

STATE OF MINNESOTA
GOODHUE/OLMSTED COUNTIES
CITY OF PINE ISLAND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 17th, 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, Veith Staloch, Pahl, Wright
Members Absent: None

Present: Deputy City Administrator- Steven Scheevel, City Administrator- Elizabeth Howard, City Clerk- Stephanie Pocklington, Public Works Director- Todd Robertson, Wastewater Supervisor- James Hithcock, Library Director- Rachel Gray, City Attorney- Bob Vose, EDA Director- Mitch Massman, Widseth Engineer- Craig Britton, New Record- Holly Galbus, Others present: Mike & Janice Prescher, Rod Lanners, Matt Schutte, Susanne & Joseph Blazek, and Tony Bigelow.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consent Agenda:

Motion was made by Brandi Veith Staloch with a second from Vernon Pahl to approve the consent agenda. Approved 5-0-0

- January 20th, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- February 4th, 2026 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
- February 4th, 2026 City Council Work Session Minutes
- Request for Street Closure from Community Education Coordinator
- Resolution 26-09 Accepting February Donations
- Request from Pine Island Relief Association for a Temporary Liquor License
- Request to Approve Emergency Management Director and Deputy Director

Public Input:

- Susanne Blazek spoke to council about Leadership expectations
- Rodney Lanners spoke to council about Tax Abatement Concerns
- Matt Schutte spoke to council about the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Administration:

- A. Brandi Veith Staloch made a motion to approve the Façade Loan application for Thrivent Financial and Vernon Pahl seconded. Approved 5-0-0

Planning Commission:

- A. Resolution 26-10 Preliminary Plat for Pine Prairie Third was approved with a motion from Vernon Pahl and Brandi Veith Staloch seconded. Approved 5-0-0

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Public Works & Engineering:

- A. Brandi Veith Staloch made a motion to approve the quote from Gathje Builders to remodel the Wastewater Treatment Plant office and Vernon Pahl seconded. Approved 5-0-0

- B. Resolution 26-11 Approving Street Project Plans and Ordering Bids was approved with a motion from Vernon Pahl and seconded by Brandi Veith Staloch. Approved 5-0-0

Legal: Nothing to report.

Claims: Brandi Veith Staloch made a motion to approve claims with a second by Vernon Pahl. Approved 5-0-0.

Department Reports:

- ❖ City Administrator, Elizabeth Howard reported to Council
- ❖ Library Director, Rachel Gray reported to Council

Adjourn: Brandi Veith Staloch made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Vernon Pahl seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 6:35pm, Adjourned 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Pocklington
City Clerk