

STATE OF MINNESOTA
GOODHUE/OLMSTED COUNTIES
CITY OF PINE ISLAND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 21st, 2026

Pursuant to due call, and notice thereof, Mayor David Friese called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Weis, Friese, Pahl & Veith Staloch (virtually)

Members Absent: Wright

Present: Deputy City Administrator- Steven Scheevel, City Administrator- Elizabeth Howard, City Finance Clerk- Rachael Fjoser, Public Works Director- Todd Robertson, Street Supervisor- Bryce Grobe, Sam Lenz, Library Director- Rachel Gray, EDA Director- Mitch Massman, Widseth Engineer- Craig Britton, David Drown Associates-Mike Bubany, PIIC-Nicci Lekto-Gardner, Others present: Mike & Janice Prescher, Rod Lanners, Joyce Lanners, Susanne & Joseph Blazek, Nicole Mills, Toby Halladay, Darcie Simpson, David Montequin, Reverend David Derksen, Steven Kruser, Sue Flemke, Kyle Poke, Bethany Von Steinbergs, Phoebe Hoff, Kim Rodgers, Erin Mecer, Aaron Dean, Barb Kruger, Mary Bakeberg, TerriLynn Sutherland, Tara Blomster, Paul Kampe, Kayley Lafferty, Ann Rohleder, Valerie Heiling, Doug Andrist, Meghan Kolub, Tucker Hoaglund, Kristin Gragon Dawscu, Amy Madson, Tina Haseltine, Rick Renner, Justin Kreps, and others who did not sign in.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consent Agenda:

Motion was made by Vernon Pahl with a second from Delana Weis to approve the consent agenda. Approved 4-0-0

- March 17th, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- April 7th, 2026, Special City Council Meeting Minutes
- April 7th, 2026, Council Workshop Minutes
- Request to Reserve Trailhead Park Pavilion and Waive Rental Fees
- Request to Approved Capstone Consulting Contract
- Request to Approve Security Camera Use Policy
- Request to Approve Council Meeting Recording Policy
- Request to Approve Purchase of Collins Park Benches
- Request to Serve Alcohol on Public Property

Public Input:

- The following addressed council; Susanne Blazek, Joseph Blazek, Reverend David Derksen, Rod Lanners, Sue Flemke, Kyle Pike, David Montequin, Toby Halliday, Bethany Von Steinbergs, Nicole Mills, Phoebe Hoff, and Joyce Lanners

Council took a 20-minute recess at 6:41pm.

At 7:00 pm, Council reconvened the meeting.

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Administration:

- A. Vernon Pahl made a motion to approve Resolution 26-16 for Lead Service Line Replacement and Delana Weis seconded. Approved 4-0-0
- B. Logic of English Development Agreement was approved with a motion from Vernon Pahl and seconded by Delana Weis. Approved 4-0-0
- C. Pine Prairie Development Agreement was approved with a motion from Vernon Pahl and seconded by Delana Weis. Approved 4-0-0
- D. Vernon Pahl made a motion to approve the fireworks display permit for Pine Island Cheese Festival, and Delana Weis seconded. Approved 4-0-0
- E. Vernon Pahl made a motion to approve a Road Closure for Pine Island Cheese Festival and Delana Weis seconded. Approved 4-0-0 pending closure times.
- F. Vernon Pahl made a motion to approve a Temporary Liquor License to SXSE for Pine Island Cheese Festival and Delana Weis seconded. Approved 4-0-0
- G. A 1-Day Temporary Liquor License to SXSE for Pine Island Car Show on July 26th, 2026, was approved with a motion by Vernon Pahl and Delana Weis seconded. Approved 4-0-0

Planning Commission:

- A. Resolution 26-17 for Pine Island Business Park Final Plat was approved with a motion from Vernon Pahl and seconded by Delana Weis. Approved by Planning & Zoning Board at the Public Hearing on April 14, 2026. Approved 4-0-0
- B. Resolution 26-18 for Crescent Subdivision Final Plat was approved with a motion from Vernon Pahl and seconded by Delana Weis. Approved by Planning & Zoning Board at the Public Hearing on April 14, 2026. Approved 4-0-0

Public Works & Engineering:

- A. Resolution 26-19 for 2026 Street Improvement Project bid was approved with a motion from Vernon Pahl and seconded by Delana Weis. Approved 4-0-0 with irregularity to bid process.
 - a. Aaron Dean, Attorney for Alcon Excavating Inc., spoke regarding Minnesota bidding law requiring the award of the bid to go to the lowest bidder. He also noted that the city is able to waive irregularity in the bid process by Alcon not submitting a subcontractor list.
- B. Vernon Pahl made a motion to approve Resolution 26-20 Providing for the competitive Negotiated sale of G.O. Improvement Bonds, Series 2026A and Delana Weis seconded. Approved 4-0-0

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- C. Vernon Pahl made a motion to approve the purchase of GPS & Data Collector Tablet for GIS from the water (601), sewer (602) and storm sewer (245) funds. Delana Weis seconded the motion. Approved 4-0-0.
- D. Vernon Pahl made a motion to approve the quote by Schumacher to be paid out of the Streets maintenance account. Delana Weis seconded the motion. Approved 4-0-0
- Council Member Brandi Veith Staloch left the meeting at 8:10pm
- E. Resolution 26-21 for Hillcrest Water Tower Rehabilitation Project Plans and ordering bids was approved with a motion made by Vernon Pahl and seconded by Delana Weis. Approved 3-0-0

Legal: Nothing to report.

Claims: Vernon Pahl made a motion to approve claims with a second by Delana Weis. Approved 3-0-0.

Department Reports:

- ❖ Mayor David Friese expressed his appreciation and thanked Library staff and declared May 19-25th as National Library Week.
- ❖ Library Director, Rachel Gray reported to council on the success of “One Town One Title”, announced the Summer Reading Program, as well as a postcard event for why the library is important with the expectation of less funding coming from the counties.
- ❖ Public Works Director, Todd Robertson reported that all park restrooms are open except for Collins Park.
- ❖ EDA Director Mitch Massman reported on the Community Mural, they have narrowed it down to two final designs to choose from. Still working on the DNR Grant.

Adjourn: Vernon Pahl made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Delana Weis seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 8:16pm, Adjourned 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Fjoser
Finance Clerk