

CITY OF PIERZ  
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council  
Special Meeting- Regarding Hwy. 25 Project - Lighting  
September 17, 2008

Members Present: Toby Egan, Herb Broschofsky, Stephanie Fyten, Roland Hartmann and Kathy Kahlhamer

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:30pm at Pierz City Hall by Mayor Toby Egan.

Mayor Toby Egan presented a brief summary of the Highway 25 project.

Councilmember Broschofsky described the lighting options for the project.

#### Resident's Comments and Concerns

Shorter light poles will not provide adequate lighting.

Will there be any additional stop signs added?

Will there be parking on the road?

Will there be timers on the lights for energy conservation?

Will any of the lighting be LED? If not, will it be possible to retrofit in the future?

Tall light poles are preferred to ensure adequate lighting.

Thirty Nine and Forty Three need lighting. Will additional lighting be added?

Business owners want attractive lights.

It is important for Main Street to attract people to visit the community.

The lights in downtown Little Falls do not provide adequate lighting.

The commercial club is very interested in the project and wants attractive lights.

Staying within the budget and purchasing affordable lights is important.

There is a rumor that some of the existing businesses will be removed.

What type of streetscape will be involved?

#### Council's Responses

There will not be any additional stop signs added. MN Dot regulates the installation of stop signs.

There will be parking on the road. However, there will be no parking zones near intersections as designated by MN Dot.

There will be timers on the lights for energy conservation.

At this time the Engineers do not recommend LED lighting. It may be possible to retrofit LED lighting in the future cost effectively.

The lighting companies have electronic light demonstrations available. There are many options for lighting. Councilmember Kahlhamer will take the lead in forming a lighting selection committee comprised of interested residents and business-owners. Anyone interested in participating on the committee should call City Hall.

If any of the current lighting is salvageable, it may be possible to add additional lighting to other areas of the city.

Current estimates for the city's share of the lighting project range from \$315,000 to \$325,000. MN Dot initially limits their contribution to \$50,000. Councilmember Broschofsky has requested that they consider increasing their contribution. Administrator Retka is looking into the availability of grant funding to pay a portion of the costs for streetscape and lighting.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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Toby Egan, Mayor, City of Pierz

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Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz