

FORT PIERRE CITY COUNCIL
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 18, 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, Deal, Iversen, Kenzy, L Cronin and R Cronin. Officials in attendance were Scheibe, Powell, Tibbs, Bowdre, Fergen and Meyer. Meeting was also held via Zoom. Others in attendance were Kristin Gabriel.

Approval of Agenda. Deal stated that the date needed to be changed on the temporary liquor license from 5/24/26 to 5/23/26. L Cronin moved and Bernhard seconded to approve the agenda with the correction to the temporary liquor license date. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Conflict of Interest Declarations. Deal recused himself from the temporary liquor license.

Reports. 1.) Hanson informed council that Jess, Rayna, Sam and she attended the Teton Island Business Park Owners Association annual meeting. One of the new businesses that will host a groundbreaking in the next few weeks is the Candlewood-Avid hotel. She also said Glennis Zarecky gave a briefing on The Lofts, a four-story building housing three levels of luxury condos with garages, storage and commercial space on the first level. 2.) Hanson reported that she and Terry Schroer attended the annual meeting of Missouri River Energy Services. She said one session covered a good discussion on the S-1 agreement, which expires in 2057. This agreement supplements Fort Pierre's WAPA allocation, which was capped at the 1977 level. The S-1 agreement means MRES must cover load growth as well as any reduction in WAPA energy levels, and Fort Pierre must purchase all supplemental power from MRES, with the exception of up to 5% from renewable sources. Hanson said she will ask MRES to make a presentation to the full council this summer. As an MRES ambassador, she requested a tour of the big data center in Ellendale, North Dakota to be better informed of the pros and cons. 3.) Hanson informed council that she was invited to talk to 3rd and 4th grade students about water. She said they were well informed and were familiar with terms like "mitigation." 4.) Hanson informed council that she had attended a dedication of a bench in the newly established butterfly garden in honor of her husband Ron, who had spent the last couple months of his life helping build it. 5.) Hanson reported to council that the current staff and former co-workers helped Dean Raymond celebrate his 24 years with the City of Fort Pierre and wished him a long and happy retirement. 6.) Hanson reported that she and the Water Department met with several officials of the Western Dakota Rural Water Systems. They have over 50 members now, including the City of Pierre. This is a huge project, which will take 20-40 years to complete and cost billions. They are making good progress with Congressional action but have almost depleted their ARPA funds for operations. They will be increasing membership dues to compensate. 7.) Fergen reported to council that there was a pre-con meeting about the curb and gutter project with Anderson Contractors. He also said that Benjamin will be the first street project done, and 9th and Yellowstone construction will start after July 4th. He said there was a street/ utility meeting to discuss the mill and overlay for 5th and 2nd streets, there will be core sampling, and a camera will be ran through the sewer. 8.) Fergen informed council that the City and Kiwanis Club are working together on a Story Walk at Lily Park, funded by a grant received by the Kiwanis Club. Kristin Gabriel said there will be a new book every month with 18 reading stations on the trail. 9.) Fergen reported that old concrete was removed from the old fishing pier and new concrete will be installed soon. 10.) L Cronin informed council that he was not happy about the front page of the City newsletter, saying it seemed like a campaign letter.

Consent Calendar. Bernhard moved and Kenzy seconded to approve the Consent Calendar: Minutes: 05/04/26 Council Meeting; Open Container: Scott Gibson-6/26-6/27/26-Wedding-CYI; Travel-Finance Officer School-Rayna Bowdre-6/9-6/12/26 Chamberlain; Budget Training-Rayna Bowdre-6/17/26 Rapid City; Raffle Permit: SDSU Alumni & Foundation-Annie Hanson-Future Alumni Scholarships starting 7/15/26. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence presentation. Mayor Hanson informed council that for 14 consecutive years, Fort Pierre Public Water System has met the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the State of South Dakota's regulations. The City was awarded the Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence. She also recognized Joey Montana, Shane Pearson, and Darwin Parsons for individually receiving the Certificate of Achievement from DANR for supplying safe drinking water to the public they serve.

Temp Liquor License for Silver Spur @ Pat Duffy Community Center 5/23/26. Deal recused himself. Bernhard moved and R Cronin seconded to approve the Temporary Liquor License for the Silver Spur at the Pat Duffy Community Center on 5/23/26. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Request to Purchase Pickup-Parks Dept. Kenzy asked what was wrong with the current pickup, Fergen stated that it had electrical issues and it would go to surplus at State Auction. L Cronin moved and R Cronin seconded to approve the request to purchase a pickup for the Parks Department.

