

CITY OF PIERZ  
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council  
July 12 2010

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

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 Stephanie Fyten to accept the minutes from the June 28 2010 Regular Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Adrian Welle and seconded by Council Member Rollie Hartmann to approve the agenda with the additions of Judy Meierhofer and the Oktoberfest videos. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Paul Tschida reported on another quiet month in Pierz. He reported that the HWY 25 project was going smoothly, with only minor speeding and traffic issues. Chief Tschida also brought forward for the Council's review the police mobile unity management system being proposed through working cooperatively with the City of Little Falls Police Department. The total cost of adding the equipment and joining the system would be an initial cost of \$10,506.59 and then there would be a annual fee of \$1800.00 to the City of Little Falls for maintaining the system. Chief Tschida reported that the system is widely used and will be very helpful, useful, and convenient for reporting and accessing documents right from the squad car. A motion was made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Rollie Hartmann to approve the Police Mobile Unity Management System Contract and move forward with joining the system. Motion carried unanimously. A Motion was made by Council Member Stephanie Fyten and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to approve using the police equipment dedicated funds to pay for the initial cost of the system. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Brian Boser reported that new officer positions were elected at their last fire meeting. A Motion was made by Council Member Stephanie Fyten and seconded by Council Member Rollie Hartmann to approve Chris Young as Training Officer and Jill Waytashek as Assistant Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Otreмба reported that the HWY 25 project is going well and is a little behind, but overall they are working close to schedule. He also discussed bringing an electric proposal to the Council within the next few weeks so that he can have the electric system digitally archived.

Judy Meierhofer presented to the City Council her plans and thoughts for a memorial garden in Billig Park to be centered around the Father Pierz Statue. It was decided that a committee would need to be formed and address the ideas and gardens for Billig Park. Bob Otreмба, Mary Korf, Anna Gruber, and Judy Meierhofer all agreed to be on the committee to begin researching ideas and plans for the gardens.

A report was given in regards to the 6:00 pm closed meeting regarding wage negotiations. Motion was made by Council Member Rollie Hartmann and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve employee raises of \$600 for full time employees for 2011 and no raises for part time or seasonal workers. Ayes – Mary Korf, Stephanie Fyten, Rollie Hartmann. Nays – Toby Egan and Adrian Welle. Motion carried by a 3-2 vote.

Motion made by City Council member Adrian Welle and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve Resolution 07122010-1 regarding the Morrison County Water Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council member Rollie Hartmann to approve the Solid Waste Contract with Pierz Sanitation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council member Stephanie Fyten and seconded by Council member Rollie Hartmann to approve the Pierz Lions Club Gambling Permit. Motion carried unanimously.

An update was given in regards to the nuisance issues at 116 Main Street. City Administrator Anna Gruber had sent a letter regarding the weed and tree nuisances at the property and would keep the Council updated on any progress made with those nuisances. Building Official David Barsody would be doing an inspection of the building on Wednesday to determine whether the building meets State Building Code requirements or not. Gruber would keep the Council updated on this as well.

A proposal was reviewed for concrete work at Billig Park to repair the current sidewalk and to add a new sidewalk for access to the Father Pierz Statue. It was decided that the newly formed committee for Billig Park could look at this bid more closely and determine what funds were available. The Council felt that at this time there was not money available for the concrete work and would look further in to it in Spring 2011.

City Administrator Anna Gruber announced that the Oktoberfest Film completed by Steven Doroff was finished and available at City Hall. Council members could take the video home to watch, but would need to bring it back so residents of the City can check out the video as well. The video was made under the Cable Access Grant from 2009.

Motion was made by Council member Rollie Hartmann and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve the Treasurer's report of a June 30, 2010 bank statement balance of \$140,767.54. Motion carried unanimously.

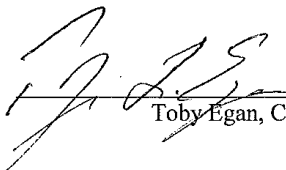
Motion was made by Council Member Stephanie Fyten and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve renewing the general fund CD at Farmers and Merchants Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to approve paying the claims in the amount of \$169,201.68. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council member Adrian Welle and seconded by Council member Stephanie Fyten to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

  
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Mary Korf, Clerk, City of Pierz

  
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Toby Egan, City of Pierz Mayor