

CITY OF PIERZ  
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council  
April 24, 2006

Members Present: Mayor Menden, Councilmember Broschofsky , Councilmember Gritzmacher, Councilmember Sauer, Councilmember Kahlhamer, and Councilmember Watercott.

Others Attending:

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mike Menden at 7:00 p.m. at Pierz City Hall.

Motion by Kathy Kahlhamer, second by Mary Gritzmacher to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Mary Gritzmacher, seconded by Daniel Sauer to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

**Planning & Zoning:**

1. The plans for construction and remodeling for St. Joseph's Church renovation project were presented to City Council by the City Administrator. Details of the project plans included adding an elevator to the church as well as remodeling bathrooms. Winkelman Building Corporation, the project builder out of St. Cloud, has submitted a building permit application and plans for the project and has been patiently awaiting council approval for the project. Motion made by Herbert Broschofsky, seconded by Daniel Sauer to approve the building permit for St. Joseph's church. Motion carried.
2. Jim Schultz of Short Elliott-Hendrickson was present to discuss possible options for the City of Pierz in terms of obtaining all of the necessary information to go forth with the storm sewer improvement project. It was mentioned that Morrison County is currently paying a private geographical firm to perform all of the necessary mapping procedures that is needed for parts of this project, but it is on a county-wide basis which would extend the project timeline. Short Elliott-Hendrickson would be able to perform this same exact work for the city in a much shorter period of time, but charges would apply. Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Daniel Sauer to propose using the services provided by Morrison county at no charge to the City. Motion carried.
3. The proposed subdivision, owned by Kenneth and Eileen Kloss and known as Pondview Estates, is experiencing some minor wetland issues. They have met with the Soil and Water Conservation district and they are willing to work with the Kloss' as much as possible in this matter.

**Other Business:**

none

**Department Reports:**

**Parks:** Daniel Baert and Zacariah Baert were present to discuss the following issues with the Council.

1. Zacariah is the new Assistant Park Complex Superintendent, and will report directly to Daniel. His employment started April 13. Motion made by Councilmember Gritzmacher, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer to officially hire Zacariah Baert. Motion carried.
2. Daniel has explained to City Council that it would be illogical for Zacariah to attempt to work the allotted amount of hours required for the position he has due to his starting later in the year. Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Gritzmacher to

accept Zacariah working less hours than outlined in his agreement initially, and pro-rating his salary accordingly. Motion carried.

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

1. Mike Schaeffer Sealcoating will be doing crack sealing during Late April and early May in Pierz.
2. Repairs to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue will be coming up soon.

**Police:** Steve Boser was present to discuss the following issues with the Council.

1. With the amount of traffic on highway 25 and the lack of stop signs, a neon crosswalk sign is needed to mark where pedestrians often cross. This sign is commonly used in cities that have high-traffic areas; it sits directly in the middle of the road and attracts the attention of motorists. Motion made by Councilmember Kahlhamer, seconded by Councilmember Gritzmacher to purchase this sign at a price of \$345.00. Motion carried.

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

1. The Board of Equalization and Appeals Hearing took place on April 19. No appointments were scheduled, and there were no walk-ins.
2. The Minnesota City Manager's Association conference is coming up on May 10<sup>th</sup> and lasts until May 12, and is held at Cragun's in Brainerd. Motion made by Councilmember Gritzmacher, seconded by Herbert Broschofsky to approve Michael attending this conference and further agreeing to pay for his registration, lodging, and travel expenses. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilmember Kahlhamer, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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Mike Menden, Mayor, City of Pierz

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Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz