

**CITY OF PIERZ**  
**Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council**  
**City Council Public Hearing**  
**2024 Street Improvement Project Preliminary Assessment**  
**October 23rd, 2023**  
**7:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor John Perleberg, Council Member Don Bujalski, Council Member Gary Berg, City Clerk Kyle Bednar, City Treasurer Sarah Fyten

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Administrator Bob Otremba, Park Complex Superintendent Zach Baert

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Joy Bridewell, Larry Schmidtbauer

The public hearing was called to order at 7:05 pm.

City Engineer Jarod Griffith stated the city hosted a public information open house meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for property owners. He described the 2024 Street Improvement Project that is based on multiple pavement studies conducted over the last 13 years which showed these streets in poor condition. Reconstruction of the Cassie alley and streets in the project area includes improvements related to utility, drainage, sidewalks, curb and gutter, ADA compliance, and bituminous roadways.

City Engineer Jarod Griffith said the estimated total cost for the project is \$3,142,008.20 for Rich Prairie Sewer and Water District and the City of Pierz. The current city assessment policy allows the city to assess up to 60 percent of the city project costs for streets that are built to 36-foot-wide roadway. The city has assessed 16% of the total city cost in recent projects and the property owner's preliminary city assessment calculation is based on the city assessing 16% on the 2024 project. He described the assessment payment terms are typically 7-10 years and is set at the final assessment hearing in the fall of 2024. Interest rates for the street assessments are also set at the final assessment hearing. Total city estimated costs are \$1,773,103.74 and estimated city assessments are \$331,875.74.

City Engineer Jarod Griffith explained the estimated project schedule of:

October 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2023	City preliminary assessment hearing
November 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	RPSWD preliminary assessment hearing
January 2024	Approval of plans
February 2024	Project bidding
March 2024	Award the project
Spring/Summer 2024	Project construction
November 2024	Final assessment hearing

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Mayor John Perleberg asked for public comment.

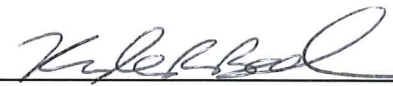
Resident Joy Bridwell asked about the necessity to reconstruct Cassie Alley. City Engineer Jarod Griffith stated the current alley is 14' wide and the city's standard alley width is 16'. He stated the sanitary sewer will need to be replaced on Cassie Alley.

Resident Larry Schmidtbauer asked about the boulevard trees on Summer Street S. City Engineer Jarod Griffith stated many of the boulevard trees will need to be removed and the city will need to decide if and where replacements will be planted. Boulevard widths and sidewalk locations on Summer St and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW were also discussed and will be finalized with the plans.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by City Clerk Kyle Bednar to adjourn the city council public hearing at 7:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

  
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John Perleberg, Mayor

  
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Kyle Bednar, City Clerk