

**CITY OF PIERZ**  
**Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council**  
**July 29, 2019**

**Members Present:** Dave Fischer, Kyle Bednar, Don Bujalski, Lynn Egan, Jacque Ballou and Linda Sczublewski.

**Others Present:** Jim Gerwing and Kari Tyson.

The City Council Work Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Pierz City Hall by Mayor Dave Fischer.

**TEMPORARY STRUCTURE:**

The City Council discussed how they would like to handle the temporary accessory structures that are in place without a building permit. Deputy Clerk Kari Tyson will draft a letter letting them know they are in violation, and that the City Council will enforce the ordinance.

**KARST STREET SETBACK:**

Discussion was held about the Karst Street setback issues, and the options moving forward were discussed with the ordinance. Deputy Clerk Tyson to speak with the attorney and gather more information.

**INDUSTRIAL PARK:**

Discussion was held regarding the potential dates for the timeline of Alan Hoheisel's proposal. The City Council would like to see the dates end in 2020 not 2021 or wait until next year to sign the agreement. Deputy Clerk Tyson to contact Alan Hoheisel and give him his options.

Discussion was held on CenterPoint Energy. Deputy Clerk Tyson informed the council we are still waiting on final details from CenterPoint to create the agreement. This will be brought up in the future when CenterPoint is ready.

**GRAVEL PIT/LAND DEVELOPMENT:**

Discussion was had regarding the possibility of purchasing the Knife River Gravel Pit. The City has the First Right of Refusal, and information needs to be gathered yet as to how much material is still in the pit, and the camping concept plan from SEH will be presented this fall.

There is currently a design for an additional 9-holes of golf for the Heimenz property. City Council is waiting for the camping concept plan this fall to decide how to move forward.

**APARTMENT BUILDING:**

The City Council Members discussed the letter from donor Melvin Schmidtbauer. At this time, it was discussed to continue moving forward as it currently operates.

**COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURES:**

Discussion was held about the proposed Council Meeting Procedures and Rules. These will be brought forward at the next Council meeting for approval.

**STAFF TRANSITIONS:**

Discussion was held to update everyone on the current status of Public Works Supervisor. The Public Works Committee will meet once the posting has closed on Monday August 5, 2019 to conduct interviews.

The City Administrator transition continues to happen.

**MAYOR UPDATES:**

Mayor Dave Fischer requested the Council Memo updates continue at least once a month from the City Administrator.

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The discussion was held regarding the Mayor Newsletters and whether those should continue. Recommendation to continue doing them twice a year was made.

**COMMITTEE RECAPS:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

The Committee will be working on the budget in the next month before Council Meetings. A reminder that the preliminary levy is due to Morrison County by September 30, 2019 was made.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

Deputy Clerk Kari Tyson started discussion on the solar policy updates and where the City currently stands. Policies and ordinances will be at a future Council Meeting.

Mayor Dave Fischer let the Council know that MN Power is working on finding out reasons for the power outages the City has been experiencing.

**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE:**

There is discussion about hole 5, and how erosion has currently stopped due to the work that was done pushing trees into the bank side to divert the water. Grants will continue to be applied for until the City is ready to complete the project.

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE:**

Discussion was held to update the Council that the contract between the City and Pierz Sanitation was still in the works.

**CABLE ACCESS COMMITTEE:**

Discussion was held about getting more programming including games, concerts, and plays from the school. Mayor Dave Fischer and Deputy Clerk Kari Tyson are working together on that task.

**No decisions were made in regards to any of the above discussions. Further discussion and approval will take place at future meetings.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



Dave Fischer, Mayor



Kyle Bednar, City Clerk