

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
February 25 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 Don Bujalski to accept the minutes from the February 11 2013 Regular Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mayor Toby Egan and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to rescind the approval of the minutes due to errors noticed by Council Member Mike Menden. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by City Clerk Matt Bell to approve the February 11 2013 Regular City Council Meeting minutes with the changes of removing Mike Menden from making motions since he was not present at the meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by Council Member Steph Fyten to approve the agenda with the additions of cleanup day, a part time public works employee addition, Midcontinent Communications contract, and removal of the Master Trail Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Anna Gruber informed the Council that the Board of Equalization date has been set for April 25 2013 at 1 pm at Pierz City Hall. Toby, Mike, and Don agreed to attend the meeting to provide a quorum.

Motion made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to approve the donation to Pierz Community Education in the amount of \$2000. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Anna Gruber informed the Council of a \$2000 grant that was awarded to Pierz and Royalton for the Master Trail project through the University of MN Morris extension office.

Motion made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by City Clerk Matt Bell to approve acceptance of the Lions Donation of \$100 and Pierz Fire Relief donation of \$250 for the cross country ski trails in Pierz. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Council member Mike Menden and seconded by Council member Don Bujalski to approve the contract for a residential and commercial rebate program with Energy Insights, Inc (formerly EMS as presented at last meeting). Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator informed the Council that the TIF 1-1 case has been settled and the money in the amount of \$95,000 has been receipted to the City. She informed the Council that she intended to pay off the Meadow Ponds bond, in the amount of \$80,000, with the money and the remaining \$15,000 would stay in the General Fund to cover the attorney fees from the case. Motion was made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to approve paying off the Meadow Ponds bond and receipting the remaining money to the general fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Toby Egan presented a memo from City Attorney Tom Jovanovich that described the different classifications and requirements for exempt vs. non-exempt employees. He also explained to the Council that the City Administrator position could be classified as more of a supervisory position over all

departments to help stream line the City. The Council decided to hold a special council work session on Thursday, March 21st at 6 PM to discuss the changes in exempt vs. non-exempt statuses and the Attorney's recommendation for the City Administrator position to be more supervisorial.

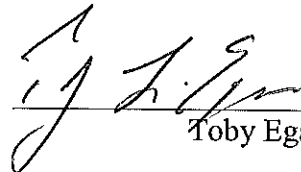
Public Works Superintendent Bob Otremba informed the Council that Clean Up Day will be held on April 27th at the Pierz Schools from 9 am to 11 am. He also discussed the posting of a part time, seasonal helper for public works in the summer and the potential of that person also helping with snow removal in the winter. The Council agreed to post for the position and to review applicants and to determine if we would need to post again in the winter for a more qualified snow removal assistant or if he can find someone to help in the summer and winter. Bob will post for the positions immediately.

City Administrator Anna Gruber presented a new contract by Midcontinent Communications due to the change in their rate structure. The new structure will charge \$22 per line and \$70 for internet, which will result in a savings for the City. It will also begin charging by the minute for long distance, which Gruber figured to be roughly \$5 a month and not something she was concerned with. A Motion was made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by Council Member Steph Fyten to approve the 36 month contract with Midcontinent Communications. Motion carried unanimously.

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 7:45 pm.


Matt Bell, Clerk, City of Pierz


Toby Egan, City of Pierz Mayor