

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
August 14, 2006

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

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

Motion by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Kahlhamer to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2006 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Mayor Menden, second by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the Agenda. Carried unanimously.

Planning & Zoning:

Update, David Drown, Financial Consultant and introduction of resolution 081406-A

-David Drown was present to discuss the sale of the City's \$435,000 general obligation drainage bond. Cronin and Company, along with Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Pierz, was the top bidder with a purchase price of \$431,737.50 and a net interest rate of 4.3368%. Mr. Drown also recommended the adoption of resolution 081406-A, a resolution which provides for the sale and issuance of the bond to Cronin & Company. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to adopt resolution 081406-A. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

-LMCIT/OSHA Safety Assistance Program

This program was introduced by the City Administrator and is an effective tool used to stay within OSHA compliance. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Sauer to participate in the program. Motion carried unanimously.

-Resolution 081406-01

This resolution was introduced by the City Administrator and establishes the Storm Sewer Access Fees and Availability Charges. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to adopt resolution 081406-01. Motion carried unanimously.

-Morrison County Rural Development Finance Authority

This item was introduced by the City Administrator and refers to a low-interest loan program which would allow the City to give a low-interest loan to a business that is interested in locating itself here. It was decided to invite Carol Anderson of Morrison County Community Development to present the benefits of the program at a council meeting prior to any decisions being made.

-Election Judge Pay

For the 2006 general elections, the City Administrator proposed an hourly rate of \$8.00 and a mileage reimbursement for travel to training sessions at the current federal rate of \$.44/mile. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Sauer to set the rate concurrent with the Administrator's proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

-Building Permit Application, New Dwelling, Ryan Przybilla

The Planning and Zoning Board reviewed the plans and specifications of Mr. Przybilla's proposed new dwelling before tonight's meeting and recommended approval contingent upon Mr. Przybilla meeting lot requirements and paying for the wetland permit. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the permit. Motion carried.

-Building Permit Application, New Dwelling, Habitat for Humanity

Kathy Kahlhamer met with the Planning and Zoning Board for plan review, and the board recommended approval. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Sauer to approve the permit. Abstaining: Councilmember Kahlhamer. Motion carried. Voting in Favor: Gritzmacher, Menden, Broschofsky, Sauer.

-Leon Flicker, Brochure Update

Leon proposed the City of Pierz contribute to the cost of the new Pierz brochure. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to donate \$500.00 to the cost of creating the brochure. Motion carried unanimously. An additional motion was made by Mayor Menden to appoint Councilmember Sauer to the sign committee along with Leon Flicker. Motion carried. Abstaining: Councilmember Sauer. Voting in favor: Gritzmacher, Menden, Broschofsky, Kahlhamer.

Department Reports:

Parks: Daniel Baert was not present to discuss issues with the Council.

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

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

-The Pierz Police Department’s policy and Procedure manual has been updated and is ready for approval. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Kahlhamer to adopt the policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

-The annual League of MN Cities Conference is next week, and Mike will be gone from Tuesday until Thursday but can be reached.

Treasurer’s Report::

Checkbook Balance:	\$483,927.61

Motion by Mayor Menden, second by Councilmember Gritzmacher to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims: The claims for the month totaling \$301,786.24 were presented and reviewed by the Council. Motion by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Sauer to pay claims as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mayor Menden, second by Councilmember Sauer to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Mike Menden, Mayor, City of Pierz

Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz

