

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
May 12, 2008

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

The brief working session of the City Council commenced at 6:30. The topic of discussion was the Police Chief hiring process, as the Mayor explained that the committee has selected one finalist for the position, Kyle Hoehne of Wabasso. The City Council agreed that the committee should continue talks with Kyle, and approach the Council when it comes time to hire someone.

The recessed City Council meeting was called to order at 7pm at Pierz City Hall by Mayor Toby Egan.

A motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2008 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

New Business:

- **Building Permit, Habitat for Humanity**

Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Fyten to approve the issuance of the building permit based on the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Egan, Fyten, Broschofsky, Hartmann. Voting No: None. Abstaining: Kathy Kahlhamer.

- **Resolution 051208, Ordering the City Attorney to Proceed with Enforcement Order**

Motion made by Councilmember Hartmann, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to adopt the resolution which calls for the City Attorney to proceed with an enforcement order served upon Mike Mullin, owner of the Pierz Mobile Home Park. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Mailbox Ordinance Amendment**

The City Administrator reported a heightened amount of applications for people wanting to install mailboxes at their homes rather than having a Post Office box. The City has an ordinance regulating the placement of mailboxes, which has not been heavily enforced throughout time. The City Council expressed that they do not wish to take issue with mailboxes, and that the Post Office should have the authority. The Administrator will look at redacting the ordinance. No action taken.

Street Lights, Main Street

The City Administrator explained to the Council that engineer's estimates will have to be considered for the lighting portion of the Main Street/Highway 25 re-construction soon, so as to properly plan and budget for this project. The Administrator will meet with a representative of Crow Wing Power soon to discuss this matter. No action taken.

- **Hours of Operation, Licensed Establishments**

The City Administrator was directed by the Council to gather information as to whether the local bars would like to switch to a 2AM closing time. Findings revealed that bars would only be in favor of the 2AM closing if it were in place constantly, rather than on certain nights with Council approval. Councilmember Broschofsky led a brief discussion about what the benefits would be of a 2am closing for bars, and a motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Fyten to deny the Brickyard Bar's official request for a 2AM closing, and to voice the Council's opposition to the 2AM closing time in general. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Call for Regular Meeting, Economic Development Authority**

Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Fyten to call for a meeting of the EDA to occur at 6PM Tuesday, May 27th at City Hall. Motion carried unanimously. A separate motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Fyten to hold a regular meeting of the City Council at 7:00 on the 27th at City Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Donation of Park Shelter to Horizon Health Faith in Action**

Motion made by Mayor Egan, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to donate the park shelter for one day to Horizon Health for their Charity golf tournament. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Administrator's Update**

Mike DeRosia reported that MN/DOT is starting to make initial contact with property owners along Highway 25/Main Street for the right of way acquisition process in anticipation of the 2010 re-construction. Mike will also be publishing a City newsletter soon and reminded the Council to forward their ideas, if any. Also, the City will now be offering utility customers the option to have their bill paid automatically each month. End of report.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

April 30 Checking Account Balance: \$236,505.82 Motion made by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to accept the report as presented. Carried unanimously.

- **Claims**

The Claims for the month have been prepared and total \$145,673.56.

Motion made by Councilmember Hartmann, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve paying claims 07050-7102 and 900-920, and all EFT transactions. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Toby Egan, Mayor, City of Pierz

Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz