

Piedmont Board of Trustees

June 20, 2023

Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes

- 1) The Meeting of the Piedmont Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. In Attendance: Phil Anderson, Mike Lee, Phil Aitken & Jack Parks. Absent: Jim Runyan.
- 2) Minutes: Parks made **Motion** to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 6, 2023. **Seconded** by Lee. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.**
- 3) Planning & Zoning: a) Report: 1- Nerison Preliminary Plat: There are questions for the attorney, and they will be discussed later. 2-9545 Discovery Court wastewater Permit: the information has been turned in. 3-Good/Blanchford Building Permit: Needs more information. 4-Peterson Building Permit: Needs more information.
- 4) Library: a) No Report.
- 5) Park: a) Caleb is working to get the Park ready for the 4th of July.
- 6) Street Maintenance: a) Kyle is working on getting the Street Sweeper put back together so that streets will be cleaned by the 4th. Been working on gravel and preparing extra parking for the 4th.
- 7) Water: a) Meters were read today. Numbers are looking better. No shutoffs.
- 8) Finance: a) Lee made **Motion** to pay the bills, **Seconded** by Aitken. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.** Bills Paid: Merchant Bank: \$.41, \$.28, \$.36, BH Energy \$481.98, BH Pioneer-publishing \$389.20, Black Hawk Water Users \$5,365.80, Bluepeak \$250.74, Elk Creek Small Engine Repair-weed eater \$57.14, Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson & Ashmore-attorney \$11,773.66, Jim's Private Utility Locate \$170.00, Kieffer Sanitation \$118.66, MDU \$30.98, O'Reilly-parts \$95.42, Simon Inc. -gravel \$3,039.02, South Dakota 811-locates \$26.25, The Library Store-library supplies \$115.84, Trail West \$5,837.05.
b) Resolution 2023-05 Adopting fees for expenses incurred from Public Records requests. Anderson read the Resolution out loud. Aitken made **Motion** to adopt Resolution 2023-05, **Seconded** by Parks. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.**
- 9) Old Business: None
- 10) New Business: a) In discussion to continue annexation, Aitken said he would like to continue with the annexation, excluding those that were declined by Meade County. Discussed was the next step which would be to continue and not having to start over. The resolution would have to be changed taking out some properties and then having the 2nd Meeting. Aitken then said he thought this was a perfect place to allow Public Comment allowing 3 minutes for each comment. *Gina Ortmeyer: Will the process have to start over? No. The Resolution will be amended, and the process will continue. *Justin Keffler: He stated that the City is claiming protection, but he doesn't see it. Things are still being built. He is against the annexation. *Keith Swett: living out of the annexation area now but asking the Board to table indefinitely and look at just annexing the areas with a potential for higher density. *Kerry Kissenger: What are we getting out of this annexation? No water near the area. Answer-Library, use of City Streets. A Class C Municipality is not required to have a plan for infrastructure when annexing. The board is elected by the people of Piedmont and need to look out for them. The Apartment house that went in was contrary with the agreement with the City. The

County is not stopping such things from coming in and allowing unregulated growth. The Board of Trustees for Piedmont are trying to keep orderly growth and have no other way. Mackenzie from the RC Journal said she pulled words from Meeting Minutes and had not talked to Mr. Anderson herself. Kissinger does not want to be annexed. *Ortmeier: brought up the Cities agreement with Waddel to voluntarily annex when water gets to the area. The attorney explained that the agreement didn't keep from annexing for other reasons. *Kissenger: Has anyone in the area said they want to annex? Answer-No. *Aitken brought up that the city is working on starting a consolidated garbage which could save everyone money. * Ky Gossard: own property in City limits. Why didn't the City recognize Ag land and ask permission from the County prior to the start of the annexation. The attorney explained that there has to be a Resolution to go to the County, so this was the correct process. Ky continued with asking why Piedmont doesn't do annexations the way that Sturgis does them? Would have to look at Ordinance to see what Sturgis does. Next step would be the 2nd hearing.

11) 4th of July: a) the next regular meeting would be on the 4th. After some discussion and not wanting to meet on the 4th, Parks made **Motion** to have our next meeting on June 27th and skip the meeting on the 4th. **Seconded** by Lee. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.** b) the letter from the Fire Dept. requesting to be able to close the street between 1st and 2nd on Park Street was read aloud. Parks made **Motion** to approve the closure this year and see how it works, **Seconded** by Lee. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.** c) A list was given to the Board of the upcoming events and the list of vendors attending those events. At the time of the meeting Tuesday night there was no vendors list for the Backyard Family Night event. d) Anderson read the Grand Marshall Proclamation drafted by the American Legion naming Jeremy Gau, Richard Dieken and the Korean War Veterans they represent to be the Grand Marshalls of the 2023 4th of July Parade. Aitken made **Motion, Seconded** by Parks to adopt the Proclamation. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.**

12) Public Comment: Keith Swett-Agenda missing from the website.

13) Executive Session: Lee made **Motion, Seconded** by Parks to go into Executive Session in 5 minutes. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.** 7:15 p.m. /Aitken made **Motion, Seconded** by Lee to come out of Executive Session. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.** 7:20 p.m. The people still standing outside were invited to come back in for one more person who came in to talk to the Board.

*Briana, lives in Sun Valley and from Sturgis present to talk about Zirkiss a Wild West Show and Lakota Performers. Have a big tent currently near Hill City and would like to be able to do performances for a couple weeks in the Piedmont area. Need to check into Ordinances to see what they would need to do. The current hours now are 7:00 p.m.8:45p.m. but but could do an afternoon show also. Vendor Permit would be needed, and Zoning would have to be checked for heights allowed. Anderson spoke in favor of this saying it brings us back to the idea for this area in the 50's & 60's. Lee made **Motion** to go into Executive Session, **Seconded** by Parks. All voted "Aye". 7:45p.m. /Aitken made **Motion, Seconded** by Lee to come out of Executive Session. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.**

12) Being there was no other business, Aitken made **Motion** to adjourn the meeting, **Seconded** by Lee. All voted "Aye". **Meeting Adjourned.** 8:25p.m.

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