

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
October 8, 2007

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

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

Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to approve tonight's Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Visitors:

Brian Middendorf, County Attorney

- Brian was present to provide a synopsis of the services provided to the City by the County Attorney's office relating to municipal prosecution. A motion was made by Mayor Egan, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to execute the municipal prosecution agreement between the City and Morrison County. Roll Call Vote: All members voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Bzdock, Sled Dog Racing

- Bob was present to receive an indication from the Council as to whether Pierz would like to hold a dog sled race this year. Sanctioning fees and insurance costs incurred by the City are reimbursable by the dog sled association, according to Bob. Motion made by Councilmember Hartmann, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to deny Bob's request to hold a sled dog race in Pierz. Voting Yes: Fyten, Egan, Broschofsky, Hartmann. Voting No: Kahlhamer. Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning:

-Consider Permit, New Garage, 129 Robert Street South

Marvin Stangl reported that the property owner has located his lot lines. He is in compliance with city ordinances and is ready to move forward. Motion made by Mayor Egan, seconded by Councilmember Fyten to approve the issuance of the permit. Motion carried unanimously.

-Consider Permit, New Garage, Jason Swedeen.

Marvin reported that this homeowner is in compliance with ordinances and the Zoning board is recommending approval. Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to approve the issuance of the permit. Motion carried unanimously.

-Consider Permit, Patio renovation, Todd Preimesberger

Marvin reported that this was in compliance with the ordinances and recommended approval. Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to approve the issuance of the permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Items of Business:

- Pierz Assessment Policy

The City Administrator presented the assessment policy for consideration and review upon the Council hearing about the formal process from the City engineer. The City Administrator noted that research was completed in recent days per the Council's request as to the assessment methods of previous projects; 100% of costs were assessable in all cases. Motion made by Councilmember Hartmann, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to adopt the Pierz assessment policy. Motion carried unanimously.

- Pierz Sidewalk Policy

The City Administrator presented the policy for review and approval. Councilmember Broschofsky raised the issue of whether the City should do all sidewalk work or not. The proposed policy states that property owners can do sidewalk work. The Council came to agreement that language should be changed to ensure the City conducts ALL sidewalk work. A motion was made by Councilmember Hartmann, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to adopt the sidewalk policy. Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution Calling for Hearing on Proposed Assessment, Park Avenue Improvement Project.

The City Engineer, along with the City Administrator introduced the resolution and Mayor Egan moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hartmann, and upon no other discussion, the motion carried unanimously. The hearing is set for 6:30pm October 29th at City Hall.

- Resolution 100807, Referendum Question

The Council was given this resolution, which poses a question to the voters in Pierz City as to whether they would like to fund a library in Pierz with property tax levies. It was determined that the language of the question needed to be changed. No action taken.

Department Reports:

- **Police:** Steve Boser was present to speak with the Council.

- Steve is requesting the hiring of part-time officer Jeremy Luberts to the Pierz Police Department. Motion made by Councilmember Fyten, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to authorize the hiring of Jeremy Luberts at \$16.00/hour. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Fire:** The fire department will be reviewing applications as their deadline for candidates to apply has passed. A meeting of the department's hiring committee will be scheduled soon.

- **Public Works:** Bob Otremba was present.

- Bob has presented to the Council a snowplow agreement with the State for Highway 25/Main Street. A motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to execute the agreement. Roll call vote: All voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Parks:** Daniel Baert was present.

-Daniel will be finished closing the parks complex in three weeks.

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

- Mike will be meeting with Pierz Sanitation to discuss contract negotiations.

Claims: The claims for the month were prepared for review and total **\$174,376.82** including EFT transactions and pre-approved claims 0900-0908 and 06538-06596. Motion made by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the claims. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: September 30 checking account balance: **\$329,231.00.**

- **IRP Loan Fund:** Motion made by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to issue a \$25,000.00 check to Morrison County Community Development to activate \$100,000.00 in equity. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Fyten to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Toby Egan, Mayor, City of Pierz

Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz