

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

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

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 Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2007 meeting with the addition of the Kahlhamer building permit being voted on and approved.. Motion carried unanimously

Motion made by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve tonight's Agenda with the addition of a beer license for the Legion ball park. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Zoning:

-Building Permit, Todd Preimesberger

A motion was made by Mayor Egan, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the building permit for installation of a cement slab patio. Motion carried unanimously.

-Building Permit, Richard Sauer

This permit application called for a garage that did not meet the setback requirements for the R-1 zoning district. The recommendation of the planning and zoning board was to contact the applicant and inform them they need to meet the current setback requirements, at which time they would re-apply for a building permit. The City Council followed the recommendation, and directed the City Administrator to contact the Sauers.

-Building Permit, Mike Rybaski

A motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to approve the building permit, which allows for the installation of a fence that separates his property and city wetland. Motion carried unanimously.

Items of Business:

-Addendum Request, Kloss Enterprises

Ken and Eileen Kloss are requesting to leave a large dirt mound in its place for future contractors to use for grading, fill, etc. as lots are built on. The Council does not want to accept the project improvements, then incur any damage costs to new sidewalk, street, etc. from equipment driving to and from the dirt pile continuously during construction. City Engineer Jim Schulz suggested extending the warranty on all improvements after the city has accepted them. The City Attorney and City Administrator will draft an addendum which extends the warranty to five years from the date of City acceptance. No Action Taken.

-Construction Update, Pond View Estates

Jim Schulz, representing Kloss Enterprises, inquired as to what the model home regulations are for new subdivisions. The Council informed Jim that one model home may be built for every ten acres of subdivision, and Pond View is roughly 11 acres total meaning one model home may be constructed.

-Donation Request, Initiative Foundation

The Council briefly reviewed the information packet and donation request by Initiative Foundation. Upon the Council complimenting the organization for their good deeds, a motion was made by

Councilmember Hartmann, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to donate \$1,300.00. Motion carried unanimously.

-Donation Request, Lake Sullivan Property Owners Association

The Association is seeking items for door prizes, silent auction, or a cash donation. Councilmember Hartmann and Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk pointed out that we have declined similar requests in the past and they would be against a donation. Mayor Egan pointed out that the fire department has received donations in the past from the Association, and that the Council may want to reconsider. Upon no further discussion, a motion was made by Kathy Kahlhamer, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to deny the donation request. Voting Yes: Kahlhamer, Broschofsky, Hartmann. Voting No: Fyten, Egan. Motion carried.

-Sidewalk Ramp Installation

City Engineer Jim Schulz informed the Council that each sidewalk ramp installed after 2002 must be equipped with truncated domes for the visually impaired. This will raise the overall cost of the sidewalks, which was not foreseen by S.E.H. until recently. The City will need four ramps with truncated domes in Pond View Estates as per new federal regulations. A motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to absorb the extra cost of the truncated domes for the sidewalk ramps in Pond View Estates. Motion carried unanimously.

-Electric Deposit for Renters

The City Administrator approached the Council to report the heightened amount of complaints his office has received regarding deposits for renters. Bernice Huver was present to express her discontent with having to pay \$100.00 when she has already lived in town for such a long time. The Council explained to Bernice that deposits are in place in case a renter leaves Pierz without paying an outstanding bill balance. The money can also be refunded with a good pay history.

Department Reports:

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

- Daniel is repairing a rough mower that is out of commission, which will take some time. Also, Daniel proposed to the Council a \$75.00 weekday rate to rent park shelters. The Park Board will discuss the matter also.

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

-Bob needs a radio and a spotlight for the new public works truck. Mayor Egan suggested he look in the fire hall for a used radio and spotlight in the storage area, and to buy new equipment if the fire hall does not have any. Also, Bob notified the Council that he will remove the stop sign at First Avenue and Vincent Street when the Park Avenue extension is completed.

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

-Mike has received complaints regarding drive-by fees for all customers, regardless of whether they have garbage service or not. Both Mike and the Council agree to wait until September to discuss further options, which is when the City will negotiate a new contract with Pierz Sanitation.

Treasurer's Report::

June 30 Checking Account Balance	\$360,485.39

Motion made by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Also, Maureen informed the

Council that a CD will reach its maturity date in early August. F&M's offer of 5.35% was most favorable. Motion made by Councilmember Fyten, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to re-new the CD at F&M Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims: The claims for the month were reviewed by the Council including all EFT transactions and total \$103, 178.07. Motion made by Councilmember Fyten, seconded by Councilmember Hartmann to pay claims 0900-0915, and 06332-06380 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk, seconded by Councilmember Broschovsky to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Toby Egan, Mayor, City of Pierz

Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz