

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
May 24 2010

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

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

Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Rollie Hartmann to accept the minutes from the May 10 2010 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Adrian Welle and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve the agenda with the additions of the Father Pierz Statue, US Cable, Kloss Update, and Community Education Donation Request. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council member Rollie Hartmann to approve moving forward with the donation of the Father Pierz Statue and to begin the transfer process from St. Cloud Hospital. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Anna Gruber discussed with the Council the telephone company rates and offers from US Cable and signing a new agreement to lower our bill by potentially \$200 a month. Gruber was going to check to see what Centurytel may offer before making a decision.

Kloss Enterprises came to the Council to discuss updates on the punch list for the Pond View Townhomes plat. City Engineer Scott Hedlund informed the Council that they may want to set up a security agreement for the bituminous patchwork done on Karst Street since it may compact differently in the colder weather. The City agreed to have Scott move forward with setting up this agreement. Scott also informed the Council that easements have been relocated for Pond View Townhomes and the final plat will be ready soon, however, the City needs to vacate the old easements. A motion was made by Mayor Toby Egan and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to introduce Resolution 052410-01 to set a Public Hearing to vacate the easements. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Council Member Rollie Hartmann and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve Resolution 052410-01 to set a Public Hearing to Vacate Easements located in Pond View Estates/Townhomes for June 14th, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to approve the donation of \$2000.00 to Community Education. Motion carried unanimously.

The FEMA Trailer Bid Opening was held during the City Council meeting. There were 9 bids opened, with the highest bidder being Gary Jutz at a price of \$6258.51. Mr. Jutz was awarded the winning bid and title will be transferred once payment is received.

Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Rollie Hartmann to approve the City moving forward with Holophane for their lighting selection for HWY 25. Holophane was determined an approved equal to the previously chosen Lumec. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was made in regards to the City garbage cans that are used by residents for Pierz Sanitation pick up. The City Council agreed that we need to begin moving forward with purchasing and phasing in new, industrial sized and quality garbage cans. The issue was referred to the solid waste committee to begin developing a plan for purchasing and implementing the new cans.

Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to approve a bid for \$19,912.76 from Pearson Brothers, Inc. for the chip sealing in town. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mayor Toby Egan and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve a \$6462 bid from Tri City Paving for patch work in town. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Rollie Hartmann and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to approve bids from Saeher Backhoe for water main work done for the fire hall, city hall, and water fountain in coordination with the Highway 25 project. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was made in regards to concrete work on private property. The Council urges residents to replace concrete on their private property in coordination with the MN DOT concrete work.

Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to approve setting up a MN DOT \$10,000 Continuing Bond for utility work in the right of way. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was made in regards to City Administrator Anna Gruber's upcoming maternity leave. The administrative committee met and felt that between other city staff and Gruber working from home, that there was no need for an interim city administrator hiring. The City Council agreed.

Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Rollie Hartmann to approve the American Legion Auxiliary's use of the park shelter on July 14 and 19th free of charge. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was made in regards to changing electric deposit charges for Kamnic Apartments and Rose Court due to them being primarily senior living environments. The Council felt that if they approved this for 2 places, that they needed to do it for everyone. They decided to remain with the uniform \$100 deposit for everyone renting in town.

Motion was made by Council Member Adrian Welle and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve the Oktoberfest Parade Permit. Motion carried unanimously.

City Council was made aware of the employee evaluations and wage negotiations to take place on June 21st, 2010 at 5:30 pm in a closed meeting.

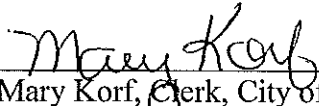
A motion was made by Mayor Toby Egan and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to approve a permit for Tim Watercott for a shed, pending final approval by the building official. Motion carried unanimously.

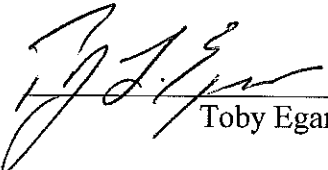
Discussion was made in regards to a building permit for a garage for Dennis Welle's property. The planning and zoning recommendation was that the permit needed a variance because it did not meet set back requirements. Welle agreed to apply for a variance.

A public hearing was set for June 14, 2010 at 6:30 pm for the rezoning request of Lot 8 in Pond View Estates.

A Motion was made by Council member Rollie Hartmann and seconded by Council member Adrian Welle to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.


Mary Korf, Clerk, City of Pierz


Toby Egan, City of Pierz Mayor