

FORT PIERRE CITY COUNCIL
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 2, 2026

The regular meeting of the Fort Pierre City Council was held at the SD Municipal League conference room and called to order by Mayor Gloria Hanson at 6:00 pm. Members in attendance for Roll Call were Bernhard (zoom), R Cronin, Kenzy, L Cronin, Deal, and Iversen. Officials in attendance were Scheibe, Hoffrogge, Tibbs, Powell, Meyer, Schroer, and Fergen. Meeting was also held via Zoom. Others in attendance were Andy Koob, Arie Hoekstra, Shane Kramme, Michael Roggow, Bob and Eileen Kramer, Bill Leimbach, Gerrick McComsey, Mark Morris, Cole Uecker, Gail Thomas, Ona Arnold, and C.J. Moit.

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

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

Reports. 1.) Hanson informed council that the City has found potential funding for water projects. The Bureau of Reclamation has a program to cost-share water storage projects, and Hanson has visited with Senator Rounds' staff about possible assistance. David Reiss, Executive Director of the Central SD Enhancement District, will visit Senator Rounds' office to get more information. Hanson provided the council with copies of a letter she sent to West River/ Lyman Jones requesting a time to meet with their board to get the information needed on costs. 2.) Hanson reported to council she had an interview with a reporter from SD Newswatch about the Corps lots and the need for workforce housing in Fort Pierre. The reporter also spoke with Dave Bonde and did a driving tour of the area. 3.) Hanson informed council, due to several phone calls and questions, a news release was sent to local media to explain to the public what is happening with the Tatanka Trail project. The project is estimated to be done 6/1/26. 4.) Hanson reported to council that there have been a couple meetings to resolve the Law Enforcement funding issue. Hoffrogge reported to council that the Law Enforcement Board will meet 3/4/26 and she plans to have more information at the next meeting. She said the first quarter is in claims to be paid and there will be a budget supplement later this year. 5.) Hanson informed council that she called a meeting of individuals and organizations involved in events the week leading up to July 4th, what Fort Pierre Tourism is calling "Boots and Roots". In addition to the five rodeos at the Fairgrounds, two fireworks displays by the Fire Department, a concert at the Expo Building, a boat race, and all the usual July 4th activities. There will be an unveiling of two historic sculptures in the Tatanka Trail area: John Lopez' bison sculpture "Dupree" and a water feature by Matthew Lanz "Water Carrying Woman". 6.) Hanson informed council that the City is also working on getting a replica of Commander Waldron's aircraft carrier the "Hornet" properly displayed and unveiled. Robert Groman, a Chicago artist, created and donated it to Fort Pierre. It will be in the SD Cultural Heritage Center until there is an appropriate location in Fort Pierre. 7.) Hanson reported to council there was a preliminary meeting with Perry Compton to discuss additional property needed for the expansion of the Gen Station and Substation. 8.) Hoffrogge gave council a report on the Sales Tax and BBB Tax. She stated 2025 was up 4% from 2024 and the start of 2026 is lower than it was the previous year. 9.) Fergen reported to council that construction of Tatanka Trail is on schedule. 10.) Fergen informed council that the city employees have started organizing the rentals to prepare for moving into the new shops.

Consent Calendar. R Cronin moved and Kenzy seconded to approve the Consent Calendar: Minutes: 2/17/26 Council Meeting; Raffle Permit: CASA-Julie Hand-Support training and development of volunteers for CASA program.

Proclamation-March 2026 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month & Traumatic Brain Injury Month. Hanson read and presented a Proclamation proclaiming March as the 2026 Developmental Disabilities Awareness and Traumatic Brain Injury Month to Cole Uecker, Executive Director of Disability Rights South Dakota. He thanked Fort Pierre for their support.

Authorization to Advertise for Part-time Summer Staff. Tibbs informed council that a few applications have been received. L Cronin moved and R Cronin seconded to approve the authorization to advertise for part-time summer staff. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Set a public hearing on 4/6/26 for a Temporary Liq License-CYI-Race for the Roses. Iversen moved and Kenzy seconded to set a Public Hearing on 4/6/26 for a Temporary Liquor License for the Community Youth Involved Center for Race for the Roses. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Bids and Award 2026 Street Improvements for Benjamin Street. Arie Hoekstra, with ISG informed council there was one bid from Morris Inc. Based on the numbers, he recommended approving the bid. Bernhard moved and L Cronin seconded to award the 2026 Street Improvements for Benjamin Street to Morris, Inc. in the amount of \$348,590.25. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Bids and Award 2026 Street Improvements for 9th and Yellowstone. Hoekstra reported there was a Base bid and two alternates for this project and three bids were received. Morris Inc. submitted a bid for the Base Bid plus alternates A1 and B1, Sharpe Enterprises and Anderson Contractors submitted for the Base Bid and alternates A2 and B2. Hoekstra recommended approving the lower bid from Morris Inc. for the Base Bid and alternates A1 and B1. Gerrick McComsey, Sharpe Enterprises, questioned the recommendation since

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his bid was roughly \$400 more for all concrete on both streets. He went on to explain the benefits of six inches of concrete versus four inches of asphalt. Kenzy, L Cronin, and Deal agreed with his statement. Hoekstra explained that one of the benefits of an asphalt street is that if repairs are needed the City has the capability to do the repairs without having to go through a contractor. Also, the process for publicly open bids is to go with the lowest bidder. L Cronin inquired whether the City should even proceed with construction on 9th Avenue until the dispute resolution is complete. Scheibe recommended moving forward and doing what is needed for the City. There was discussion among the council about approving the all concrete bid through Sharpe Enterprises. Mark Morris, Morris, stated that the way the bid is written that it is to be awarded to the lowest bidder. Scheibe and Hoekstra took a moment to review the bidding documents and the alternatives. Hoekstra said that the council could award the base bid and one section of 9th Avenue but would have to rebid the other section, if they chose to go with an option other than what was recommended. Deal inquired if there would be a delay in rebidding the other section. Hoekstra said yes but couldn't give an exact time frame. L Cronin made a motion and Kenzy seconded to award the Base Bid and alternate A2 to Sharpe Enterprises and not award a bid for alternate B. Motion failed, nays were Deal, Bernhard, Iversen, and Hanson. Bernhard stated that the City should go through with the recommendation from ISG to get the project completed in a timely matter for the citizens that live in the area. Iversen moved and Bernhard seconded to approve the recommendation from ISG to award the 2026 Street Improvements for 9th Avenue and Yellowstone Street to Morris Inc. in the amount of \$299,130.80. Motion passed on Voice Vote; nays were L Cronin and Kenzy.

Approve Pay App #6-2025 Street Improvement-Dupree Trl-Sharpe Ent-\$7,994.48. L Cronin moved and R Cronin seconded to approve Pay App #6 for 2025 Street Improvement for Dupree Trail to Sharpe Enterprises in the amount of \$7,994.48. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Substation Improvements-DGR Engineering-Andy Koob. Koob reported to council that the substation power transformer is 45 years old and will be 48 years old by the time it is replaced. He said Task Order number three is for Substation Improvements and Task Order number four is for Distribution Improvements. Kenzy moved and R Cronin seconded to approve Task Order three in the amount of \$63,000 and Task Order four in the amount of \$22,000 to DGR Engineering. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Res 2026-1 Business Improvement District # 2. Hanson informed council that a private Business Improvement District is new to Fort Pierre. This would be a stacked BID since Holiday Inn Express is already in another BID. This resolution establishes the District and the two properties that are included. The following was presented:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Pierre City Council considers it appropriate that a plan be developed for the Dual Brand Hotel Project of the City of Fort Pierre, and

WHEREAS, one method of providing for that plan is the creation of a Business Improvement District, and

WHEREAS, the method of raising revenue shall be fair and equitable,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Fort Pierre, South Dakota, that:

1. The boundaries of a proposed Business Improvement District #2 are hereby established as follows:
Noveya Inc.
Holiday Inn Express - Lot 1A, Yellowstone Landing Subdivision, City of Fort Pierre,
Stanley County SD
Dual Brand Hotel - Lot 4A, Teton Island Addition, City of Fort Pierre,
Stanley County SD
4B, Teton Island Addition, City of Fort Pierre,
Stanley County SD
2. There is hereby created a Business Improvement Board which shall have the powers established in SDCL 9-55-5 and 9-55-6. The Board shall be appointed by Mayor, Gloria Hanson with the approval of the City Council.
3. The Board shall consist of the following 5 members:
Rakesh Patel – (Chairperson) 5 year term
Dee Costello - 4 year term
Kyle Jacobson – (Secretary) 3 year term
Tim Donahue – 2 year term
Dave Bonde – 1 year term

