

STATE OF MINNESOTA
GOODHUE/OLMSTED COUNTIES
CITY OF PINE ISLAND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 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, Veith Staloch, Friese, Wright & Pahl
Members Absent: None

Present: Deputy City Administrator- Steven Scheevel, City Administrator- Elizabeth Howard, City Clerk- Stephanie Pocklington, Public Works Director- Todd Robertson, Street Supervisor- Bryce Grobe, Library Director- Rachel Gray, EDA Director- Mitch Massman, Widseth Engineer- Craig Britton, Fire Chief- Brandon Sather, Goodhue County Sheriff's Department- Sgt. Grabau & Deputy Baack, Others present: Mike & Janice Prescher, Rod Lanners, Susanne & Joseph Blazek, Nicole Mills, Toby Halladay, Ethan Tedrick, Missy Henry, Darcie & Loren Simpson, Carrie & Derek Schneider, David Montequin, Reverend David & Aubree Derksen, Steven Kruser, and others who did not sign in.

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

- February 17th, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- Pine Island Chamber of Commerce Assembly Permit Application
- Pine Island Pickleball Association Cheese Festival Tournament Request
- PIZM Gymnastics Request to Use City Parking Lot
- Pine Island Community Education Request for Road Closure

Public Input:

- The following addressed council; Nicole Mills, Reverend David Derksen, Aubree Derksen, Susanne Blazek, Joseph Blazek, Rod Lanners, Toby Halladay, David Montequin, and Ethan Tedrick. Roxann Voigt requested to speak but was not in attendance.

Administration:

- A. Brandi Veith Staloch made a motion to approve the purchase of an Outdoor All-Season AED for the Cheese Factory from Advanced First Aid for \$6,906.00 with funds from the 280 account and Vernon Pahl seconded. Approved 5-0-0
- B. Resolution 26-12 for a new tobacco license to Island Tobacco was approved pending Certificate of Liability Insurance with a motion from Brandi Veith Staloch and seconded by Vernon Pahl. Approved 5-0-0

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- C. Resolution 26-13 for renewing a mobile business unit license to Two Cavemen Grillin' was approved with a motion from Brandi Veith Staloch and seconded by Vernon Pahl. Approved 5-0-0
- D. Brandi Veith Staloch made a motion to approve the purchase of Air-Paks from Clarey's Safety Equipment for \$246,291.73 with a 50/50 split payment out of the 280 & 250 fund, and Vernon Pahl seconded. Approved 5-0-0
 - A. Resolution 26-14 Approving Cooperative Purchasing of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus was approved with a motion from Brandi Veith Staloch and seconded by Vernon Pahl. Approved 5-0-0
- E. Brandi Veith Staloch made a motion to approve the \$3,181.26 quote from Nick Slavik for Graffiti Coating on Community Mural and Vernon Pahl seconded. Approved 5-0-0
- F. Council discussed the Pine Island Cheese Festival detour and determined that 2nd Street NE would remain open with no parking on the North side of the street and leaving no parking from the Ag Partners Truck Wash to the Corner of 3rd Ave NE.
- G. Brandi Veith Staloch made a motion to approve the \$17,741.00 quote from Hawk's Services for a replacement boiler at Van Horn Public Library using budgeted funds and Vernon Pahl seconded. Approved 5-0-0

Planning Commission:

- A. Ordinance 182 for Rezone of Pine Prairie Third from Agriculture to Suburban Residential was approved with a motion from Brandi Veith Staloch and seconded by Vernon Pahl. Approved 5-0-0
- B. Resolution 26-15 Final Plat of Pine Prairie Third was approved with a motion from Brandi Veith Staloch and seconded by Vernon Pahl. Approved 5-0-0

Public Works & Engineering:

- A. Pay Estimate #1 to Global Specialty Contractors, Inc in the amount of \$77,500.00 for the Aquatic Center Waterslide Project was approved with a motion from Brandi Veith Staloch and seconded by Vernon Pahl. Approved 5-0-0
- B. Brandi Veith Staloch made a motion to approve the \$13,299.00 quote from Lodermeier's out of the 250 fund and Vernon Pahl seconded. Approved 5-0-0
- C. Brandi Veith Staloch made a motion to approve the \$72,420.00 invoice from Goodhue County Public Works for Bridge Inspection Services with a 50/50 split payment out of the 250 & 101-41940-510 fund. Vernon Pahl seconded the motion. Approved 5-0-0

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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:

- ❖ Mayor David Friese expressed his appreciation for City Administrator Elizabeth Howard and staff for the compliments he received from the representatives at the state level in reference to the North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District, Prairie Island Indian Community and bearing the workload over the last 9 months of decisions Council has made.
- ❖ City Administrator, Elizabeth Howard praised Finance Clerk, Rachael Fjoser for her hard work during the city audit, and stated Auditors may be at the April meeting with a report. Howard updated council on the County Road 3 bridge work, and noted the bridge will be closed starting May 13th, and due to restricted access Z-Park will be closed for the summer. -

Fire Chief Brandon Sather, Mayor David Friese, and Deputy Baack left the meeting at 7:11 to respond to an emergency.

Mayor Pro Tem, Vernon Pahl presided over the remainder of the meeting.

-Howard resumed her report by announcing that Pine Island residents will have access to swim lessons before residents of other cities, stating that due to the closure of Zumbrota's pool, a lot of Pine Island families were unable to secure a spot in swim lessons last year.

- ❖ 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 on the snow removal and thanked the public works team for the long days and hard work.
- ❖ City Administrator Elizabeth Howard reported on the North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District, still working with Lobbyist's and State Legislators trying to get bonding.

Adjourn: Brandi Veith Staloch made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Delana Weis seconded.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:21pm, Adjourned 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Pocklington
City Clerk