

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
City Council Workshop
September 23, 2024
5:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor John Perleberg, Council Member Don Bujalski, Council Member Gary Berg, City Clerk Sarah Fyten, and City Treasurer Kaye Stangl

STAFF PRESENT:

City Administrator Laura Wacker, and Police Chief Eric Hanneken

The workshop on September 23, 2024, was called to order by Mayor John Perleberg at 5:30 pm.

PEDDLER/SOLICITOR ORDINANCE:

Chief of Police Eric Hanneken starts by sharing about a month ago we had someone come in and ask to have a stand in the city. Since this person went through the proper licensing through the county, they would be able to. The city believed that we had a policy and ordinance in place for this. After reaching out to the city's lawyer regarding Peddler/Solicitor/Transient Merchant policy we found out that the city has the policy but not an ordinance to put the policy into effect. Chief Hanneken would like to put an ordinance received from the LMC into effect. He feels that it is important, so the city knows who is around town and we can do a background check on them. Would like to review the handout and bring to a council meeting for approval sometime this winter. The second item to review would be the application that we would request to be filled out. We would charge an amount for the application. We would not need to give a placard, but we would have the applications in case we would get a call regarding solicitations. There is discussion regarding the fee and that has not been set.

The application would come to council for approval, prior to any vendors selling in the city.

Officer Hanneken will ask the city attorney to convert it to an ordinance and then ask if we need to have a resolution.

CANNABIS SALES ORDINANCE/ZONING:

Chief Hanneken has been doing a lot of education with the Cannabis that is coming out in 2025. There are 2 items that as a city we need to get set up. There are currently 13 types that are coming through in 2025. Within the city Chief Hanneken feels that retails and manufacturing will be what the city would likely see first. The general licensing is done by OCM until it comes to the city. The city would then be allowed to decide where the shop would be set up. If there are no gray lines, the city cannot refuse. With the size of Morrison counties population, it does need to have at least 3 set up.

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After reaching out to Becker, Sartell, and Annandale chief Hanneken felt that the city of Annandale was about the closest in comparison with Pierz. If the City chooses to do their own ordinance, we will need to get our zoning and ordinances in place.

If the city defers to the county and the county would have 3 shops, we then could say no if the request would come in, but it would ultimately be up to the county.

Currently we do not have an ordinance or policy regulating THC.

GOLF COURSE:

Council member Gary Berg shares that he spoke with the Golf Course Superintendent Zach Baert regarding the needs the new nine needs for mowers. Berg feels that the council should review the budget again and consider budgeting a total of \$140,000 for a fairway and a greens mower. There was much discussion. City Administrator Wacker will gather and email the requested information for years of the current mowers and the life expectancy of mowers.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Council Member Sarah Fyten and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to adjourn the city council workshop at 6:45 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



John Perleberg, Mayor



Sarah Fyten, City Clerk