

CITY OF PIERZ  
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council  
July 10, 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 made by Councilmember Gritzmacher, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Sauer to approve the Agenda for tonight's meeting. Motion carried.

**Planning & Zoning:**

-Storm Sewer Project Update, Jim Schulz, City Engineer.

The Storm Sewer Improvement project is underway as Tom's Backhoe Service began construction today in the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Oak Street area. Jim explained that they will be crossing underneath highway 25 in the next 2-3 weeks as planned. A portion of highway 25 will be closed for four days during that time. It has also come to Jim's attention that an additional 27,500 yards of material will need to be removed and replaced during this project which was not outlined in the original plan, calling for a change order. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve change order no.1. Motion carried.

-Ordinance no. 143, Introducing a Municipal Stormwater Utility.

If established, this utility would provide a way for the City of Pierz to finance this project and administer services to its residents. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to establish Ordinance 143. Roll call Vote: all five councilmembers voted yes. Motion passes.

-Stormwater Utility Credit Policy

If adopted, this policy would be the basis by which citizens can apply for and expect credits from the city and receive reduced fees. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Sauer to adopt the policy. Motion carried.

-Ordinance no. 131, Introducing New Fence Installation Regulations.

This ordinance would be an addition to the regulations outlined in the City's zoning ordinance and would encourage abutting neighbors to communicate before a fence is installed. The City Administrator recommended the ordinance be tabled until further research is conducted by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**Other Business:**

-Approval of Tobacco Licenses

The following tobacco licenses were approved unanimously by separate motions from the City Council.

-License to Patrick's Bar and Grill.

-License to B&T Bootleggers

-License to Brickyard Bar and Banquet Hall

-License to Lloyd's Discount Liquor

-License to Vet's Oil Company (SuperAmerica)

-License to Red's Auto

-License to Pierz Foods.

-Resolution 071006 Appointing a 2006 Stormwater Utility Committee.

This committee will serve as a resource source for citizens when they have any questions regarding the utility or their credit status eligibility. Members of the committee will be Mayor Menden, Public Works Director Bob Otremba, Councilmember Daniel Sauer, Councilmember Herbert Broschofsky, Ex-Officio Jim Schulz, City Engineer and Ex-Officio Mike DeRosia, City Administrator. Motion made by Councilmember Gritzmacher, seconded by Councilmember Kahlhamer to adopt the resolution. Motion carried.

-071006-01 Approving a One-Day Beer License, Pierz Lion's Club

The Pierz Lion's Club is requesting a permit to sell beer during the Oktoberfest celebration. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Kahlhamer to adopt the resolution. Motion carried. Abstaining: Councilmember Sauer.

-071006-02 Approving a One-Day Off-Site Gambling Activity Lease

The Pierz Lion's Club is requesting to hold a bingo and pull-tabs outing for the Oktoberfest celebration. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to adopt the resolution. Motion carried. Abstaining: Councilmember Sauer.

-Approve Charitable Donation, Initiative Foundation

Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Gritzmacher to approve a \$1,300 donation to Initiative Foundation. Motion carried.

### **Department Reports:**

**Parks:** Daniel Baert was present to discuss the following issues with the Council.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July campout went well; there was a sizeable turnout. Also, J Clubhouse, the Enterprise that operates the Pierz Golf Course, is offering to sell a rarely used washer/dryer to the city in lieu of using Ameripride for laundry services. The washer/dryer would be used by the Public Works Dept., Parks Dept, and the Clubhouse. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Kahlhamer to purchase the washer/dryer for \$100.00. Motion carried.

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

The fire hydrant replacement project is near complete. Multiple hydrants needed replacement, the total cost the city will incur is \$2251.25.

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

A total of 224 calls/complaints have been documented so far this year; 21 arrests have been made; there was also a recent rise in the amount of stolen cars. All cars have now been recovered and suspects apprehended.

**Fire:** Toby Egan was present to discuss the following issues with the Council.

The department is ready to begin hiring as soon as possible. They are currently short 4 members and expressed that they need to have the new policies in place prior to hiring new firefighters.

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

Mike will be working with the MMUA to develop new policies regarding the customer service portion of the City's electrical utility. Mike hopes that these policies will improve and strengthen that area of administration. Mike also has reported a very high volume of calls at city hall requesting applications for a full-time Police Officer position.

**Claims:** The claims have been prepared for the month of June and total \$113,641.70. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to pay the claims. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Maureen Watercott has reported the City's checkbook balance as 392,237.83 as of the end of June.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Councilmember Sauer, second by Councilmember Gritzmacher to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m

---

Mike Menden, Mayor, City of Pierz

---

Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz