

CITY OF PIERZ  
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council  
October 23, 2006

Members Present: Mike Menden, Herb Broschofsky , Mary Gritzmacher, Daniel Sauer, Kathy Kahlhamer and Maureen Watercott

The public hearing in consideration of the preliminary and final plat of Horizon Addition to Pierz was called to order by Mayor Mike Menden at 7:00 p.m. at Pierz City Hall. Barb Rebeischke was present on behalf of Horizon Health to answer any questions from the Council or the public. Members of the public were given the opportunity to speak in favor of the plat; Lora Vardas of Pierz spoke out in support of the plat and the project as a whole. Members of the public were then given the opportunity to speak in opposition of the plat approval; no one spoke. Ms. Rebeischke then closed the hearing by thanking the City for the ongoing support of the project.

Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Kahlhamer to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

**Call Recessed City Council Meeting to Order:**

-The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Mike Menden at 7:15 pm.

-Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Gritzmacher to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2006 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

-Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Planning & Zoning:**

-Preliminary and Final Plat, Horizon Addition

Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Kahlhamer to approve the preliminary and final plat of Horizon Addition to Pierz. Roll call vote: Gritzmacher: yes; Kahlhamer: yes; Menden: yes; Broschofsky: yes; Sauer: yes. Motion carried unanimously.

-Highway 25/Main Street project discussion

Members of the City Council met with MN/DOT on October 12 regarding this road project. The City, in conjunction with Rich Prairie Sewer and Water, is currently in pursuit of financing for the project.

**Other Business:**

-Clubhouse Manager Discussion

The current Clubhouse Manager was not available for tonight's meeting. Figures showing revenues and expenses for the golf course, campground, and park shelter were shown on a spreadsheet for the Council's viewing. The Clubhouse Manager is requesting a 3% increase in commission for next season. A meeting between members of the Council and the Clubhouse Manager will be scheduled. No action taken.

-River Park Estates Holding Pond

The City has acquired the storm water holding pond that serves the River Park Estates subdivision. The City Council is considering reimbursing all subdivision residents who paid a storm water pond fee when they bought their respective lot. This discussion was tabled pending further research by City staff and Council.

-Driving Privilege Policy, City of Pierz

This policy has been amended according to the recommendations from the City Attorney and the City Insurer. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to adopt policy number 610. Motion carried.

-Forum for Change of Government Structure

It was decided by the Council that a forum will be held for the public on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at City Hall so that they may speak freely on governmental structuring.

-Begin New Hiring, Pierz Fire Department

A motion was made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Sauer to authorize the Fire Department to begin advertising for the position of firefighter. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Department Reports:**

**Parks:** Daniel Baert was present to discuss the following issues with the Council.

Horizon Health is holding a silent auction and has requested that two tickets for 18 holes of golf be donated. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Sauer to donate the tickets to the silent auction. Motion carried unanimously. Also, Daniel requested to purchase a new mower for the golf course in 2007. This mower would cost around \$17,800.00; that price reflects the state bid.

Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Gritzmacher to allow the purchasing of the mower. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works:** Bob Otremba was present to discuss the following issues with the Council.

Public works, with the help of the Morrison County Sentence to Serve program, will be installing a fence that will enclose the storm water holding pond in the River Park Estates subdivision. Also, this week Bob established lot lines in the northern portion of the city-owned storm water outfall area by using stakes.

**Police:** Steve Boser was not present to discuss issues with the Council.

**Administration:** Mike DeRosia was present to discuss the following issues with the Council.

Mike requested permission to attend a seminar at Initiative Foundation on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Permission from the council was granted. Mike then went over the contents of the City Council packets to check if the Council had any additional questions.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Mayor Menden, second by Councilmember Gritzmacher to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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Mike Menden, Mayor, City of Pierz

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Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz