

CITY OF PIERZ  
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council  
June 11, 2007

Members Present: Toby Egan, Herb Broschofsky, Stephanie Fyten, Rollie Hartmann and Maureen Watercott.

Members Absent: Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk

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

Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2007 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**New Business:**

-Consideration of Park Avenue Improvements from Vincent Street to Cassie Street

After receiving public input, the Council determined that the remainder of Park Avenue will receive sidewalk, curb/gutter, and street improvements as part of a comprehensive project, hopefully within the next two years. A motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to hold off on further improvements of Park Avenue. Voting Yes: Egan, Broschofsky, Fyten, Hartmann. Voting No: none. Absent: Kahlhamer. Motion carried.

-Ordinance 601, Operation of the Electrical Utility

The Council is considering adding language to this ordinance which would allow for a monthly fuel adjustment charge per kilowatt if the City were ever charged over one cent per kilowatt by its wholesaler for the same reason in a given month. The consensus among the Council was that Pierz Municipal Electric could withstand incurring a one cent charge per kilowatt but would have to recover any extra cost beyond that. A motion was made by Councilmember Hartmann, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to adopt changes to Ordinance 601. Voting Yes: Egan, Hartmann, Broschofsky, Fyten. Voting No: None. Absent: Kahlhamer. Motion carried.

-Resolution 061107, Approve Certified Letter Fee

Mayor Egan introduced this resolution upon the office of the Administrator requesting to raise the charge to delinquent customers due to postage fee increases, and Councilmember Fyten moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hartmann, and the following voted in favor: Egan, Hartmann, Broschofsky, Fyten. Voting No: none. Absent: Kahlhamer.

Resolution 061107-01, Approving Off-Site Gambling

Mayor Egan introduced this resolution requesting to hold a bingo game at the Pierz Park during Oktoberfest, and Councilmember Broschofsky moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fyten, and the following voted in favor: Egan, Hartmann, Broschofsky, Fyten. Voting No: none. Absent: Kahlhamer. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

-Peter Avenue Lot Proposal

A proposal was submitted by local property owner Tim Luberts for the Council's review. Tim's proposal offers the City \$27,500.00 for the old pump house lot on Peter Avenue and Faust Street. A motion was made by Councilmember Hartmann, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the lot sale to Tim Luberts. Voting yes: Egan, Hartmann, Broschofsky, Fyten. Voting No: none. Absent: Kahlhamer.

-Sidewalk maintenance Policy

Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to table this matter until the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

-Main Street Project Bonding Bill

The City Administrator gave an update to the Council stating that the Highway 25/Main Street project bonding bill has been re-drafted so as to better itemize funds requested by both the City and RPSWD.

-Consider Permit, Garage Addition, 614 Park Ave. SE

The planning and zoning board did not have any issue with the approval of this addition to the homeowner's garage. A motion was made by Mayor Egan, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the issuance of the building permit. Voting Yes: Egan, Hartmann, Broschofsky, Fyten.

Voting No: none. Absent: Kahlhamer.

-Parade Permit Application, Pierz Lions Club

A motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to approve the Oktoberfest Parade Permit application. *Kahlhamer now present*, Motion carried unanimously.

**Department Reports:**

**Police:** Steve Boser was present to discuss the following issues with the Council and delivered the monthly activity report.

-After ordering the demolition of the dilapidated trailer parked on lot 22 in the Pierz Mobile Home Park, Steve reported that the City will owe roughly owe \$800.00 to the people who demolished the trailer. A motion was made by Councilmember Fyten, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to pay those who did the demolition \$800.00. Motion carried unanimously. Steve's intentions are to have Mike Mullin pay the City back for the demolition cost.

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

-Mike is going to figure out whether it is more beneficial for the City to buy newer, more user friendly billing software or keep the same program as a result of new variable charges being added to customer's bills each month upon ordinance 601's passage. Mike will report back to the Council. The current software's settings consume a large amount of administrative staff time.

**Financial Report:**

Treasurer's Report: May 31 Checking Account Balance: \$188,192.52. Motion made by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously. Maureen also informed the Council that a golf course fund CD is due at Farmer's and Merchant's bank. The Council directed Maureen to re-new.

Claims: The claims for the month totaled \$100,057.59 including EFT transactions. Claims are numbered 06279-06317 along with pre-paid claims 0900-0916. A motion was made by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to approve the claims for the month. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Councilmember Fyten, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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Toby Egan, Mayor, City of Pierz

Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz