

CITY OF PIERZ  
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council  
January 25 2010

Members present: Toby Egan, Mary Korf, Adrian Welle, Stephanie Fyten, Rollie Hartmann and Maureen Watercott.

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm at Pierz City Hall by Mayor Toby Egan.

Motion made by Council Member Adrian Welle and seconded by Council Member Rollie Hartmann to accept the minutes from the January 11 2010 Regular Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Rollie Hartmann to approve the agenda with the addition of the Motschke benefit. Motion carried unanimously.

A report was given in regards to the informational meeting held by the City Council on January 25 2010 at 6:00 pm. The Council used the meeting to discuss potential assessments for the Highway 25 project in Summer of 2010. It was decided that assessment number 6, provided by WSN, was the most applicable and affordable for business owners and residents. A preliminary public hearing will be scheduled in the next few weeks once more exact numbers are calculated from the general contractor's bid price.

A public hearing was held for the discussion of the increase of electrical rates. Discussion was made in regards to MN Power's twice increasing their electrical rates that we purchase our power from. A rate study was done to establish the new electrical rates. Public input that was provided was supportive of the increase and felt that it was necessary to keep providing the service.

Motion made by Council Member Rollie Hartmann and seconded by Council Member Stephanie Fyten to approve the Chapter 6 Ordinance Amendment that would increase electrical rates. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was made in regards to the Solid Waste contract with Pierz Sanitation. The Solid Waste committee had met to discuss whether it may be more affordable to operate the business as the City instead of contracting out. The City discussed this with residents and Pierz Sanitation and came to the conclusion that eliminating a tax-paying business from Pierz and also taking over another service that we contract out for may not be the best answer. It was decided that the committee will meet with Pierz Sanitation to negotiate and renew the solid waste contract that expires in October of 2010.

Motion made by Council member Adrian Welle and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve moving forward with the Capital Improvements Plan through SEH Engineering. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council member Stephanie Fyten and seconded by Council Member Rollie Hartmann to approve resolution 012510-1 approving the 2010 Fee Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to approve resolution 012510-2 approving the designation of Rajkowski Hansmeier Law Office as the City Attorney for 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

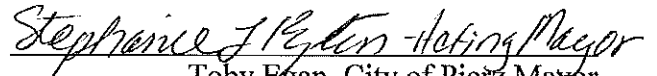
Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to approve the 2010 Annual Designations. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was made in regards to the Claude Motschke benefit coming up and their request for a donation of a round of golf for the silent auction. This was referred to the Park Board for further discussion and decision.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

  
Mary Korf, Clerk, City of Pierz

  
Toby Egan, City of Pierz Mayor