

CITY OF PIERZ  
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council  
May 13 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 Mike Menden and seconded by Council member Steph Fyten to accept the minutes from the April 22 2013 Regular Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council member Mike Menden and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to approve the April 22 2013 EDA Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by City Clerk Matt Bell to approve the April 22 2013 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by City Clerk Matt Bell and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to approve the April 25 2013 Closed Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to approve the agenda with the addition of the Golf Course Park Proposal and Melanie Hoheisel. Motion carried unanimously.

Melanie Hoheisel was present to discuss a concern over her gutter and driveway at 102 Edward St S. She said there is a form board that was left in the concrete and it is creating a large hazard. The Council requested that Public Works Superintendent Bob Otreмба stop to determine a solution and bring it to the next Council Meeting.

Rick Hoheisel from Centerpoint Energy was at the meeting to present the City with a \$550 grant to the Police Department for an ice rescue suit, harness, and throw bag.

A Motion was made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by city Clerk Matt Bell to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Chris Hoheisel for the Industrial Park Lots he purchased to be a commercial auto body/mechanic/dealership business with the restrictions of 25 display items, a buffer zone to the north, and keeping the lots clean of salvage items. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by Council Member Steph Fyten to approve the EDA funding request by Chris Hoheisel for \$18,000 over 5 years at 1.60% interest. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to approve the Oktoberfest Parade Permit to MNDOT. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by City Clerk Matt Bell to approve the 2013A Resolution for \$246,000 bond for the Robert/Park Avenue project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to approve the St. Joseph's Church Gambling Permit. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by City Clerk Matt Bell to approve a building permit for an addition at Healy High School. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Steph Fyten to approve a building permit for a shed for 119 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Mayor Toby Egan and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to approve a building permit for 501 Industrial Park Road for a 60 x 80 building for a new business. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Otremba presented to the council the snow removal report for 2013. He also informed the Council that his original plan to hire Tyler Kifer did not work out because Tyler took a new job. He interviewed Mackenzie Gruber and requested that the Council hire Mr. Gruber for part time public works help in the summer. A Motion was made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by Council member Mike Menden to approve hiring Mackenzie Gruber part time at \$8.00 an hour. Motion carried unanimously. Otremba also informed the Council that Crow Wing Power informed the City that as of December 31 2014 Crow Wing Power would no longer offer maintenance services to the City. Otremba is gathering bids from Brainerd Public Utilities, MN Power, and Jerry Van Kueren as contractors for maintenance services for the City.

City Clerk Matt Bell reviewed the Park Complex Structural change proposal that passed on April 22, 2013. He also reviewed the April 25 2013 Closed meeting and informed the public that it was discussed to have a bank of overtime hours for the Parks Supervisor to use for his Assistant Supervisor position and the total number of hours discussed was between 120 and 150. He also discussed that there was conversation about a pay increase for the newly seasonal Assistant Superintendent position, but no decision was made. Mayor Toby Egan expressed his concerns with the amount of overtime being put in and that he wanted to see a better use of part time staff. He also expressed that he was under the understanding that the seasonal position was what it was and no pay increase or benefits and he would not support paying anything more for the position. City Clerk Matt Bell agreed that he felt the proposal was clear when voted on previously and that it passed and was a done deal. Council Member Mike Menden expressed that he felt it would be fair to offer some vacation and/or the health stipend because the position has been held by someone for so long. Council Member Don Bujalski agreed. Council Member Steph Fyten expressed that she felt the Assistant Superintendent position has been held by someone for 8 years and that person deserves to be valued, whether that be by a pay raise or stipend and vacation hours. A Motion was made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by Council member Don Bujalski to approve keeping the Assistant Superintendent position as full time seasonal at the current rate of pay, but to offer 1.5 weeks of vacation, 7 months of the full health insurance stipend, and 144 hours of overtime allowed (to be used at the discretion and approval of the Parks Supervisor). Ayes –Don Bujalski, Steph Fyten, and Mike Menden. Nay – Toby Egan and Matt Bell. Motion passed 3-2.

A Motion was made by Council Mike Menden and seconded by City Clerk Matt Bell to approve the treasurers report with a April 30, 2013 Checkbook balance of \$214,969.96. Motion carried unanimously.

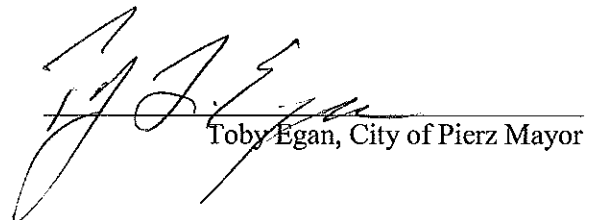
A Motion was made by Council Member Steph Fyten and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to approve the claims in the amount of \$139,601.96. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.



Matt Bell, Clerk, City of Pierz



Toby Egan, City of Pierz Mayor