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Iversen moved and Bernhard seconded to approve Resolution Number 2026-1 as presented and to set a Public Hearing for Occupational Tax for Business Improvement District number two on April 20th. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Personnel-Accept Letter of Resignation and Authorization to Advertise. Hanson informed council she had received a resignation letter from Kelly Tramp, Street Department. She asked for acceptance of his resignation and authorization to advertise for his position. Kenzy inquired about an exit interview, Hanson said she planned on conducting one. Iversen moved and Bernhard seconded to accept the resignation and authorize to advertise for a Street Department position. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Public Comments. Shane Kramme informed council that the Fort Pierre Chamber of Commerce is holding a Candidate Forum at the Youth Center on 4/23/26 at 6 pm central time, Zach Nelson and Jody Heemstra will be the moderators. Kramme reported that the Expo Center schedule is being finalized. He said the restroom updates have been started at the Expo Center. He informed council that the Ice Jam is on 3/21/26 at the Expo Center. Kramme also said there has been a Trader Days meeting.

Claims.

Claims presented for Council 3/2/26

CITY OF FORT PIERRE	OCC TAX 1/26	149.64
AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE	MONTHLY SUBSIDY 2/2026	4,912.71
AMARIL UNIFORM COMPANY	FR CLOTHING	1,465.28
AT&T MOBILITY	ACCT #287329499398 1/17-2/16	239.15
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL & JN	UNIVERSAL TWIN DISPENSER	102.99
CORE & MAIN LP	WATER SUPPLIES	3,521.35
DAKOTA PUMP & CONTROL CO	SPUR LIFT LOWER SEAL	201.91
DGR ENGINEERING	PROJ# 419210 GEN ADDN FEAS	553.5
FORT PIERRE BID BOARD	OCC TAX 1/26	7,332.36
INLAND TRUCK PARTS	2 CABLES 250	401.4
JC OFFICE SUPPLY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	344.75
JENNER EQUIPMENT CO	BRISTLES FOR ANGLE BROOM 525	1,096.23
KARLS	GRILL FOR LILLY PARK	1,679.99
MENARDS INC	TRASH CANS, CLEANER	245.56
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS	SUPPLIES	52.94
MORRIS INC	FLOWABLE FILL, HOT WATER	497
PITNEY BOWES	SENDPRO C AUTO	398.82
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC	BROOMS, DUSTPANS	326.39
SD DEPT OF HEALTH	TESTING SERVICE 1/16-2/11	521
SERVALL UNIFORM & LINEN	SHOP RUGS	513.68
SHARPE ENTERPRISES INC	PAY APP #6 DUPREE TRAIL	7,994.48
STANLEY CO LAW ENF	QTR 1 2026 LAW ENFORCEMENT	141,803.84
ZANDER AUTO PARTS	BATTERY 250	607.8
WESCO	CONCAST BOX PAD	3,659.63
HOLIDAY OUTDOOR DECOR	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	3,560.60
FRONTLINE WARNING SYSTEMS	2026 ANNUAL SIREN SERVICE	750
USA BLUEBOOK	POUCHES, GLOVES	844.29
DAKOTAMART	HARDWARE	4.49
BRETT FERGEN	ASPHALT CONF MITCHELL 2/11-12	28
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	MN 01/20/2026	429.63
AVERA OCC MED - SF	MRO/LAB	37.7
DAKOTA SEPTIC/DAKOTA JOHN	FISH CLEANING STATION 2/11/26	590
TWILA HOFFFROGGE	FO SERVICE THRU 2/27/2026	1,925.00

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CLAIMS TOTAL

186,792.11

L Cronin moved and Iversen seconded to approve claims as presented. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Executive Session. R Cronin moved and Iversen seconded to go into Executive Session at 7:11 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) to discuss legal/ contractual matters with legal counsel. Motion passed on Voice Vote. Hanson declared an end to Executive Session at 7:26 pm.

Adjournment. Mayor Hanson adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.

Gloria Hanson, Mayor

ATTEST:
(SEAL)

Kelly Tibbs, Assistant Finance Officer