

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
PUBLIC HEARINGS
January 9, 2006

Members Present: Mike Menden, Herb Broschofsky, Mary Gritzmacher, Daniel Sauer, Kathy Kahlhamer and Maureen Watercott.

Others Attending: Ryan Monroe, Steve Boser, Bob Otremba, Terry Lehrke, Roy Scherer, Alan & Karen Litke, LeRoy Kahlhamer, Denis Stachowski, Todd Preimesberger, Toby Egan, David Drown, Carol Anderson and Jim Schulz.

Other Business:

1. David Drown, form David Drown Associates was present to walk the Council and others attending through the process of four separate public hearings the City needs to hold.
2. Drown started by running through the over all plan to bring Dura Supreme, Inc. in to town, where they plan to make significant business investments and grow in the City.
3. There were four basic parts to the public hearings. First, the City will need to develop an EDA because a City Council cannot make loans to private companies. Second, the Council will need to adopt a resolution allowing tax abatement on the property for the next three years. The third part is updating the City's criteria for providing assistance to businesses, specifically in the wage and job goal categories. The final step is to hear public comment on offering the subsidy package to Dura Supreme, Inc.
4. Egan was concerned with a potential conflict of interest if the Council were to control the EDA as it is proposed. Drown stated that this is often the way small towns start an EDA.
5. Others were concerned with the current Council offering tax abatements when previous Councils did not. No other public comment was offered.

Motion by Sauer, second by Broschofsky to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mike Menden, Mayor, City of Pierz

Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz