

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
March 12, 2007

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

Members Absent: Stephanie Fyten

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

Motion made by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2007 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Councilmember Hartmann, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve tonight's Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

-Presentation, Chad Trebilcock, Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation

Chad was present to discuss the Energy Star program that the City participates in for the benefit of its citizens. Two programs the City offers through WECC are the energy-saving CFL light bulb rebates, and the major household appliance rebates for those appliances with the Energy Star logo. Chad also explained that the City is billed for the exact amount of those rebates that are disbursed plus minor administrative charges.

-Resolution 031207 Allowing for Worker's Compensation Coverage for Elected Officials

The City Administrator explained that it is necessary for the Council to pass a resolution if elected officials are to receive worker's compensation coverage. After being asked to check the annual fee for the coverage the City Administrator found it to be \$33.00/year. Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk introduced the resolution and Councilmember Broschofsky moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk and upon no further discussion the motion was carried unanimously.

-Resolution 031207-01 Authorizing an Offer for the Purchase of a Land Parcel from a Private Citizen
The City Administrator explained that the old Meyer Meat Market property, owned by Dennis Decker, is for sale across the street. The County Assessor values the property at \$58,500.00 which includes land and building value. Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk introduced the resolution, which authorizes the City making a cash offer of \$49,000.00 for the entire land and buildings, less any contents on said land. Further discussion was brought forth by Councilmember Hartmann, stating he was not in favor of the land purchase. Mayor Egan stated that cleaning the site up would eliminate a dilapidated, abandoned structure on Main Street. Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk stated that acquiring the property would give the City a place to put a new library, and it would take care of an eyesore. The City Administrator added that Dennis originally was interested in the City trading the Peter Avenue lot that the City owns, plus an amount of cash to be determined, in exchange for the Old Meat Market Lot. Dennis Stachowski, 313 Cassie Street, claimed that the City could expect to get in the \$40,000's for the Peter Avenue lot if it were on the market. Upon no further discussion, Councilmember Hartmann made a motion to table the resolution pending further discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky. Voting yes: Hartmann, Broschofsky, Egan

Voting no: Kahlhamer

Absent: Fyten

Motion carried.

-Fire Department Policy Discussion

The policy review committee made up of firefighters Mike Menden, Dave Rocheleau, Jeff Fuhrman, and Greg Fuhrman presented a proposal to extend the fire call response time. Two new conditions of employment the committee proposed included that firefighters must either live within a 5 minute drive time or less to the fire hall, or live within a 10 minute drive time and work full-time within a 5 minute drive time from their place of business to the fire hall. Upon the committee having no other findings, a motion was made by Mayor Egan, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve of the committee structuring a policy for Council approval that extends the response time, and uses a 100-point system during hiring processes that scores the applicants' proximity to the fire hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Department Reports:

Fire: Mike Lucking was present to discuss the following issues with the Council.

-Mike presented the 2006 fire call report to the Council. The report shows final numbers of: 12 fire calls within city limits, and 46 fire calls in the rural township area.

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

-Daniel recommends the City purchase at least 3 new golf carts in order to keep carts available for those who would like to rent them. This would also help ensure that the City's fleet of carts stays in good, reliable condition for the golfers. The 2002 E-Z Go gas carts are \$2,350.00/each. A motion was made by Councilmember Hartmann, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the purchase of three 2002 E-Z Go gas carts. Motion carried unanimously. Daniel also recommended the City raise its rates slightly this year. A new rate schedule will be proposed at the March 26th Council meeting.

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

-Benny Andres has worked for the City during the summer months for several years, and Bob recommends the Council approve a \$1.00/hour raise in regular pay. After reviewing his budget, Bob explained that his budget could easily support the increase. It would not off-set his budget or generate a loss of any kind. Upon no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to raise Benny Andres' pay \$1.00 to \$10.00/hour. Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Steve submitted the monthly police activity report to the City Council. Steve also reported that he has not yet seen much of a decrease in the amount of stray dogs in the City.

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

-Mike explained that the City Hall fax machine is slow, outdated, and becoming too expensive to maintain. The fax machine is used equally by the police department and the department of administration, and Mike explained that the cost of a new fax machine will be split between those two departments. Mike also wanted the Council to take notice that the City's vacation policy is difficult for employees to interpret because it does not specify whether vacation days begin to accrue from the date of employment, or beginning after your first year of employment. The Council then directed Mike to decide whether vacation time needs to be accrued pro-rata or per years of service, and to report findings back to the Council.

Treasurer's Report:

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| February 28 th Checking Acct. Balance: | \$173,001.95 |
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Motion made by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk, seconded by Councilmember Broschofsky to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims: The claims for the month were reviewed by the Council and total \$135,522.39. Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to pay claims as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Updates: Tony Andres, D.B.A. Tony's Clubhouse has applied for a wine/strong beer/ 3.2 beer license for the Pierz Golf Course clubhouse. The City Administrator reported that the Police Chief has been notified that the license was applied for, and he had no objection to its approval. The application was signed by Tony, Steve Boser, and Mike DeRosia. Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk asked if having proper insurance was required. The City Administrator explained that Tony's Clubhouse must provide the City and the State with insurance certificates, and that the State will make the final determination as to whether he will be permitted to sell strong beer and wine. A motion was made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to issue a wine/strong beer/3.2 beer license to Tony's Clubhouse for a period of one year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Councilmember Broschofsky, seconded by Kathy Kahlhamer, City Clerk to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Toby Egan, Mayor, City of Pierz

Kathy Kahlhamer, Clerk, City of Pierz