

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
City Council Meeting
October 28th, 2024
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Perleberg, Council Member Jacque Johnson, Council Member Gary Berg, City Clerk Sarah Fyten, City Clerk Kaye Stangl

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Laura Wacker, Director of Public Works Eric Gaffke, Chief Police Eric Hanneken, Golf Course Director Toni Meyer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by the Council Member Jacque Johnson and seconded by Council Member Gary Berg to approve the Special City Council Meeting Minutes from October 15th, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Jordan Przybilla planning and zoning

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Council Member Jacque Johnson and seconded by Council Member Gary Berg to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING AND ZONING/BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

An application for a lot split by Scott Specker to split off the west 47.89 feet of his property on 317 Main St S was reviewed. The permit on the condition the property is sold and merged to parcel # 42-0151-000 owned by Eric Stuckmayer at 322 Robert St S.

A residential fence permit by Eric Stuckmayer to fence his back yard at 322 Robert St S with a 6 ft wood fence was reviewed. The permit on the condition 47.89 feet of the lot to the east of his back yard, which he is purchasing from Scott Specker, is merged with his primary lot at 322 Robert St S.

A small accessory structure permit application by Jordan Przybilla to make a temporary 13-foot by 24-foot canvas hoop garage at his residence at 26889 153rd St was reviewed. The structure would be in place from Nov. 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Council Member Jacque Johnson and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve the Scott Specker's split lot permit, Jordan Przybilla's structure permit and Eric Stuckmayer's fence permit on the conditions that he fills out a merge application permit. Motion carried unanimously.

GAMBLING PERMIT-HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL BINGO 2/2/25:

A motion was made by Council Member Sarah Fyten and seconded by Council Member Jacque Johnson to approve the holy trinity school bingo gambling permit on 2/2/25. Motion carried unanimously.

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LIQUOR LICENSE:

Chief Hanneken joined the meeting to ask for approval on a liquor license for the bar formerly known as Pat's Bar and will be known as Toni's Tavern.

A motion was made by Council Member Jacque Johnson and seconded by Council Member Gary Berg to approve the liquor license application. Motion carried unanimously.

PAY APP #5:

SEH Engineer Jarod Griffith shared that the light bases have been installed. Sub-contractors are here this week and are working on some of the punch list items, the main contractor will be here in the following week. Council member Johnson asked how the assessments are broken out. Griffith states that it is based off the street width and explains the change order that previously happened. Requesting pay app #5 for \$397,203.75 we are 87% complete with the project. The pay app covers the concrete work and the topcoats.

A motion was made by Council Member Jacque Johnson and seconded by Council Member Gary Berg to pay the pay app #5 for the 2024 street project. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Director of Public Works Eric Gaffke shares that he had Saeher come through and reshoulder Centennial Drive, the new plow has come in for the loader, the current plow truck is at Hoheisel Welding to be DOT there is a possibility that we may need to replace the fuel tank. MN DOT snow haul form has been filled out and Dave Saeher will be hauling the snow out again. The city will still be doing the amount of snow removal as best as possible but want to make sure we sign up for the reimbursement with the state. Planning on getting tree trimming around power lines, picking up leaves, sucking out the storm sewer on Mainstreet so it can drain efficiently. The city administrator and himself had attended the MN Power meeting in Duluth which went well no new changes coming along. The brush pile sign will be moved to the gate instead of where it is further back by the pile.

DIRECTOR OF CLUBHOUSE:

Last day for the clubhouse is tomorrow Tue. Oct 29, was a longer season but a good season. Campground was closed last week, blow out was complete. Planning to blow the clubhouse out next week.

Preparing a plan for the winter months. Still waiting on the PGA, Meyer reached out to them and they stated that they had turned everything in just waiting for the response. Mayor Perleberg would like to start planning the grand opening process by January.

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

The league of MN cities will be doing the Mayor of the Day contest again. Wacker will send out to the schools letting them know that the city will choose a local winner to be recognized along with giving \$10.00 Pierz Bucks to spend.

The City Hall will be passing out candy on the 31st. It is 3:30-5:30 pm or until candy runs out.

Reminder of election day on November 5th. Here in the senior center of city hall from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.

City hall will be closed Monday November 11. The next council meeting will be Tue. November 12 at 7:00 pm.

UPDATES:


December council meetings will start at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Council Member Gary Berg and seconded by Council Member Jacque Johnson to adjourn the city council meeting at 7:34 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



John Perleberg, Mayor



Sarah Fyten, City Clerk