

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
City Council Meeting
January 26, 2026
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Perleberg, Council Member Don Bujalski Council Member Lynn Egan,
Council Member Gary Berg, City Clerk Sarah Fyten, City Treasurer Kaye Stangl

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Laura Wacker, Chief of Police Eric Hanneken, Public Works Director
Rick Wacker

COUNCIL PROTOCOL:

The City Council Members are here to serve the City of Pierz. We expect respectful conduct at all times. Slander or inappropriate language will not be tolerated. Please speak only when addressed, one person at a time. Each speaker has a 5-minute time limit. We thank you for your cooperation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to approve the regular city council meeting minutes from January 12, 2026, as is. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Council Member Gary Berg and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to approve the agenda as is. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2026-0126-1 TO DESIGNATE POLLING PLACE:

A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Gary Berg to approve Resolution #2026-0122-1 for the designated polling place in 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2026-0126-2 TO ACCEPTING DONATIONS:

A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve Resolution #2026-0122-2 to accept the donations for the Pierz Park Project. Motion carried unanimously.

SEALED BID PROCESS:

Scope of Project Post in Newspaper-2/1
Deadline-2/17 @ 4:30 pm
Open Day- 2/17 @ 4:45 pm
2/23 Council Meeting for acceptance

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Gary Berg to approve the plan for the sealed bid process. Motion carried unanimously.

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DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Fire Department:

None.

Police Department:

Police Chief Eric Hanneken presented the 2025 Annual Police Department Report.

- The department handled 958 calls for service in 2025, averaging just over three calls per day.
- Wednesdays remained the busiest day, with peak activity occurring between 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. November was the busiest month.
- Chief Hanneken reported securing over \$78,000 in non-taxpayer funding through grants and programs to support departmental equipment and needs.
- A new squad car has been ordered and is expected to arrive in March or April 2026.
- Chief Hanneken discussed the potential for the City to retain the current squad vehicle for general City use due to limited City vehicles. The matter will be reviewed further at a future workshop.

Council members thanked Chief Hanneken for his service and efforts. No action was taken.

Public Works Department:

Public Works Director, Rick Wacker provided an update.

- Staff has been managing heavy snow, cold, and drifting, with only minor equipment maintenance issues reported.
- Skating rinks are in good condition and continue to be maintained weekly; the rink behind City Hall is seeing the most use.
- A heating issue occurred in a City apartment due to a suspected faulty furnace part, which caused the unit to freeze. Water was shut off as a precaution, and no pipes burst. Repairs are underway and being addressed by contractors.

Council thanked Rick and Public Works staff for their continued efforts. No action was taken.

Clubhouse:

None.

Golf Course:

Council Member Egan shares that donations for the Park Project continue to be received, and the project is nearing its fundraising goal. Optimism was expressed that full project completion may be possible.

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator Laura Wacker reported the Board of Appeal and Equalization is scheduled for April 16th at 1:00 p.m. Council attendance will be determined closer to the meeting date.

Work is also underway on the annual audit.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

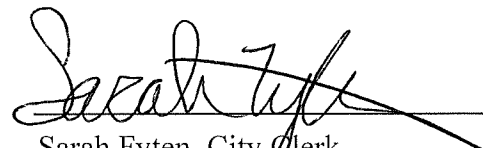
None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski seconded by Council Member Gary Berg to adjourn the city council meeting at 7:15 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



John Perleberg, Mayor



Sarah Fyten, City Clerk