

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
February 14 2011

Members present: Toby Egan, Adrian Welle, Stephanie Fyten, Mary Korf, Michael Menden, and Maureen Watcott.

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at Pierz City Hall by Mayor Toby Egan.

Motion made by Council Member Stephanie Fyten and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to accept the minutes from the January 24 2011 Regular Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to approve the agenda with the additions of the Citywide Clean Up Day and the Pierz Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Paul Tschida reported that the Police Department had completed its investigation into allegations at the Pierz Schools and turned it over to the County Attorney. He also noted that there had been low numbers of snowmobile complaints this winter.

The Pierz Fire Department requested the annual donation from the Pierz Council of \$6500 for the Fire Department retirement accounts. Jeff Fuhrman noted that they were able to raise the amount of retirement per fire department employee as the economy is improving. Motion was made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve the donation. Mayor Toby Egan and Council Member Mike Menden abstained for conflicts of interest. AYE'S – Mary Korf, Steph Fyten, Adrian Welle. Passed 3-0.

Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to accept the 2010 yearend Audit presented by Mary Backlund from Gary Paulson CPA. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by Council member Michael Menden to approve MN DOT Work Order #4. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Adrian Welle and Seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve tabling the 2 am liquor license for Brickyard Bar and Grill until later in the meeting when the new City Code could be adopted that allowed 2 am liquor licensure. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Michael Menden and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to approve the RPSWD Partnership Agreement with the City of Pierz for the Public Facilities Authority loan and grant programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mayor Toby Egan and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve SHIP Grant for improving walking routes in Pierz. Motion carried unanimously.

A Council Orientation/Work Session date was set for March 14, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

The Council was informed that delinquent electric accounts would be monitored more closely and reviewed in the Council Orientation/Work Session.

Motion was made by Council Member Michael Menden and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to

approve the Horizon Health Gambling Permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to adopt the Pierz City Code Chapters 1 - 17. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Adrian Welle and Seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve the building permit for JIMLAS Properties for a new construction. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Adrian Welle and Seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve the building permit for 387 Cody Court for an addition to their house. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Adrian Welle and Seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to reopen the 2 am liquor license for Brickyard Bar and Grill. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to approve the 2 am liquor license for Brickyard Bar and Grill. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Anna Gruber informed the Council that citywide clean up day would be held April 30th.

Bob Otremba informed the Council that the snow removal on Main Street that was recently done a week later was due to MN DOT informing Bob that there was not enough snow to create cause or a parking hazard for snow removal. Bob informed the Council that MN DOT pays for approximately 2/3 of the snow removal and decides to do snow removal after every snow fall and typically does not authorize snow removal unless there is 4 inches of snow or more or if there is a parking/safety hazard. Bob said he can choose to do the snow removal at the City's cost but it could cost over \$3500, so he decided not to. The Council agreed with Bob's decision to not authorize the snow removal at 100% City cost and agreed that we should only do snow removal if MN DOT pays for it, but Bob can make the decision on a case by case basis. He also told the Council that he did a sign inventory for the County for replacing signs to meet retro-reflective requirements and we have a total of 219 signs.

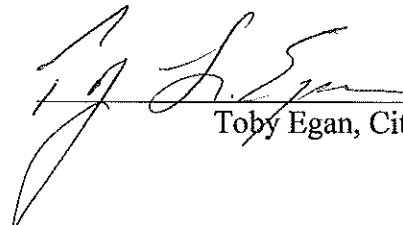
Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer, Maureen Watercott. The January 30, 2011 bank statement balance was \$372,632.74. Motion made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to accept the report. Motion carried unanimously.

City bills were reviewed. Motion made by Council Member Stephanie Fyten and seconded by Council member Michael Menden to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$282,624.22. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Stephanie Fyten and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.


Mary Korf, Clerk, City of Pierz


Toby Egan, City of Pierz Mayor