

CITY OF PIERZ  
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council  
Sept. 22, 2008

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

The 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 Councilmember Kahlhamer to approve the minutes of the September 8th, 2008 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fyten, seconded by Councilmember Kahlhamer to approve the minutes of the September 17th, 2008 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Councilmember Kahlhamer, seconded by Councilmember Fyten to approve tonight's Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minnesota Power – Notice of Public Hearings for Minnesota Power's Rate Change**

The Council reviewed the Minnesota Power notice of Public Hearings.

**Order for Repair or Removal – Gaslin**

Pierz Police Chief reported that he has not been able to locate the Gaslins to serve the "Order for Repair or Removal." The order will be forwarded to Morrison County Sheriff's office for service. It will be published in the Morrison County Record, prior to demolition.

**Shed Demolition – Hillbilly Motel**

The shed has been demolished and the debris removed.

**Removal of Debris at Mobile Home Park**

The demolition of garages will continue as tenants remove their items from the garages. There are approximately 5 or 6 garages left to be demolished. Mullins may take care of properly disposing of the debris pile in a few days. The caretaker will report to the council by Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> on Mullin's arrangements for removal of the debris.

**Cable Access Grant**

Royalton declined to participate in the Cable Access Grant project. The grant amount has been revised to \$5,000. The grant requires matching funds from local sources. The funding will provide payment for training of personnel in producing city and school programming to be televised on the public access channel. The council has additional questions on the project. Councilmember Fyten will arrange for Jerry Abram and/or George Weber to make a presentation to the council on the overall project. Mayor Egan requested that City Administrator Retka contact the Initiative Foundation to inquire on the possibility of amending the grant to include payment of wages.



## **Department Reports**

### **Public Works**

Robert Otremba, Public Works Administrator, reported that Todd Meyer finished the concrete work on the sidewalks scheduled for replacement. The work behind Hillbilly Motel is proceeding. The Council tabled the discussion on providing sidewalk snow removal until they have exact figures on the financing committed to other projects

### **Parks**

#### **Rate Increases**

Motion made by Councilmember Kahlhamer, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the Park Board's rate increase recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Clubhouse**

Daniel Baert, Park Manager presented a bid from JKJ Builder's for labor to install siding on the clubhouse. Loidalt Lmber had the low bid of \$2,291 for siding. Baert estimates that the fascia soffit & trim will cost approximately \$1,000. The total cost of the siding and the roof replacement will be approximately \$14,000. The claim check for the storm damage was approximately \$12,000. The Council directed Daniel to purchase the shingles from Bob's Lumber and the siding from Loidalt Lumber. Daniel will bring a firm bid, from JKJ Builders, to the next Council meeting.

### **Police**

Chief Hoehne advised the Council that Officer Mark Dzieweszkzinski completed his 6 month probationary period. Motion made by Councilmember Fyten, seconded by Mayor Egan to approve increasing Officer Dzieweszkzinski's hourly rate to \$18.00. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Curfew Ordinance**

Chief Hoehne recommended revising the curfew ordinance to refer to persons under the age of 18.

### **Alcohol Ordinance**

Chief Hoehne recommended revising the alcohol ordinance to read, "no alcohol to be removed from premises after 10pm." Chief Hoehne also indicated he will be scheduling meetings with bar-owners and bartenders to discuss liquor laws & liability.

### **Vandalism**

Officer Doug Rekstad's vehicle was vandalized while parked on the road in front of Chief Hoehne's residence, while he was working for Pierz. The Council approved paying, the body shop, Officer Reckstad's \$500 deductible.

### **City Administrator**

LindaLee Retka, Administrator advised the Council that Shayne Jacobs, MN DOT Right of Way Agent notified her that there may be a discrepancy on the City Hall lot lines.

Peter Vogel, City Attorney recommended having a boundary survey done, to establish correct lot lines. The Council approved ordering the survey.

Retka presented a proposal from Design Electronics for a computer and labor to set up network file sharing between city office computers in the amount of \$1,244.93. The Council approved the purchase of the computer and installation of the network file sharing system.

Motion made by Council Member Fyten, seconded by Council Member Broschofsky to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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Toby Egan, Mayor, City of Pierz

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Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz