

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
City Council Workshop
January 6th, 2020
7:00 PM

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

Staff Present: Bob Otremba

The City Council meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. at Pierz City Hall by Mayor Dave Fischer.

UNEMPLOYMENT – GOLF COURSE

Mayor Dave Fischer informed the council of a former employee that has been collecting unemployment from the City of Pierz. City Administrator Bob Otremba has investigated options but, has learned the City is responsible for the unemployment payments. The City of Pierz chooses to pay an unemployment claim at one to one rather than paying a percentage every quarter based on wages paid because of the small number of claims that the city has experienced in the past.

2020 STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Scott Hedlund from S E H was present to discuss the status of the 2020 Street Improvements including Kamnic St. from Park Ave to Third Ave N, and First Ave SE from Kamnic St to Main St. The feasibility study has been approved and the council discussed assessing the improvements. The 2013 and 2016 street improvement projects were both assessed at 16%. The council directed Scott to prepare assessment worksheets to include assessing options of 20%, 16%, and 10%.

THIRD AVE N PROJECT

Scott Hedlund from S E H asked for direction on how to proceed with the streetlight design on the Third Ave N project. One important decision to be made is whether to bury the electric lines on the project. The overhead system would require a full rebuild because the poles would be in the way. To rebuild the overhead system and properly place the poles and have enough room for them would be very difficult. Because of the need to relocate all the electric poles, less maintenance costs, and the goal to have the project more aesthetically pleasing, the City Council will choose to bury the electric lines. The council also gave direction to Scott Hedlund to proceed with Option #4 of the streetlight feasibility study. This option is a stand-alone non-decorative streetlight. Streetlights would be evenly spaced from Kamnic St to Centennial Drive and placed on the north side of Third Ave N. The council discussed temporary and permanent easements for the project because of the trail and necessary utility relocations.

APARTMENT BUILDING – SHOWER INSTALLATION

City Administrator Bob Otremba received a request for a conversion of a bathtub in Linda Otremba's apartment unit to a walk-in shower. An estimate from Lochner Plumbing for \$3,500 for the conversion was presented. The council does not want to do the improvement because the long-term plan of the city is to not make capital investments into the apartment building.

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FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

The City Council discussed the Bob Cyr property on the north end of Pierz for a future development. Bob Cyr has inquired at the city, received his requested information, and will get back to the city if he would like to pursue anything further.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.



Dave Fischer, Mayor



Kyle Bednar, City Clerk