

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
April 10, 2006

Members Present:

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

Others Attending:

Daniel Baert, Robert Otremba, Crystal Trutnau, Michael DeRosia, Terry Lehrke (Morrison County Record), **et. Al.**

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Sauer to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Mayor Menden, second by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the Agenda with the addition of the Community Development Report by Crystal Trutnau, and the additions of Jake Litke, Leroy Kahlhamer, and Lynn Egan to Recognition of Visitors.

Planning & Zoning:

1. In the previous City Council meeting, a motion to purchase the lot located north of the fire hall was contingent upon the American Legion and its auxiliary members having full access to the parking lot, but this contingency was not documented. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Gritzmacher to make the City of Pierz's purchase of the land parcel contingent upon Legion members and auxiliary members having access to the parking lot. Motion carried.

Jim Schultz of SEH Consulting presented the design for the storm sewer outfall south of Ronald Avenue. Schulz explained the drainage path and logistics of the plan. The plans and specifications, when completed, will also be presented to the Rich Prairie Sewer and Water Board.

2. The City is interested in acquiring a parcel of land from Rich Boser which would be used as a storm water outfall. The parcel also has the potential to be park/green space. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Kahlhamer to purchase the parcel of land discussed herein as a potential outfall owned by Rich Boser for \$15,000. Motion carried.
3. -Call for Public Hearing, Preliminary Plat, Pondview Estates, Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.
-Call for Public Hearing, Storm water Access Fee, Tuesday, May 9 at 8:00 p.m.
Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to call for two public hearings for the night of Tuesday, May 9 and further instruct city staff to notify the public. Motion carried.

Other Business:

1. City Council reviewed a building permit application for Joel Gritzmacher. Motion by Mayor Menden, second by Daniel Sauer to approve Joel Gritzmacher's permit application for the construction of a new dwelling contingent upon its compliance with zoning ordinances. Motion carried. Abstaining: Councilmember Gritzmacher.

2. City Council reviewed a building permit application for a new dwelling from Michael Rybaski. Motion made by Councilmember Sauer, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to table any further discussion or review of the application until land acquisition negotiations between Mr. Rybaski and the City of Pierz are finalized. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

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

1. Derrick Mesker, with the Morrison County Sheriff's Department, is no longer needed by The Pierz Police Department. Motion made by Councilmember Sauer, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to terminate the employment of Derrick Mesker. Motion carried.
2. Monthly activity report.

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

1. The Assistant Park Complex Superintendent position and the upcoming interviews on April 12.
2. A former employee of the Parks Department wishes to receive a \$100.00 credit on a golf membership in lieu of a final paycheck (in the amount of \$100.00). Motion made by Councilmember Sauer, seconded by Councilmember Gritzmacher to allow for the \$100.00 credit. Motion carried.

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

1. A bid on road repairs from Mike Schaeffer Sealcoating. The total bid for needed repairs within the City of Pierz is \$5,975. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Sauer to hire Mike Schaeffer Sealcoating. Motion carried.
2. Sentence to Serve's outstanding job on the cleanup of the former Pierz landfill site.
3. The brush pile at the former landfill site needs to be cleaned up. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to hire Dick Talberg for the brush pile clean-up. Motion carried.

Community Development: Crystal Trutnau was present to discuss the following issues with City Council.

1. The development of the newsletter and the importance of it being available to the public.
2. Distribution of the newsletter at local businesses.
3. Requesting to contract out the letter folding/ mailing services to Lakes Printing. Motion made by Councilmember Sauer, seconded by Councilmember Gritzmacher to hire Lakes Printing for folding and mailing services. Motion carried.

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

1. Employer review of Wanda Lundblad. Motion made by Councilmember Kahlhamer, seconded by Councilmember Sauer to raise Ms. Lundblad's hourly wage to \$9.50.
2. The Police Department will now have a non-emergency office number, which will be at City Hall.
3. Resolution 041006-01, a resolution adopting the employment agreement between Michael and the City, and furthermore authorizing him to enroll in PERA and making him a data privacy officer. Motion made by Councilmember Gritzmacher, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to adopt Resolution 041006-01. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Mayor Menden, seconded by Mary Gritzmacher to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Councilmember Watercott. Motion carried.

Claims: The claims for the month of March were reviewed by the Council. Motion by Mayor Menden, second by Councilmember Gritzmacher to pay claims as presented. Motion carried.

Updates:

NONE

Motion by Mayor Menden, second by Mary Gritzmacher to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Mike Menden, Mayor, City of Pierz

ATTEST:

Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz