

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
April 9, 2007

Members Present: Toby Egan, Herb Broschofsky, Stephanie Fyten, Roland Hartmann, Kathy Kahlhamer and Maureen Watercott

Others Attending:

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

Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2007 meeting. Motion carried unanimously

Motion made by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to approve tonight's Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Items of Business:

-Recommendation, Employment Management Committee

Mayor Egan presented a memorandum from the members of the Employment Management committee, which disclosed the committee's recommendation of hiring Brian Boser as the next Fire Chief. Upon no other discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Fyten to appoint Brian Boser as Fire Chief. Motion carried unanimously.

-Recommendation, Employment Management Committee

The committee submitted correspondence to the City Council regarding the hiring of new firefighters. The committee recommends hiring Matthew Lundblad, Jill Poepping, and Phillip Scribner as probationary firefighters. Their probationary status would last one year from the official date of hire. Upon no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to hire these three applicants as firefighters. Motion carried unanimously.

-City Contribution Request, Pierz Firefighter Relief Association

A motion was made by Mayor Egan, seconded by Councilmember Fyten to excuse Mayor Egan from the proceedings, citing a direct conflict of interest. Motion carried unanimously. Acting Mayor Fyten introduced the correspondence from the Relief Association, which requested the City donate \$5,850.00 toward the retirement fund for Pierz firefighters. Upon no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to donate \$5,850.00 to the Pierz Firefighter's Relief Association. Voting Yes: Fyten, Broschofsky, Hartmann. Voting No: none. Abstaining: Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk. Motion carried.

-Mayor Egan returned to the Chambers following the Council's action and assumed his position as Mayor.

-Gambling Request, Pierz Firefighter's Relief Association

The Relief Association officially requested permission from the City to allow pull-tab playing on their behalf inside the golf course clubhouse; firefighter Dennis Kahlhamer submitted the request. Upon no discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Fyten, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to authorize the relief association to have a pull-tab booth at the clubhouse. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Zoning:

-Consider Fence Permit, Gary Brausen

-Planning/Zoning Board member Don Bujalski briefly summarized the location of the proposed fence and recommended the City be aware that because of the fence's location, it perpetually alters the

business operations of Dura Supreme, the abutting lot owner, as soon as it is installed. The City Administrator briefly explained that Gary Brausen would be installing the fence in order to establish the property line regardless of the effect it could have on the abutting lot owner. Upon no other discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Egan, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to table the approval of this permit until the next City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

-Discussion, Meyer Meat Market Building

The City has discussed the notion of purchasing this property for the purpose of demolishing and ridding Main Street of the dilapidated structures. In the past two weeks, the City received two separate estimates from certified asbestos inspectors after each of them walked through the old meat market building. Due to the inconsistency of the two estimates, it was determined that one more estimate should be sought. Mayor Egan noted that hopefully this will be possible within a week or so. A motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Fyten to table this issue until a third estimate is completed. Motion carried unanimously.

-New Building Sign Request, Pierz Public Library

Great River Regional Library recently changed their logo and has requested that we display it somewhere on the building. Bev Gold at the Pierz Public Library suggested having a new sign for the library made with the new logo, citing that the current sign is old and weathered anyhow. A motion was made by Mayor Egan, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the purchase of a new library sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Department Reports:

Parks: Daniel Baert was present, and had no current updates for the Council.

Public Works: Bob Otremba was present, and had no current updates for the Council.

Police: Steve Boser was present, and submitted the police activity report for the month of March.

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

-The Bill Gates Foundation is holding a workshop on April 17th to educate rural communities on how to practice sustainability when dealing with their libraries. Bev Gold requested that Mike inform the Council of this workshop, which lasts all day on April 17th.

-Mike reported that people have recently come forward with inquiries as to whether the City is selling the Peter Avenue and Faust Street lot or not. He suggested that the City begin accepting proposals disclosing the interested parties' intended use of the lot and a reasonable price they would pay for it.

-Mike also reported that Clubhouse Manager Tony Andres is requesting that the City install high speed internet service at the clubhouse. Tony would agree to split the cost of the monthly service bill 50/50.

A motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to install high speed internet service at the clubhouse so long as City Staff is able to use it as needed. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report::

March 31 Checking Account	\$144,708.17
Balance:	

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Motion made by Councilmember Fyten, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims: The claims for the month were reviewed by the Council and total **\$91,622.00** Motion made by Councilmember Hartmann, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to pay claims as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

- The Council reviewed a notification letter from Mary E. regarding her new home occupation.
- The Council reviewed a letter written by Councilmember Broschovsky requesting assistance from Senator Koering in pursuing funding for the 2009 Main Street reconstruction.

Motion made by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk, seconded by Mayor Egan to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Toby Egan, Mayor, City of Pierz

Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz