

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
September 12 2011

Members present: Toby Egan, Stephanie Fyten, Michael Menden, Mary Korf, Adrian Welle, Maureen Watercott.

The City Council Closed meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at Pierz City Hall by Mayor Toby Egan.

Council Members were present to discuss the budget and preliminary levy. The budget was presented by Treasurer Maureen Watercott with the potential need of a 3.5% increase in the levy due to the budget not being balanced. The Council discussed whether an increase was necessary or if further cuts could be made. Each Council Member presented their own opinion:

Council Member Steph Fyten felt that we need to make do with what we have and that we have to learn to balance our budgets without going for more money.

Council Member Adrian Welle felt that he agreed that we need to make do with what we have, but that his biggest concern is that if we do not increase it a little at a time that we will be hurting in the future and have to have a large increase at once.

City Clerk Mary Korf felt that we need to make do with what we have and potentially bring more business to town to increase the tax base instead of increasing the levy.

Mayor Toby Egan felt that in these economic times, we cannot require residents to pay any more property taxes and we need to find a way to balance the budget without going to residents for more money.

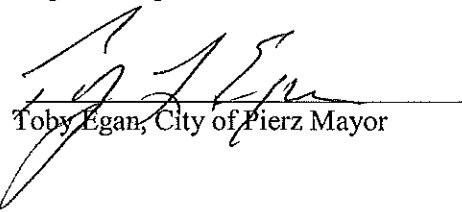
Council Member Mike Menden felt that we have infrastructure in town that needs to be maintained and updated and that if we do a small increase at a time it will be better than a large increase all at once.

The Council will make a decision and motion at the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.



Mary Korf, City of Pierz City Clerk



Toby Egan, City of Pierz Mayor