

CITY OF PIERZ  
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council  
September 11, 2006

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

Members Absent: Mary Gritzmacher

The public hearing regarding a rezoning request was called to order by Mayor Menden at 7:00 p.m. at Pierz City Hall. A rezoning request was submitted by Horizon Health. Barb Rebeischke was present on behalf of Horizon Health to field any questions or comments from the public. Mayor Menden called for the public to speak out opposing or supporting this request; no members of the public spoke. The planning and zoning committee, after being asked by the council what their opinion was, had no objections to the request.

Mayor Menden closed the public hearing pending no further discussion or comment on the issue.

Hearing closed.

The public hearing regarding a conditional use permit for Horizon Health was called to order by Mayor Menden at 7:08 p.m. at Pierz City Hall. A conditional use permit application was submitted by Barb Rebeischke, who was present to field questions or comments on the issue. Mayor Menden then called for the public to speak out opposing or supporting this request; no members of the public spoke. The planning and zoning committee, after being asked by the council what their opinion was, had no objections to this permit request. Barb briefly summarized the issue saying that Horizon Health would not be able to operate on their newly acquired parcel, which was rezoned, without a conditional use permit. Mayor Menden closed the public hearing pending no further discussion or comment on the issue. Hearing closed.

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Mayor Mike Menden.

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

Members Absent: None

Motion by Councilmember Broschofsky, second by Councilmember Kahlhamer to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2006 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mayor Menden, second by Councilmember Sauer to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Planning & Zoning:**

-Resolution 091106, Rezoning Request, Horizon Health

Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Kahlhamer to adopt the resolution and attach a copy of the legal description of the property to said resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

-Conditional Use Permit, Horizon Health

Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the conditional use permit for Horizon Health. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business:**

-Set Levy Amount, 2007 City Budget

Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Kahlhamer to set the 2007 levy amount at \$280,515.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**-New Library Project Site Selection**

Bridget Britz and Leon Flicker were present to discuss the need for the City to select a site for the new library in order to move forward in seeking out funding for the project. The site located on Peter Avenue is adequate and was agreed upon by the council as a nice location. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to designate the Peter Avenue site as the proposed new library site. Motion carried unanimously.

**-Mutual Aid Agreement Discussion**

It was decided that representatives of Pierz and Onamia should meet prior to signing the agreement. No action taken.

**Claims:**

The claims for the month of August were presented and total \$133,276.94 Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Gritzmacher to approve the claims. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Checkbook Balance as of 8-31	\$270,866.13
Ending Balance	\$270,866.13

Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Kahlhamer to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

**Department Reports:**

**Fire:** Toby Egan was present to discuss the following issues with the Council.

-The Fire Chief is requesting that the Council approve the hiring of an Assistant Secretary which would serve as an officer of the Fire Department. This position would have an officer’s salary of \$300.00 annually. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the hiring of an Assistant Secretary of the Fire Department. Motion carried.

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

-Daniel is researching the possibility of buying out the lease of each golf cart, which is leased to the City by Textron. Also, the golf course would like to offer a lowered rate for people golfing in pairs such as \$22.00 for a cart and 9 holes of golf. This was also discussed at the Park Board meeting held earlier this evening.

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

-A fire hydrant was struck and has been damaged. The council directed Bob to replace the hydrant, rather than repair it.

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

-A disclosure of criminal activity reported for the year so far was presented.  
-A short discussion of allegations brought against the Police Chief resulted in the Council seeking to develop a mutual aid agreement with Genola. The Chief also extended the invitation to any Councilmember to join him for a ride along while he is on night patrol.

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

-The electric policy has been amended and is ready for approval. The only changes made to the policy is the actual dollar figures being taken out of the installation section so that the City is able to stay current with whatever Crow Wing Power's rates are and charge 100% of those rates to residents. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to adopt the electrical policy as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Kahlhamer, second by Councilmember Gritzmacher to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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Mike Menden, Mayor, City of Pierz

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Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz