

CITY OF PIERCE
404 South Main St Pierce, ID 83546
Monday, September 8, 2025.
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Gerot called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Gerot; Councilmembers John Stinson, Guy Bonner, Theresa Root, and Amy Jared. City Staff Jack Koepke (Maintenance Supervisor) and Teresa Koepke (Clerk/Treasurer). Fire Department Assistant Chief Harv Nelson and Treasurer Clare Brick.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Jared made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the August 11, 2025 Public Hearings and Regular Council Meeting Minutes, August 19, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes, August 25, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes, and September 2025 Accounts Payable. Councilmember Root seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Citizen's Comments – Clare Brick with the Pierce GEM Community reported that Clearwater County will be offering a free dump day on October 4th. This is a good opportunity for the residents of Pierce to do some cleanup before the winter. The Clearwater County Chamber is working on the America 250 celebration. There are grants available that we may want to consider applying for. Mayor Gerot thought a good use of the grant funds would be to replace the informational panels at the kiosk. The Pierce GEM Community has a \$425 donation it will be making to the City of Pierce to use for the play park and ballfield. Clare suggested that maybe we look at installing some exterior dusk-to-dawn lights for added security.

Department Reports

Maintenance Supervisor Jack Koepke reported that the fire hydrant on Clearwater Avenue has been repaired. Jack mentioned the weep holes may be plugged and would need to be pumped out. All of the fire hydrants within the City of Pierce have now been repaired. The motor of the new blower at the wastewater treatment plant has shorted out. The blower only has approximately 300 hours and is under warranty. At this point, the cause is unknown. Clearwater Construction has removed the blower and is looking into a repair or replacement. The blade modification for the new Case is moving forward. Broemeling has a couple different design ideas and they are trying to choose the best option. The Pines booster plant is down to 12 gallons-per-minute. It was at 116 gallons-per-minute before leak repairs. A leak on Timberline Drive was repaired. The leak was in the service line connection and had been previously repaired. The equipment shed is under construction. Concrete was poured last week and today. The monitoring results for lead came back higher than allowed on one home. The home, which has been vacant for a couple months, tested much higher than the allowable limit. The maintenance team distributed the required notices door-to-door.

Assistant Fire Chief Harv Nelson reported that Clare Brick attended the August Clearwater Valley Fire District Auxiliary meeting as a representative of the Pierce Volunteer Fire Department on September 4th. The meeting coordinated Auxiliary participation in the Fair. The PVFD is starting to work on Fire Prevention Event and Fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 2025 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Pierce Community Center. Seven department personnel successfully participated

in a "Stop the Bleed" first aid course on August 23rd. PA Rod Hickman provided excellent in-depth training and First-Aid instruction. Rod will also be available to do an updated training for CPR this winter. A fire alarm at the IDYCA toned out the PVFD on August 27th. There was no smoke, flame, or fire. The conflicting alarm box notifications are likely a result of steam in the 3rd floor shower. The alarm pointed out adjustments that IDYCA needs to make as well as the need to update the key box. The monthly training for September is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Chief Hagele conducted eight residential chimney sweeps on September 7th. A draft of the Department's Guidance and Expectations was updated at the September 7th officers' meeting.

There was one complaint for excessive barking of dogs on Stover Drive. Code Enforcement Liaison Jeffrey Getchell attended to that complaint. Amy Jared reported that she has not had any issues with those particular dogs since Jeff addressed the issue. Jeff reported that Walter Culpepper has done a good job cleaning up the vehicles and trailers around his property. Per request of the council at the August 11th meeting, Teresa mailed a certified letter to Mr. Culpepper reminding him of the conditions of his business license and that failure to comply would result in his business license being revoked.

Clerk/Treasurer Teresa Koepke thanked Councilmember Root and her husband Jeff for taking care of a tree that fell across Willoughby during Sunday's storm. The Roots moved the tree to the side of the road until the maintenance team could remove it on Monday. The Idaho Youth Challenge Academy will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new barracks. Mayor Gerot and councilmembers are invited to attend. Teresa attended another webinar for the Blue Cross Health Foundation's Community Health Academy. The topic this time was early childhood development. Teresa mentioned that she has received feedback regarding citizens parking trailers, junk, etc. on city property. It may be something the council needs to review at the next meeting.

New Business:

Councilmember Stinson made a motion to approve the renewal of the Core & Main 2025-2026 Neptune 360 subscription in the amount of \$2,447.39. Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

A proposal from SpectrumVoIP was reviewed. The cost of their services would be \$238.14 per month. We are currently paying around \$430 for Ziply. The concern with SpectrumVoIP is that it needs power to operate and with the number of power outages we experience, it may not be a good option due to the alarm system for the water plant and tanks. No action was taken on the matter.

The contract for the Judgetown Water & Sewer District was reviewed as it expired July 2023. During Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's recent inspection of the City of Pierce Wastewater Treatment Plant, it was notated that the contract needs to be updated/renewed. Barbara Cook and Russ Koepke were present as representatives of the Judgetown Water and Sewer District. Discussion was held regarding the difference between 20+ meters listed in the March 2022 list provided by Judgetown Water and Sewer District versus the eight meters they are paying for. Councilmember Bonner made the point that Pierce constituents that have a meter on their property are required to pay for water and sewer rather they use it or not. Also, customers within the City of Pierce are not offered a "snowbird" rate for only occasionally using the water and sewer services. Barbara stated that she pays the City of Pierce for the water that goes through the meter. It was pointed out that that is not how the contract reads. The contract reads that Judgetown Water and Sewer District will provide the City of Pierce with written notice of the actual number of users every three years. Any Judgetown user receiving services during the prior

six months will be counted in determining the number of users for the next three years. The contract further reads that if Judgetown uses more than 1,200,000 gallons of water annually, they will pay an additional rate per 1,000 gallons in excess of the 1,200,000 gallons. At the time of the contract, January 2012, that was rate was \$2.10. The current rate is \$2.65/1,000 gallons. It was decided that a special meeting would need to be held in order to discuss the contract in further detail.

There were no business licenses to review.

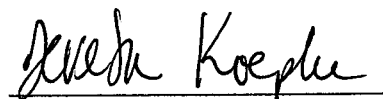
Councilmember Jared made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b). Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion. Roll call: Stinson – Yes, Bonner – Yes, Root – Yes, and Jared – Yes. Executive session entered into at 7:05 p.m.

Councilmember Stinson made a motion to renew the Code Enforcement Contract with Jeffrey Getchell. Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion. Roll call: Stinson – Yes, Bonner – Yes, Root – Yes, and Jared – Yes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Bonner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Stinson seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.


Greg Gerot, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Koepke
City Clerk/Treasurer