

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
July 24, 2017

Members Present: Toby Egan, Mike Menden, Kyle Bednar, Dave Fischer, Stephanie Fyten and Linda Sczublewski.

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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:

A motion was made by Council Member Stephanie Fyten and seconded by City Clerk Dave Fischer to accept the minutes from the July 10, 2017 Regular City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by Council Member Kyle Bednar to accept the agenda as presented with the addition of an Exempt Permit for St. Joseph's Church to hold a quilt bingo on October 29, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

SWEARING IN POLICE OFFICER:

Toby Egan, Mayor swore in the Calvin Tschida. Tschida first day was Monday, July 24, 2017. Tschida will be a full-time Police Officer for the City of Pierz.

POLICE AND FIRE PERA RESOLUTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Stephanie Fyten and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to approve Resolution #07242017-1 Public Employees Police and Fire Plan for Police Officer Calvin Tschida. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by Council Member Kyle Bednar to approve the following building permit applications:

Morris Young	Concrete Permit	239 Main Street
Fran Pelikan	Lawn Shed	301 Karst Street
Rick Herold	Storage Shed	379 Cody Court

With the recommendation of Planning and Zoning, motion carried unanimously.

FENCE PERMIT VARIANCE MODIFICATION:

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by Council Member Stephanie Fyten to allow an additional 10 days for Mr. Dave Hammond to reapply for a variance for his fence. Motion carried unanimously.

In May 2016, Mr. Hammond applied for a variance to have privacy slats with his fence. Hammond was granted the variance with the condition he puts slats in. Hammond no longer wants the slats. Per the variance he has the options to either put the privacy slats up, take down the fence, or reapply for a variance. Hammond has purchased a privacy mesh to go around the fence. However, per the variance it was specified he has privacy slats. Hammond to check with neighbors to see if they are alright with the mesh instead of the slats; Eric Hanneken, Police Chief offered to talk with the neighbors on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 and see if they are alright with the fence and the mesh. If they are alright with the mesh, Hammond stated he would apply for another variance within 10 days, to have the privacy mesh instead of the privacy slats. City Administrator to have all documents and information prepared for Hammond when he comes in.

HILLMAN CREEK EROSION:

Scott Hedlund, SEH Engineer updated the City Council on the erosion issue on hole #5 at the golf course. Some of the Council Members, Park Board Members and Dan Baert, Parks Superintendent went to the Hillman Creek Cliff and looked at the erosion with Hedlund. Hedlund is looking into different information from different entities and possible funding from different sources. There will be more meetings in the near future. Hedlund is looking at a timeline of October to start the meetings.

Scott Hedlund, SEH Engineer also updated the City Council on the Edward Street project. In 2016 work was done on Edward Street, but there was an issue with the seeding of the soil. Recently the issue was fixed and SEH sent a letter to residence informing them that they need to water the seeds. Final payment to the contractor will not be made until everything is where it needs to be.

PARK BOARD PURCHASE:

The Park Board had looked into fencing for the Golf Course, there was an online auction and a chain length fence and a metal fence was purchased. The Park Board would like to eventually replace some fencing, but there isn't anything set in stone of where the fencing will be going at this time.

LEGION PARK:

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by City Clerk Dave Fischer to accept a donation from the Pierz American Legion for \$2,000.00 the donation is to be used towards the remodel of the Playground equipment for Legion Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Gerwing was a representative of the Legion, Gerwing expressed that the Legion wanted to thank the city for maintaining the parks and wanted to state how well maintained the Veteran Memorial Park is and wanted to thank the Public Works Staff, Bob Otremba and Fred Underhill for their hard work. The Legion also wanted to thank the City Council for allowing them to utilize City Hall for their meetings.

TIF PAYMENTS:

Nicole Smude, City Administrator informed the City Council on the 1st half TIF Payments that need to be made to the TIF Districts.

EXEMPT PERMITS:

A motion was made by Council Member Kyle Bednar and seconded by City Clerk Dave Fischer to approve an exempt permit for Holy Trinity Catholic School to hold bingo, pull-tabs and a raffle on March 11, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Stephanie Fyten and seconded by City Clerk Dave Fischer to approve an exempt permit for Holy Trinity Catholic School to hold a raffle on June 23, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Stephanie Fyten and seconded by City Clerk Dave Fischer to approve an exempt permit for Holy Trinity Catholic School to hold a raffle on October 14, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Stephanie Fyten and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to approve an exempt permit for Holy Trinity Catholic School to hold a raffle on December 20, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by City Clerk Dave Fischer to approve an exempt permit for St. Joseph's Church to hold bingo on October 29, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY ADJACENT TO GOLF COURSE:

A motion was made by Council Member Stephanie Fyten and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to approve the City Attorney drafting a letter to individuals with possessions on city property to have their possessions moved from city property. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by City Clerk Dave Fischer to approve Tri-City Paving to do some patch work and paving around the city. Tri-City Paving was the lowest bidder at \$17,866.50. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Otremba, Public Works Director has been checking into updating the electric meter system in the city. He has narrowed it down to two vendors. He plans to have a sit down with each vendor and discuss the different options each offers.

Otremba updated the City Council on the progress on the playground equipment for Legion Park. Otremba stated there are a few small details that need to be worked through, but will be finalized soon.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Eric Hanneken, Police Chief presented the June and July 2017 Police report to the City Council.

GOLF COURSE REPORT:

A motion was made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by City Clerk Dave Fischer to approve the hiring of a new applicant at \$9.50 an hour and after a 30-day probation period will be paid \$10.50 an hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Baert, Parks Superintendent informed the City Council that the June 2017 numbers were right on track with the June 2016 numbers.

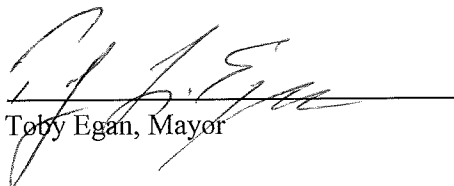
ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Nicole Smude, City Administrator informed the City Council that Deputy Clerk Kari Tyson had done some research and found Ipads for free through an auction site with NJPA. The iPads are a first generation and chargers will need to be purchased.

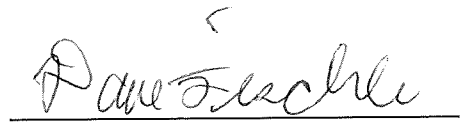
UPDATES: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was motioned to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by City Clerk Dave Fischer. Motion carried unanimously.



Toby Egan, Mayor



Dave Fischer, City Clerk