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Personnel-Authorization to Hire-Summer Staff-Museum: Macyn Schmautz-\$14.55/hr.; Pool: Timber Hanson-\$16.05/hr. (2nd yr.). Iversen moved and Bernhard seconded to approve Macyn Schmautz at the Museum for \$14.55 an hour and Timber Hanson at the Pool for \$16.05 an hour. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Request to Set a Public Hearing for June 15th for the Sale of Land to Total Beauty, LLC. Powell stated this hearing is for the plat that was approved at the last meeting, for the 10-foot sale of property to Total Beauty, LLC. Kenzy questioned whether the sale needed to be put up for bid, Scheibe said that the City can sell property with their own terms as long as there is a public hearing. Deal was upset that the building process had already started, Powell stated it was his mistake for missing a step in the sale process. Iversen moved and Bernhard seconded to approve the request to set a Public Hearing for June 15th for the sale of land to Total Beauty, LLC. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Authorization to Solicit Bids for the Electric Transformer-Fort Pierre Substation. Hanson stated that Kenzy requested language be added to the bid about adding preference for American-made products. Andy Koob, with DGR Engineering, had told Hanson that it cannot be a requirement, but preference can be given. To clear up some confusion on verbiage Andy Koob was called. Kenzy's concern about sourcing from places like China was addressed; he just wants to make sure the City is paying for a quality product. Koob reassured council that the five manufacturers listed in the bid documents are reputable and have a five-year warranty. After a long discussion the decision was made to go along with how the bid is currently written. L Cronin moved and Deal seconded to approve the authorization to solicit bids for the electric transformer for the Fort Pierre Substation. Motion passed on Voice Vote.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Claims.

AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE	MONTHLY SUBSIDY	4,912.71
ALL-AROUND GRAPHIX	PLAQUE W/ ENGRAVING	43.89
ANIMAL CLINIC OF PIERRE	POUND FEES	25
BARTLETT & WEST	WTR TREATMENT PLANT/STORAGE	2,003.50
AUTOMATIC BLDG CONTROLS	ANNUAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEM CHECK	511
CAPITAL JOURNAL	MINUTES 04072026	502.71
BORDER STATES ELEC SUPPL	PHOTO CELLS, ALCUBUTTSPLICE	388.96
CHOLIK SIGNS	EMS SIGNS	570
CHRISTY LUMBER INC	LUMBER	362
CENTURYLINK INC	SHOP PHONE	81.71
CITY OF PIERRE	RUBBLE	90.09
COMMTECH INC	CAMERA DOWN	130
CLEARFLY	5/1-5/31 OFFICE PHONES	242.69
DAKOTA SUPPLY COMPANY	SUPPLIES	988.69
FLOYDS TRUCK CENTER	FILTERS	123.09
I & S GROUP INC	PROJECT 22-27631 TATANKA TRL	29,174.61
HAWKINS INC	SAND, AZONE, ALGIMYCIN, SENSOR	5,971.59
MATTHEIS PLUMBING	BADRIVER FISH CLEANING STATION	1,310.49
MENARDS INC	SAND BLST SAND, SEALAND	837.1
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS	BRASS METER FLANGES	891.47
PAT DUFFY COMMUNITY CTR	MONTHLY SUBSIDY 6/26	3,333.33
PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES	SAFETY SHIRTS	811.15
PITNEY BOWES	QUARTERLY METER RENTAL	398.82
SAFECHECKS	CHECK STOCK	479.21
SIOUX NATION OF FP	GRASS SEED	250.1
TERRY SCHROER	FLEX	31.22
STANLEY COUNTY	RENT	1,000.00
TRAFFIC CONTROL CORP	LED TRAFFIC LIGHTS	294
TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIP	TOOTH, LOCK	926.65

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VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO	FERTILIZER	1,328.60
ZANDER AUTO PARTS	#703 OIL	469.93
WEST RIVER/LYMAN JONES	8,300,000 GALLONS	15,355.00
WESCO	SECONDARY PEDESTALS	1,029.00
SD MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.	FO MEMBERSHIP	90
GRAHAM TIRE	TIRE REPAIR	30.19
DAKOTAMART	PAINT THINNER	106.02
MIDCONTINENT COMM	4/26-5/25 INTERNET	130.69
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	TRAFFIC CONES	3,638.79
AVERA OCC MED - SF	DRUG TESTS	150.8
AVERA ST MARY'S HOSPITAL	DRUG TESTS	499
TWILA HOFFROGGE	MAY 5-15 FINANCE CONSULTATION	1,425.00
SAMANTHA MEYER	BACKGROUND CHECK FEE	30
DEAN RAYMOND	SHOP WASHING MACHINE	250
	CLAIMS TOTAL	81,218.80

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

Other. Iversen asked what the expenses were on the new shops and what work is left. Hanson said Bowdre can put together an expense report on the shop project.

Executive Session. L Cronin moved and Bernhard seconded to go into Executive Session at 6:48 pm pursuant to SDCL 2-25-2(3) legal /contractual matters with legal counsel. Motion passed on Voice Vote. Hanson declared an end to Executive Session at 7:22 pm.

Adjournment. Mayor Hanson adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.

Gloria Hanson, Mayor

ATTEST:
(SEAL)

Kelly Tibbs, Assistant Finance Officer