

CITY OF PIERZ  
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council  
March 13, 2006

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

Others Attending: Jim Schulz, Crystal Trutnau, Steven Boser, Robert Otremba, Terry Lehrke, Daniel Baert, Denis Stachowski, Jerome Schmitz, Jill Poepping, Barb Tretter and Cheri Boser.

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

Motion by Broschofsky, second by Menden to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2006 meeting. CU

Motion by Kahlhamer, second by Broschofsky to approve the minutes of the previous EDA meeting. CU

Motion by Broschofsky, second by Sauer to approve the Agenda. CU

**Planning & Zoning:**

**Other Business:**

1. Barb Tretter requested one day liquor license for Bootleggers Bar. Council informed that this was a state decision, not a City decision. License is needed by April 8, 2006
2. Discussion on lot purchase from Legion. Located immediately North of the Fire Hall. If paved by the City, need to look in to run-off issues. Motion by Menden, second by Sauer to purchase the lot from Legion Post 341 for \$15,000 and have our attorney draft any legal documents required and the City will cover all 2006 taxes. CU
3. Discussion on the sale of the City lot on Peter Avenue. Sauer stated that the land has increased in value more than any other asset of the City. Broschofsky directed City Administrator to research whether or not the sale is worth while for the City. Stachowski will appraise the lot and report to City Administrator with findings. The lot is appreciating at 4.6% yearly, it was suggested that the City find out if the initial upkeep and taxes yearly makes the property financial feasible for the City to hold on to.
4. Council heard from Jim Schulz, City Engineer on upcoming outflow project. Potential new route for piping will be surveyed. A preliminary spreadsheet should be completed by 3 pm on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.
5. Council was presented with a resolution to allow gambling at Lloyd's Discount Liquor. Motion by Menden, second by Sauer to approve resolution 031306. CU
6. Council was presented with contracts from Morrison County regarding solid waste grants. Motion by Menden, second by Broschofsky to approve the agreement for City Refuse Collection Grant. CU Motion by Menden, second by Sauer to approve the agreement for City Recycling Grant. CU Motion by Menden, second by Sauer to approve the agreement for Clean Up Day Grant. CU

**Department Reports:**

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

1. Presented Council with activity report.
2. Motion by Menden, second by Sauer to approve the hiring of Dan Eastvold as of February 20, 2006. CU
3. Update on non-complaint tree house.
4. Mondays and Wednesdays will be new days for office hours. Will use office hours to update Police Policy Manual.

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

1. Started sharpening reels at the Golf Course.
2. Interviews are set up for the evening of March 14, 2006 for the Assistant Park Superintendent.
3. Motion by Gritzmacher, second by Sauer to approve the Golf Course ad in the St. Cloud Times.
4. Discussion on raising campground rates, with the exception of tent-campers. Motion by Sauer, second by Broschofsky to increase rates from \$20 to \$23 per night. CU

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

1. Discussed with Council the need for street repairs. \$40,000 budgeted might best be used for bonding on larger projects. Will meet with Street Commission to discuss what repairs should be made.
2. Would like to see five fire hydrants replaced this year. Will discuss with City Administrator to determine costs involved.

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

1. Updated the Council on website progress.
2. Requested that the city purchase Microsoft Publisher for newsletter publication. Informed council would research cheapest cost and request approval for purchase at next council meeting.

**Administration:** Ryan Monroe was absent.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning Balance:	\$434,719.60
Receipts:	\$68,453.30
Disbursements:	\$132,747.53
Ending Balance:	\$370,425.37

Motion by Gritzmacher, second by Kahlhamer to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. CU

**Claims:** The claims for the month were reviewed by the Council. Motion by Menden, second by Sauer to pay claims as presented with the exception of the UNICEL bill which will be investigated further. CU

**Updates:**

1. Motion by Menden, second by Broschofsky to accept the resignation of Richard Maurer from the Pierz Fire Department. CU

**Correspondence:**

Motion by Sauer, second by Gritzmacher to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

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Mike Menden, Mayor, City of Pierz

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Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz