

Regular Council Meeting September 8, 2025

Mayor Stan Townsend called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Darwin Sietseman, Brian Baartman, Chris McCurdy, and Stu Peterson. Also in attendance were Magaly Espinoza, Danny Moffitt, Darrin Haroldson and Rochelle VanderWoude

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved with corrections by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously.

Magaly Espinoza was here to talk to the council about her fence she is installing. She needs to remove the three (3) posts on the south end. City ordinance states that fences are not allowed in the front yards. She was here also complaining of harassment from a surrounding neighbor. The council advised her that she could plant bushes up in place of the posts and for the harassment she needs to call the Pipestone County Sheriff's Department.

Danny Moffitt was here to talk to the council on replacing the concession stand at the ball diamond. After discussion, the council suggested building a new concession stand east of the 3rd base dugout. Two sets of (2) plans need to be drawn up. One (1) that includes restrooms and one (1) without restrooms. The council will revisit at the October meeting, after plans are drawn up and Danny Moffitt has more figures to present to the council. It was approved have Danny Moffitt sell the old concession stand by M/Baartman 2/Peterson/cd unanimously. Danny Moffitt also would like to install another light pole on the 1st base side and revamp the dugout fences to allow for more interaction. Council approved.

Wastewater Supervisor, Darrin Haroldson gave the council his report for the month of August and answered the council's questions.

Two (2) bids were received for tree work to be done around town from Lamote Tree Service for \$2400.00 and from Serreyn Tree Service for \$2575.00. After discussion it was approved to have Lamote Tree Service come in and do the tree work by M/Peterson 2/Sietsema/cd unanimously.

The August bills were presented and approved by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously. Receipts = \$16,727.38
Disbursements = \$30,078.58.

The proposed levy was discussed and it was decided to increase the 2026 Levy 7.5% by M/Sietsema 2/Baartman/cd unanimously. The final levy will be discussed for final approval at the December meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. by M/Peterson.

Rochelle VanderWoude
Ruthon City Clerk/Treasurer