

Piedmont Board of Trustees

January 31, 2022

Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes

1) The Meeting of the Piedmont Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2022, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. In Attendance: Phil Anderson, Jim Runyan, Mike Lee & Jack Parks. Absent: Phil Aitken. * Parks made **Motion** to move the Planning & Zoning Hearing up in the Agenda. **Seconded** by Runyan. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.**

3) Planning & Zoning: Hearing to re-zone Hight property. Hearing is to discuss re-zoning of 34 acres from Single Family Residential to General Commercial. There were 26 citizens present. Questions were asked and answered. Statements were made. Discussion was had.

* As citizens were leaving, Parks made **Motion, Seconded** by Lee to take a 5-minute recess. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.** 7:40 p.m.

Planning & Zoning has recommended approval of the zone change. Parks made **Motion** to adopt the recommendation, **Seconded** by Lee. Runyan wanted to discuss some of the points made at the Hearing, such as losing an iconic arena, and this being part of our heritage, but what is the best decision for the citizens of Piedmont? Anderson disagreed calling it iconic. Lee brought up how many Piedmont citizens were in attendance. Hight has the right to sell his property. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.** this is 1st reading with 2nd reading being held at a Special Meeting/Hearing on Feb. 8th.

* Lee made **Motion, Seconded** by Parks to listen to the questions of a remaining citizen. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.** Jared Tomlin, Elder at E Free Church asked a few questions about the Cannabis Ordinance. He wanted to know why there is a difference in allowed distances from the school versus churches. It was explained that the State set the School distance but had no distance for Churches. Piedmont put that in ours. It was limited to 400 ft. because of the limitations of available space as spread out as our churches in town are and that could be considered illegal if making it impossible to find a location.

* Parks made **Motion** to resume order of the Agenda, **Seconded** by Runyan. All voted "aye". **Motion carried.**

2) Minutes: a) Runyan made **Motion** to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 18, 2022, as corrected. **Seconded** by Parks. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.** Parks made **Motion, Seconded** by Runyan to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting on January 25, 2022, after striking a sentence in 5. All voted "aye". **Motion carried.**

3) Planning & Zoning: a) above

4) Library: a) Will discuss in Executive Session.

5) Park: a) Christmas lights are down.

6) Street Maintenance: a) Big tractor went in for some warranty work. Runyan asked why we have 2 tractors? Explained that we purchased the Big tractor and wanted to wait to see how much the smaller tractor was used before deciding what to do with it. Decided to put it on the Agenda for the first meeting in June to discuss at that time.

7) Water: a) No report

8) Wastewater: a) Discuss/sign Bartlett & West Agreement in Executive Session.

9) Finance: a) Parks made **Motion** to pay the bills, **Seconded** by Lee. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.** Bills Paid: Merchant Bank fees \$.72, \$.88. A & B Business Solutions \$224.37, BH Energy \$584.09, Core & Main \$2,527.36, Diana Evans-mileage \$40.32, Double Star Computing \$2,386.00, Elk Creek Small Engine Repair-tractor tire \$28.00, Larry Harris-mileage \$6.72, Mary Jean Voigt-tax supplies \$24.50, Menards-lights \$48.58, South Dakota 811 \$5.25, Vast Broadband \$234.55, Trail West \$5,067.52. Payroll: Finance Officer \$2,591.19, Board of Trustees \$829.31, Librarians \$3,096.04, Water \$350.24, Maintenance \$1,688.15, Larry Harris \$73.88. * Runyan made **Motion, Seconded** by Parks to go into Executive Session. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.** 8:30 p.m. / Parks made **Motion** to come out of Executive Session, **Seconded** by Runyan. All voted "Aye". 8:53 p.m.

10) Old Business: a) None

11) New Business: a) Communicating with garbage companies about price to consolidate in Piedmont to one garbage company. Information is still being gathered. b) Plan for all to attend.

* Parks stepped out of the meeting. 8:55 p.m.

12) Public Comment: None

13) Executive Session: Above

14) Being there was no other business, Lee made **Motion** to adjourn the meeting, **Seconded** by Runyan. All voted "Aye". **Meeting adjourned.** 8:55p.m.

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