

CITY OF PIERZ  
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council  
July 14, 2008

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

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Fyten, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2008 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Councilmember Fyten, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve tonight's Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- **Tabled a request for a Manufactured Home permit by Linda Strenge, due to a very small window of time she had to move her home from the current park, 2-days. It was decided by the council that Mayor, Toby Egan would look at the home for potential maintenance issues the following day.**
- Approved a 1-day off site Lawful Gambling Permit for the Pierz Fire Relief Association on August 8, 2008 for a Benefit (Tracy Thompson).
- **Approved the Fire Department Salaries for the year of 2009.**  
Chief @ \$1350. Asst. Chief @ \$700. Training Officer @ \$700. Captain @ \$700.  
Secretary @ \$1350. Asst. Secretary @ \$300.
- **Building Permit was approved for Victoria Ortman, removal & replacement of front entry to her home.**
- **Building Permit was approved for a detached garage in the Manufactured Home Park for Dan Stager.**
- **Tabled Permit for Healy High School (storage shed) because of lack of information on the Permit application.**
- Approved a 1-day Lawful Gambling Permit for the Pierz Lions Club at Oktoerfest August 24, 2008.
- **Approved a donation to the Central Minnesota Initiative Foundation of \$1300.**
- Approved the hiring of Police Chief, Kyle Hoehne effective Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at a salary of \$46,000 per year and with a 1-year probationary period. All benefits as per the Pierz Employee Handbook. Kyle's residence must remain within a 5-minute response time from the City of Pierz.
- Information was given to the Council about the removal of the garages at the Manufactured Home Park from Dan Stager, Removal is underway.
- **The Hiring Committee for the new City Administrator consists of Herb Broschofsky, Kathy Kahlhamer, Maureen Watercott and Mike DeRosia. They gave an update to the Council that 29 people applied for the position. They will recommend 2-3 applicants for the final hiring.**
- Approved a \$1000. donation to the Morrison County Chaplin, Greg Valentine.
- **A discussion took place about the current handicap ramp entering the Senior Center.**  
After discussion Toby agreed to get a cost estimate to add an additional treated wood ramp at the rear entrance to the Senior Center. Due to Hwy 25 Project the existing ramp would be

- out of service during the summer of 2010. Also the current ramp is in non-code compliant.
- Approved the City Golf Course to join the MGA. (Minnesota Golf Association.)
  - **Approved removing Drew Gruber from a Probationary employee and adding him to the permanent employee list of the Pierz Fire Dept.**
  - **Approved the hiring of Chris Young as the Pierz Fire Department's Assistant Chief.**
  - Approved Jeff Hasert to remain as Captain of the Pierz Fire Department.
  - **Approved a temporary wage increase of \$15.00 per hour for Wanda Lundblad until a new City Administrator is hired. After the City Administrator is hired she will return to her normal rate of pay.**
  - Mayor Toby Egan assured the residents of Pierz that City Hall would remain open while Wanda Lundblad was on vacation July 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Maureen Watercott gave the City's monthly financial report, was approved by the council. Claims for the month were approved with the exception of one bill for the fire dept. wellness program.**
  - Mayor Egan and the City Council thanked Mike DeRosia and wished him luck with his new job.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:10 PM.**

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Toby Egan, Mayor, City of Pierz

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Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz