

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
January 24th, 2022
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dave Fischer, Council Member Don Bujalski, Council Member Lynn Egan, Council Member Jacque Ballou, City Clerk Kyle Bednar by phone, City Treasurer Linda Sczublewski.

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Bob Otremba

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Council Member Jacque Ballou and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to approve the January 10th, 2022, city council meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONDITONAL SERVICE BY EXCEPTION AGREEMENT – MINNESOTA POWER:

Mayor Dave Fischer presented the Conditional Service by Exemption Agreement with Minnesota Power. This agreement would annex seven current Minnesota Power on Park Avenue SE and the new nine-hole golf course property into the City of Pierz electric service territory for the initial investment estimate of \$10,177. The agreement is conditional on the City of Pierz remaining a wholesale customer of Minnesota Power. The initial investment includes purchasing the existing assets from Minnesota Power and the connection expenses to connect to the city's system. A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Jacque Ballou to approve the Conditional Service by Exception Agreement with Minnesota Power. Motion carried unanimously.

RENEWAL OF CONSUMPTION AND DISPLAY PERMIT – PIERZ GOLF COURSE AND CAMPGROUNDS:

A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Jacque Ballou to approve the renewal of the Consumption and Display Permit for the Pierz Golf Course and Campgrounds. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION – BOOTLEGGERS BAR – JULY 15TH, 2022:

A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Bootlegger's Bar to hold an event on July 15th, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT PIERZ FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION BYLAWS:

City Administrator Bob Otremba explained the proposed amendment for the Pierz Fire Relief Association Bylaws which clarifies how a month of service is defined and that each member's retirement will be prorated by the full month of service completed. A motion was made by Council Member Jacque Ballou and seconded by Council Member Lynn Egan to approve the proposed amendment to the Pierz Fire Relief Association Bylaws. Motion carried unanimously.

HORIZON HEALTH – FAITH IN ACTION DONATION REQUEST - \$1,000.00:

A motion was made by Council Member Jacque Ballou and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to approve the Horizon Health – Faith in Action donation request for \$1,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PASS THROUGH DONATION TO FREEDOM FEST – PIERZ FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION - \$1,500.00:

A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Jacque Ballou to approve a pass-through donation to Freedom Fest from the Pierz Fire Relief Association for \$1,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON PARK COMPLEX EXPANSION:

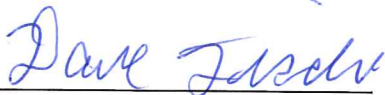
Mayor Dave Fischer indicated the dirt work is nearing completion for the season and grubbing out stumps is continuing. The Hole #1 pond expansion will be started soon, and the irrigation system has been designed and bids are expected in the next few weeks. There is no new update on the LCCMR grant application.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Administrator Bob Otremba updated the city council on the January reports and forms that are due, audit information processing, and the research that is being done on a new phone system at city hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Jacque Ballou to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



Dave Fischer, Mayor



Kyle Bednar, City Clerk