

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
May 8, 2006

Members Present: Mayor Menden, Councilmember Broschofsky, Councilmember Gritzmacher, Councilmember Sauer, City Clerk Kathy Kahlhamer and Treasurer Maureen Watercott.

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

Motion by Councilmember Broschofsky, second by Councilmember Sauer to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayor Menden, second by Councilmember Gritzmacher to approve the Agenda. CU

Planning & Zoning:

1. Jim Schultz of SEH was present to provide an update on the 2006 storm sewer improvement project. The soil borings that have been documented have been sent to MN/DOT, and SEH is further configuring a potential set of fees in order to pay for the maintenance of the storm sewer. Possibilities include a flat charge per resident, possibly a charge added on to building permits. Also, S.E.H. is ready to complete a full parcel map of the city in order to prepare for the project and further prove public benefit. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to allow S.E.H. to complete the parcel map as directed. Motion Carried.
2. Call for Public Hearing, Variance Request, Paul Demorett. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to call for a public hearing May 22nd at 6:30 PM. Motion carried.
3. Approve Building Permit, Brandl Motors. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the permit. Motion carried.
4. Approve Building Permit, Mike Rybaski. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Sauer to approve the permit. Motion carried.
5. Call for Public Hearing, TIF districts, Horizon Health. Motion made by Councilmember Gritzmacher, seconded by Mayor Menden to call for a public hearing for the 23rd of May at 7:00. Motion carried.

Other Business: none

Department Reports:

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

-Golfers have been inquiring about college rates for a season pass at the Pierz Golf Course. Daniel explained that the rate is and still should be \$175.00/season and it will apply to those who are between 19-22 years old. Motion made by Mayor Menden, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to keep the rate at \$175.00/season. Motion carried.

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

-The City's newsletter is currently being printed by Lakes Printing in Brainerd and will be ready within the next two weeks.

-Crystal's internship will end on May 12, as she has found employment elsewhere. If the city were to further request her assistance with the City's website, Crystal would conduct the work as a contract

employee. It was decided that the Council will negotiate with Crystal at a later date regarding a schedule for website maintenance.

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

The power outage this past weekend on the South side of Pierz has been researched and steps are being taken in order to prevent outages from happening when it is feasible.

-City Attorney Peter Vogel also spoke with Bob and it was decided that electrical utility easements will be drawn up in order to ensure that proper maintenance of the electric system can be maintained.

-Dan Talberg talked about the unfair issue of 2nd Avenue being used by semi-trucks too often and as a result, the road has become cracked. Bob is in the process of researching the issue.

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

-The Police Department's phone system now has voice mail installed so that messages can be retrieved from any location.

-Anne March of Morrison County called and expressed her concern regarding living conditions at the mobile home park. Steve has agreed to wait for Ms. March's written correspondence before any action is taken or any brainstorming with department heads occurs.

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

-The Fire Department is becoming short-staffed and needs to move toward the interviewing process for more firefighters. In order to do this, the Fire Department Personnel policies need to be updated. City Attorney Peter Vogel said he is in the process of reviewing the policy so that Toby can begin the interviewing process as soon as possible.

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

-Michael will be out of the office from Wednesday, May 10 to Friday, May 12.

-Michael also spoke with Anne Marsh regarding blighted conditions at the mobile home park and will wait until written correspondence from Ms. March arrives before any action is taken.

Treasurer's Report::

Checkbook balance for April	282,626.11
Final April balance	298,831.24

Motion by Mayor Menden, second by Councilmember Kahlhamer to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Claims: The claims for the month were reviewed by the Council totaling 79,657.75 Motion by Mayor Menden, second by Councilmember Broschofsky to pay claims as presented. Motion carried.

Updates:

Councilmember Sauer mentioned that the Lion's Club does not have many signs or symbols showing just how active they are in the City of Pierz. The Lion's Club would like to put up logos in the parks they have spent so much time on. Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Gritzmacher to allow for signage and logos in Lion's Park. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Gritzmacher, second by Councilmember Sauer to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 P.M. p.m.

Mike Menden, Mayor, City of Pierz

Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz