

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
February 12, 2007

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

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

Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, second by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2007 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, second by Councilmember Hartmann to approve tonight's Agenda with the additions of the Clubhouse Manager position hiring, a part-time police officer hiring, and the fireman's relief association addressing the Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Visitors:

-Jerri Boser was present to introduce a proposal for family fun day in Pierz, a day where several activities would be planned for families to enjoy. Jerri will report the date and time information to the Council as soon as it is set.

-Fred Gruber was present to request permission for the American Legion to use City Hall for their Wednesday night meetings. The Council explained that no City meetings are ever held on Wednesday nights, and that it would not conflict with their scheduled meetings or otherwise. The Legion's request was met, and their future Wednesday meetings will be at city hall. No action taken.

-Neil Korf was present on behalf of the Pierz Firefighter's Relief Association. Due to a conflict of interest on Mayor Egan's part, he requested permission to leave the Council chambers and appoint Councilmember Fyten as Acting Mayor. Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to excuse the Mayor until conversations with the Relief Association are complete. Motion carried unanimously. Neil explained that the Association will be paying retirees \$1,900.00 per year of service at their time of retirement with City Council approval. This would be an increase from the previous amount of \$1,600.00 per year of service. A motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to approve the increase. Voting yes: Fyten, Hartmann, Broschofsky. Voting no: none. Abstaining: Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk. Motion carried.

-A Motion was made by Councilmember Hartmann, seconded by Councilmember Fyten to bring Mayor Egan back into the Council chambers. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

-Resolution 021207, Comprehensive Transportation Funding

The City Administrator summarized the contents of this resolution, which supports ongoing efforts by the legislature and the Governor to fund transportation projects. The resolution, upon its passage, will be forwarded down to local legislators currently in session at the State Capitol. A motion was made by Mayor Egan, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to adopt the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

-Annual Agreement, Morrison County area Humane Society

The fees for stray animals turned in and not claimed after 7 days are the same as in previous years: \$40.00 for dogs and \$35.00 for cats (one-time fees). A motion was made by Mayor Egan, seconded by

Councilmember Broschofsky to approve of the agreement and execute said agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

-Consumption and Display Permit Renewal, Stan and Yvonne Przybilla

The Pierz Ballroom requires this permit and its renewal each year. Upon the City Administrator reporting that no complaints have been made about the facility to him or to the police department, a motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to approve the permit for one year. Motion carried unanimously.

-Statewide Smoking Ban Bill Update

Bill "HF305" or the Freedom to Breathe Act of 2007, if passed, would approve a statewide indoor smoking ban. This bill was authored recently and will reach the State House of Representatives shortly. No action taken

-Pierzmn.org Website Domain Renewal

The City Administrator explained that the renewal date for this web address is coming in early March. In order for the City to retain this web address, they would need to notify Govoffice by early March. A two-year renewal costs a total of \$90.00; this is an affordable expense that would be deducted from the Clerk budget. A motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to approve the two-year renewal. Motion carried unanimously.

-Donation Request, Morrison County Agricultural Society

The City of Pierz donates \$275.00 each year toward the Morrison County fair and their efforts to improve the fairgrounds during the off-season. The Society has once again submitted a donation request for 2007. A motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to donate \$275.00 to Morrison County Agricultural Society. Motion carried unanimously.

Department Reports:

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

-The dog sled races were once again cancelled and postponed another year due to lack of snow. After speaking with the race directors, Maury Duval and Bob Bzdock, 80-120 teams would be available for a Pierz race and the hope is that next year will bring more snow.

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

-Bob presented copies of state-bid truck prices to the City Council to compare with local dealership prices. Bob will be purchasing a brand new pickup truck for the street department, and handing their current Ford F-150 down to the Parks department. Bob, along with the Council, will research prices and hope to have a sensible truck in mind by the February 26th Council meeting.

Police: Steve Boser was not present to discuss issues with the Council, but Mike DeRosia recommended the Council approve Chief Boser's 2007 annual salary of \$52,743.60 (an increase of 3.5% from 2006). A motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to approve Chief Boser's annual salary. Voting yes: Hartmann, Broschofsky, Egan, Fyten. Voting no: Kahlhamer. Motion carried.

-Mike also voiced that Chief Boser recommended hiring Dan Rocheleau as a part-time patrol officer. A motion was made by Mayor Egan, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to hire Dan Rocheleau. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Mayor Egan, seconded by Councilmember Fyten to set Dan's hourly wage at \$16.00. Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Mike reported on the Clubhouse Manager interviews on Saturday, which generated a top candidate whom the panel recommended for hiring. The interviewee, Anthony Andres, has been notified that he is a top candidate, and the Council will make a final decision soon. A motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to offer the position to Anthony. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report::

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| January 31 Bank Balance | \$240,669.27 |
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Investments:

Treasurer Maureen Watercott asked for approval of pledged securities/collateral for a **\$100,000.00** CD to be invested for the City at the new **Unity Bank in Genola**. Motion made by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk, seconded by Mayor Egan to approve pledged securities. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mayor Egan, second by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims: The claims for the month were reviewed by the Council and total \$82,744.39. Motion made by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk, seconded by Councilmember Fyten to pay claims as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

Ray Zimney Resignation Letter

-Motion made by Councilmember Hartmann, seconded by Councilmember Fyten to accept Ray's resignation from the Park board. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Broschofsky, second by Councilmember Hartmann to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Toby Egan, Mayor, City of Pierz

Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz