees/Boards.** Mayor Hanson appointed the following: Roxanne Heezen as acting Finance Officer; Jess Powell as acting Director of Public Works; May, Adam, Gerdes, & Thompson as Legal Counsel; Capital Journal as Official Newspaper; American Bank & Trust as Official Depository, along with First National Bank, Fort Pierre, Wells Fargo Bank, Bank West, South Dakota FIT, US Bancorp, Reinke Gray Wealth Management, First Fidelity Bank; Finance Committee: Todd Bernhard, Callie Iversen, Larry Cronin; Park Committee: Scott Deal, Rick Cronin, Larry Cronin; Personnel Committee: Todd

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Bernhard, Callie Iversen, Greg Kenzy; Utility Committee: Greg Kenzy, Scott Deal, Rick Cronin; Ambulance Committee: Scott Deal; Transit Board: Greg Kenzy; Expo Steering Committee: Rick Cronin; Law Enforcement: Callie Iversen and Todd Bernhard; BID Board: Callie Iversen; Fort Pierre Economic Development Corp Representative: Greg Kenzy; Teton Island Business Park Association Representative: Gloria Hanson; Verendrye Museum Board: Larry Cronin; BAA: Jerry Cloud, Barb Bonhorst, Britt Williams, Doug Day, Chris Carter; P&Z: Jaci Keller, Tiffany Sanchez, Jay Tople, Steve Ingram, Diane Deis, Mike Jacobson; BID Board: Callie Iversen, Kalyn Eulberg, Scott Deal, Mike Weisgram, Emily Steber, Lindy Garaets, Dylan Geuther, and Casey Cowan; Pierre/Fort Pierre Historic Preservation: Patti Duffy, Shirley Swanson, Donna Leslie, Kelli Buscher, Ted Spencer, Alan Haarstad, Donna Leslie; Arbor Board: Ron Schreiner, Dan McCormick, Peggy Laurenz, Lori Jacobson, Valerie Deick, Steve Stout, Brett Fergen; Cedar Hill Cemetery: Doug Mortenson, Jeff Mortenson, Virginia Hanson, Jim Carlisle, Ron Caldwell, Jody Heemstra, Scott Ward. L Cronin moved and Kenzy seconded to accept the Appointment of FO, PWD, City Attorney, Official Newspaper, Official Depository, and Committees/Boards as presented. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

**Council Pres/Vice Pres.** L Cronin moved and Kenzy seconded to nominate R Cronin for Council President. Motion passed on Voice Vote. R Cronin moved and Deal seconded to nominate Kenzy as Council Vice President. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

**Approval of Legal Services Agreement.** R Cronin moved and Kenzy seconded to approve the Legal Services Agreement with May, Adam, Gerdes, & Thompson at \$4,000 monthly (\$48,000 annually). Motion passed on Voice Vote.

**2025-2026 Malt Beverage License & SD Wine License Renewals.** R Cronin moved and Deal seconded to approve the 2025-2026 Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage with SD Wine Licenses: Lynn's Dakotamart; MG Oil Company; BW Gas & Convenience Retail LLC; BKats; 4 Amigos Inc and additional license for Suite B; Dunes Golf Course; Casey Tibbs South Dakota Rodeo Center; Westside Bar; Stanley Post 20 of the American Legion; Total Beauty LLC; Casey's Retail Company, DBA Casey's General Store #3785; MP Ft Pierre, LLC, DBA My Place Hotel, Family Dollar #31958, Drifters, Maier Meats LLC dba The Hangout, Community & Youth Involved, and Fun Time Adventures, LLC. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

**Personnel-Authorization to Hire-Summer Staff.** The following were presented Street: Brett McRoberts, \$20.80/hour; Pool: Shannon Bailey, \$18.30/hour. L Cronin moved and Kenzy seconded to approve the list as presented. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

**Personnel-Resignation Acceptance & Authorization to Advertise.** Kenzy moved and R Cronin seconded to accept the resignation of Carolyn Deal effective 5/14/25 and authorize to advertise for the vacancy. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

**Abatement of 2024 Property Taxes-McClure-parcel 8382.** L Cronin moved and Deal seconded to abate the 2024 property taxes for Erin McClure, parcel 8323, Shiflet Mobile Home Court Lease site Lot 15 1/2, City of Fort Pierre, in the amount of \$89.04 and refund \$81.14 payable in 2025. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

**Abatement of 2012, 2013, & 2014 Property Taxes-Yost-parcel 300136.** L Cronin moved and Kenzy seconded to abate the 2012, 2013, 2014 property taxes for Donald Yost, parcel 100136, Shiflets Trailer Court 702 W Cedar #9. City of Fort Pierre, in the amount of \$64.47 plus interest. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

**Deering Sewer.** Montana informed council that the Street and Utility Committee had met to provide a solution to the issues at the 320 N Waldron Street property due in part to the poor drainage in that area and the proximity of tying into the Waldron wastewater line. The City will provide the labor and materials to bring the sewer line from the north to the edge of the property. It will then be the property owner's responsibility for paying the sewer tap fee and connecting the home's sewer line to City sewer. The property owner will have a 90 day time frame to be connected and remove the septic tank at their expense. R Cronin moved and Kenzy seconded to approve the City providing the labor and materials to bring a sewer line to the edge of the 320 N Waldron property and for the property's owner to be responsible for a sewer tap fee, connecting the home sewer line to City sewer, and removal of the property's septic tank in the 90 day time frame. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

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**Acceptance of Engineering Agreement-9<sup>th</sup> Ave Street Improvements.** Heim, with ISG, explained the proposal to council. L Cronin moved and Deal seconded to accept the Engineering Agreement for 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street Improvements from ISG in the amount of \$41,855. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

**2025 Medical Cannabis License Renewal-Bad River Cannabis, LLC-Dispensary.** R Cronin moved and Kenzy seconded to approve the 2025 Medical Cannabis License Renewal for Bad River Cannabis, LLC-Dispensary contingent on the State License approval and the Conditional Use Permit renewal. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

**2025 Medical Cannabis License Renewal-Bad River Farms, LLC-Cultivation.** Kenzy moved and Deal seconded to approve the 2025 Medical Cannabis License Renewal for Bad River Farms, LLC-Cultivation contingent on the Conditional Use Permit renewal. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

**School Update for Track & Football Field.** Powell updated council on the progress of the project, he has received one estimate for property surveying and transferring he is waiting for the second estimate to be submitted.

**Pay App #1-Dupree Trail-Sharpe Ent-\$13,784.50.** Bernhard moved and R Cronin seconded to approve Pay App #1 for Dupree Trail to Sharpe Enterprises in the amount of \$13,784.50. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

**Claims.**

CITY OF FORT PIERRE	POSTAGE	747.75
AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE	MONTHLY SUBSIDY - 4/25	4,769.62
AT&T MOBILITY	ACCT #287329499398	304.59
BALLEW CONSTRUCTION INC	DIR BORE - WATER DEPT	8,003.81
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL & JN	CUST #1775 - CLEANING SUPPLIES	1,002.92
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	CUST #C30970 - OIL TEST KITS	162.18
CHOLIK SIGNS	BOAT RAMP SIGNS & ARROWS	105
CHRISTY LUMBER INC	SAND	327
CENTURYLINK INC	ACCT #333518255	7.85
COMMTECH INC	SERVICE CALL 3/14/25	202.5
CURT MERRIMAN PRINTING	CAMPING PERMITS	598
CORE & MAIN LP	ACCT #181667 - SUPPLIES	57,322.73
DGR ENGINEERING	GEN ADDITION	236
DOUBLE B ENTERPRISES LLC	SPRAYING - LAGOONS	2,047.00
FACTOR 360	WEB HOSTING, DESIGN	1,402.00
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	CUST #20933 - METERS	5,150.00
FLOYDS TRUCK CENTER	ACCT #20638 - FILTERS	17.5
FORT PIERRE BID BOARD	OCC TAX - 3/25	8,896.44
GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT INC	SUPPLIES - 343	40.27
HAWKINS INC	ACCT #112322 - EARTHTEC 1 LB	945
JC OFFICE SUPPLY	ACCT #6124 - RPRT COVERS	95.75
JOEY MONTANA	REIMBURSEMENT - SIOUX FALLS	20
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC	ACCT #CO468 - TONER	161.56
MATTHEIS PLUMBING	WORK ON TOILETS @PARK/FISH	647.55
MENARDS INC	ACCT #33210287 - SUPPLIES	828.17
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS	ACCT #28668 - SUPPLIES	2,319.76
PAT DUFFY COMMUNITY CTR	MONTHLY SUBSIDY - 5/25	3,333.33
MORRIS INC	358.68 TN GRAVEL	7,636.23

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RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC	GARBAGE CAN, GAS CAN	687.5
RESCO	CUST #11842 - TX, GRD SLEEVE	18,804.01
ROBINS WATER CONDITIONING	ACCT #114769 - WATER	47.6
SD ASSOC OF CODE ENF	MEMBER REG - JESS POWELL	50
SD DEPT OF HEALTH	WASTEWATER TESTING	298
SHARPE ENTERPRISES INC	PAY APP #1 DUPREE TRAIL	13,784.50
SIOUX VALLEY ENVIRONMENTL	OXYGEN SOLUTION - LAGOONS	195
TERRY SCHROER	GAS REIMBURSEMENT - SIOUX FALL	100.89
STANLEY COUNTY	COURTHOUSE RENT - 5/25	1,000.00
ZANDER AUTO PARTS	RAGS	219.84
WW TIRE SERVICE INC	CUST #52620 - LIQUITUBE FILL	449
USA BLUEBOOK	CUST #722120 - GLOVES	474.28
DAVID VOGEL	MONTHLY MAINT - 3/25, 4/25	1,050.00
RAMKOTA HOTEL WATERTOWN	ROOM #242 - TERRY SCHROER	106.99
DAKOTAMART	3/4 IN BALL	32.99
TURF WERKS	ACCT #S10293 - FIN, CABLE	498.24
BRETT FERGEN	REIMBURSEMENT - SIOUX FALLS	20
MIDCONTINENT COMM	ACCT #002003501	116.04
JC PRINTING INC	DOOR HANGERS	136
SCHREIBER ELECTRIC LLC	REPLACE LUMEN PULSE FIXTURE	4,451.79
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	CUST #10383001 - FIRST AID KIT	472.47
IKE CONSTRUCTION LLC	BALANCE DUE - FENCING	15,798.80
AVERA OCC MED - SF	DRUG, ALCOHOL TESTING	36.6
FIRST DAKOTA ENTERPRISES	COLD STORAGE BUILDING	81,000.00
	CLAIMS TOTAL	247,161.05

L Cronin moved and Kenzy seconded to pay the claims as presented. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

**Executive Session.** Deal moved and Kenzy seconded to go into Executive Session at 6:45 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss personnel. Motion passed on Voice Vote. Hanson declared an end to Executive Session at 7:11pm.

**Adjournment.** Mayor Hanson adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.

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Gloria Hanson, Mayor

ATTEST:  
(SEAL)

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Roxanne Heezen, Finance Officer