

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
February 11 2013

Members present: Matt Bell, Toby Egan, Don Bujalski, Steph Fyten, Maureen Watercott.

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

Motion made by City Clerk Matt Bell and seconded by Council member Don Bujalski to accept the minutes from the January 28 2013 Regular Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by Council member Don Bujalski to accept the January 28 2013 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to approve the agenda with the additions of the mutual aid fire agreement and the tabling of the finance committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

An update was given in regards to the 2012 Audit. The Audit is set to take place this week and will be completed by Schlenner Wenner this year (Gary Paulson sold to Schlenner Wenner). The audit will take 2-3 days in house and the majority of it will be done electronically/remotely.

A reminder was given in regards to the Firemen's Ball scheduled for Saturday, February 16th at the Pierz Ballroom starting at 3 pm. There will be an auction, dinner, and live band. Mayor Toby Egan extended his thanks to all those who donated to the firemen's ball.

A Mobile Office is scheduled at City Hall for Rick Nolan's office on February 26th at 9 am.

Motion made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with Camp Ripley. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Boser and Jeff Fuhrman were present to request a donation from the City for the Fire Relief Association. Jeff noted that four years ago the donation was \$250 per fireman for 26 firemen. Last year that increased to \$350 per fireman. They are requesting the same amount as last year (\$9100 total) even though they added 3 new firemen. A Motion was made by Council member Steph Fyten and seconded by City Clerk Matt Bell to approve the donation of \$9100 for the Pierz Fire Relief Association. Mayor Toby Egan, ~~Council member Mike Menden~~, Council member Don Bujalski abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Motion carried unanimously (abstentions count towards majority).

Police Officer Hasten Warnberg presented the monthly police department report. A majority of the violations on the report were ordinance violations for parking violations due to snow removal. Warnberg noted that the total calls are up 50% from last year. He also noted that Police Chief Eric Hanneken is working with the school district to curb tobacco violations from juveniles.

Parks Supervisor Daniel Baert informed the Council that he is getting ready for upcoming season and working on notifying employees for upcoming season. A Park Board meeting was set for February 18th at 6 pm to start discuss hiring's needed for the upcoming season. Daniel also noted that the cross country trails have been going well with no issues.

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer, Maureen Watercott. The January 31, 2013 checkbook balance

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was \$378168.86. Motion made by Council Member ~~Mike Menden~~ and seconded by Council member Don Bujalski to accept the report. Motion carried unanimously.

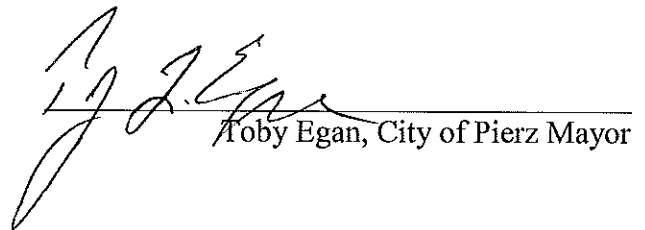
City bills were reviewed. Motion made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by Council Member ~~Mike Menden~~ to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$526182.81. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Toby Egan updated the Council that he was approached by the Snowmobile/ATV Clubs to put signage on City signs near the Soo Line to mark food, fuel, lodging areas within the City. A Motion was made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by City Clerk Matt Bell to approve allowing the signage to be hung on city signs/posts to direct snowmobilers/atvs from the Soo Line in to Pierz businesses. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.


Matt Bell, Clerk, City of Pierz


Toby Egan, City of Pierz Mayor