

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

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

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

Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2006 meeting. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Sauer to approve the Agenda with one addition. Motion Carried.

Planning & Zoning:

-Call for Public Hearing, Storm Water Availability Charge.

This item was stricken from the agenda.

-Update, 2006 Stormwater Improvement Project, Jim Schulz

It has been reported that the street restoration that needs to be completed after the drainage pipe is installed is already underway in certain areas. S.E.H. Consulting, the engineering firm that is representing the City, is impressed with Tom's Backhoe Service thus far as they have observed them installing about 160 feet of drainage pipe per day. The open-cutting of Highway 25 in Pierz is scheduled to begin on August 14, which will call for a four-day closing and detour of T.H. 25 in the area near Brandl Motors and Pierz Implement.

-Building Permit, garage, River Park Estates

Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Kahlhamer to approve the building permit to construct a garage and instruct the builder to be aware of the building covenants in that area of Pierz. Motion carried.

Other Business:

-Presentation, Central MN Housing Partnership

The new housing rehabilitation program that CMHP introduced has emphasis on owner-occupied homes and multi-city cooperation. Brenda Engelking of CMHP mentioned that she has met with Rich Carlson of Little Falls and he liked the idea of working with Pierz to develop a loan program for homeowners in both cities. It was decided to further research the topic in the coming weeks.

-Approve Hiring of Officers, Pierz Fire Department

The positions of Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Dept. Secretary are appointed to three-year terms; both positions are up for re-appointment this year. The two applicants for these officer positions are Mike Lucking (Assistant Chief) and Todd Preimesberger (Secretary). Motion made by Councilmember Gritzmacher, seconded by Councilmember Kahlhamer to approve the appointment of Mike Lucking as Assistant Fire Chief for a term of three years and the appointment of Todd Preimesberger as Secretary for a term of three years. Motion carried.

-Resolution 072406, One-Day Beer License, St. Joseph's Church

Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to adopt the resolution. Motion carried.

-Adopt Policies as amended, Pierz Employee Handbook

This agenda item was tabled pending further discussion and review of the proposed amendments.

-Approve Parade Permit Application, Pierz Oktoberfest

Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the parade permit application for the August 27th parade. Motion carried.

-Discussion on Morrison County Public Health Emergency Preparedness

It was decided that each City Department will be taking steps in order to make it able to sustain any type of pandemic or disaster that might occur in Pierz.

-Introduce Hiring Committee, Full-time patrol Officer

The committee in charge of hiring a full-time patrol officer is Police Chief Steve Boser, the Police Committee, and one member of an area Police Department.

Department Reports:

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

Things are going quite well at the golf course and campground. The campground is booked very heavily for August.

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

Todd Meyer Construction is doing curb and gutter work in select areas of Pierz.

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

There are certain properties within the city that are in violation of the City's ordinance that addresses the ownership or possession of farm animals. Steve will handle each case individually.

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

Jessica Fischer is at city hall during Tuesdays and Wednesdays. She is in the process of publishing the quarterly City Newsletter, updating the city's tourism brochure, and working with Central MN Housing Partnership in a housing rehab Program.

Motion by Mayor Menden, second by Councilmember Gritzmacher to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Adjourned.

Mike Menden, Mayor, City of Pierz

Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz