Piedmont Board of Trustees
Piedmont City Hall
102 Walnut St.

February 17, 2026
Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Roll Call

The Meeting of the Piedmont Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. In Attendance: Mike Johns, Phil Anderson, Clint Petersen, Bruce Lutz & Jack Parks.

2) Approval of Agenda

Johns made a **Motion** to approve the Agenda as written, **Seconded** by Parks.
Motion carried 5-0.

3) Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 3, 2026: **Motion** to approve Minutes by Lutz, **Second** by Petersen. **Motion carried 5-0.**

4) Planning & Zoning:

A) Report: 2 Building Permits were approved at tonight's Planning & Zoning Meeting. Greg Blachford building a house at 21658 Domino Place and Day bringing in a Modular on a foundation at 16299 Spring Valley Court.

B) Public Hearing for Silver Tree LLC (Whispering Meadows) Aaron & Ashley M. Gatzke: Requesting rezoning Lot 4 on Sidney Stage Road from Rural Residential to Highway Commercial. Anderson read the Notice of Hearing to the Public in attendance. Planning & Zoning held a Public Hearing on January 27th and are recommending approval of the rezone, but the vote was 3-2. There was discussion amongst the Boad members and then opened to the Public. One person asked what would be going in the location if it is changed? Don't have a buyer yet so do not know. Jake & Hannah Cote were present. They purchased Lot 3 thinking they were going to have residential neighbors. After a few questions and answers, the Cote's stated that they would rather not have Commercial property next to the property they purchased. This will be considered 1st reading of Ordinance 2026-01 and 2nd reading will be at the next meeting.

5) Library:

A) There is an upcoming 20th Anniversary Celebration coming up on February 28th at 10:00 a.m.

B) Tia Cunningham was present to talk about plans for this year's Farmers Market. They will be held on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m on April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, and October 18. Food Trucks will be in attendance this year and live music. Discussion about a sign for all this information in the Park will be discussed at the next meeting.

C) Library Mural information was shared. There are a lot of questions about the Mural and where the money is coming from. Is it in their budget? Are they doing fundraisers for this? It was stated that the amount of money on the quote could do a lot of maintenance on the building itself.

6) Park :

A) Report: No Report

7) Street Maintenance

A) Report: Long Branch got approval from DOT for the approach work. BID Docs should be coming soon so we can put the project to Bid. Exit work should begin either in May or September and will be a couple-year project. Chris Greenberg asked if DOT was going to give compensation for using our streets during construction? Smiley Face at end of Main Street will be fixed in April.

B) State Code allows cities to set limits and weights on our streets. We have a Bus Route already. Chris Greenberg brought up hiring a retired police officer.

C) Walnut and 2nd Street Project was discussed above.

8) Water System

A) Report: Meters will be read on Monday.

*Parks left the meeting at 7:12 p.m. and returned at 7:17 p.m

9) Finance:

A) Approval to Pay Bills: **Motion** to approve payment of bills by Johns, **Second** by Lutz. **Motion carried 5-0.** Bills paid: Merchant Bank fees: $.32, $.02. United States Treasury $3,011.46, A&B Solutions $58.45, AE2S-Street Engineer $2,998.25, BH Energy $716.84, BH Pioneer $173.60, Black Hawk Water $5,709.40, BluePeak $336.12, Diana Evans-office supplies $61.89, Hermanson Egge-building permits $120.00, Keiffer Sanitation $189.34, Longbranch Civil Engineering $14,416.75, MDU $364.11, Menards $50.96, OverDrive Inc. -Library $600.00, South Dakota 811 $3.15, Trail West $7,437.43.

B) Casey Peterson Engagement Letter: Johns made a **Motion, Seconded** by Parks to direct Anderson to sign the engagement letter. **Motion carried. 5-0**

10) Old Business:

A) Joint Powers Agreement: Changes have been made. Trai West want to take it to their Board. We will put it on our March 17th Agenda after their meeting.

11) New Business:

A) Issues with County concerning Building Permits: Need to have a meeting

B) 4th of July Parade: Grant Lolly was present from Post 311 requesting permission to hold the 4th of July Parade. Petersen made a **Motion** to approve holding the 4th of July Parade, **Seconded** by Johns. **Motion carried. 5-0** Discussion about the route was had and determined that minor changes can be made once we see what projects are affecting out streets.

C) Trailer Park Compliance: move to Executive Session

12) Public Comment: There were about 20 Citizens present.

Michael Pauling-running for Dist. 3 County Commission

Chris Greenberg-Community has come together. I want to see Library and Park as focal points. I would like to see city limit signage and Welcome to Piedmont signs. Piedmont is a SD Gem.

Brandon Scott-Auction to support the non-profit at StageBarn Middle School from 9-11 on Saturday. State Delegation will attend.

Shanon Blotske-Setbacks on blasting. Nothing has been done yet.

13) Executive Session:

Lutz made **Motion, Seconded** by Parks to go into Executive Session in 5 minutes pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 subsection 3. **Motion carried 5-0.** 7:55 p.m. /Lutz made **Motion, Seconded** by Petersen to come out of Executive Session. **Motion carried 5-0.**

14) Adjournment:

Having concluded all business, Lutz made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting, **Second** by Petersen. **Motion carried 5-0.** 8:45p.m.

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