

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
January 28 2013

Members present: Toby Egan, Mike Menden, Matt Bell, Don Bujalski, Steph Fyten.

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at Pierz City Hall by Mayor Toby Egan.

Motion made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by Council member Mike Menden to accept the minutes from the January 14 2013 Regular Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to accept the agenda with the addition of Brian Stuckmayer's questions. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Brian Stuckmayer was present to discuss with the Council the Safe Routes to Schools project that is proposed for Summer 2013 and will affect his parent's home on Summer Street South. He expressed his concern with sidewalks not being necessary on Summer Street due to no kids living there and also his frustration with the required maintenance of the sidewalk, the loss of 3 trees, and the sidewalk being so close to his parent's house. The Council explained that the sidewalk would be of no cost to him and that the maintenance issue would be revisited and discussed by the Council, but that as of right now the policy states the property owner is responsible for the maintenance. The Council also agreed to look in to potentially making the proposed boulevard smaller in order to save the trees and move the sidewalk away from the houses a bit. The plans have already been approved, but City Engineer Scott Hedlund said he could look in to making the change on the job. The Council also explained to Brian that although right now the block does not have children, that in the future it may and the grant program helped to identify sidewalk gaps for kids walking to school and Summer Street was identified as an area. Brian understood and will follow up with the City engineer during the project to potentially make changes on the job to the boulevard.

Motion made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by Council Member Steph Fyten to approve Ordinance Chapter 3 Part 4 Amendment to the Pierz Electric rates. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by City Clerk Matt Bell and seconded by Council Member Steph Fyten to approve 2013 Annual Appointments and Designations. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Anna Gruber presented a rebate program proposal from Energy Management Services (EMS). Anna recently met with Matt Haley (CEO) of EMS and felt confident that they could offer a residential and commercial rebate program that would be more affordable to Pierz and also more personable to residents and business owners. She also felt they would be dependable for required reports to the State. Anna also explained that Pierz currently works with WECC for a residential program that costs roughly \$3000 a year but that it does not include a commercial program and it is also located out of state. A Motion was made by Council member Steph Fyten and seconded by Council member Don Bujalski to approve the proposal and move forward with working with EMS to establish a residential and commercial rebate program. Motion carried unanimously.

The Annual Library Report was presented to the Council.

City Administrator informed the Solid Waste Committee that a meeting would need to be schedule to start preparing for the upcoming contract negotiations. She also mentioned that the safety committee needs to do building inspections for OSHA compliance. She also informed the City Weed Inspectors of a Weed Inspection Class offered by the County in March that they should attend.

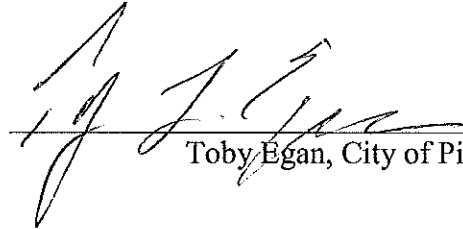
City Engineer Scott Hedlund was present to discuss the Master Trail and Sidewalk Plan/Study. Scott presented plans for additional sidewalks in Pierz to repair all gaps and then also options for a connector trail to the Soo Line. It was decided that a public works committee meeting should be scheduled to discuss the options and decide on the most appropriate plan.

Motion made by Council member Steph Fyten and seconded by Council member Mike Menden to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.



Matt Bell, Clerk, City of Pierz



Toby Egan, City of Pierz Mayor