

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
City Council Workshop
November 4th, 2019 – 5:30 pm

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

Others Present: Bob Otremba

Mayor Dave Fischer called the meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor Dave Fischer added an update on the apartment building and Rich Prairie Sewer and Water District billing.

POLICE COMPLAINT:

Mayor Dave Fischer informed the council of a complaint received by the City of Pierz involving the Pierz Police Department. The complaint was reviewed by Mayor Dave Fischer, Council Member Lynn Egan, and City Administrator Bob Otremba. After reviewing the complaint, it was decided that the Pierz Police Department acted appropriately on all matters of the situation and no further action was warranted.

POLICE UNION NEGOTIATIONS:

Mayor Dave Fischer updated the council on the status of the police union contract negotiations. Officer Tschida and the City of Pierz have a tentative agreement that will be presented at a future council meeting for approval. City Administrator Bob Otremba will check with the League of MN Cities to see if they offer legal advice or have any more insight on an officer involved shooting incident.

THIRD AVE N PROJECT:

The Project Management Team has met several times to discuss the progress and design of the project. There are several design issues to resolve including the Pierz Foods loading dock, mailbox placement, utility placement, streetlighting, electric design, and right of way acquisition. A public meeting will be scheduled when the project is further along in the design process.

HEALTH INSURANCE:

Members discussed the possibility of offering a health insurance plan from Public Employees Insurance Program. Mayor Dave Fischer did an informal survey of the current employees and the City of Pierz would not qualify for the program because there would not be enough participation. This insurance may be utilized in the future as a health insurance options for city employees.

GOLF COURSE/CAMPGROUND EXPANSION:

The council was updated on the status of the Pierz Golf Course/Campground expansion. On Tuesday, November 5th, 2019 the Park Board will be given a presentation by Bill Zidon from S E H regarding camping options on both the Hiemenz property and the gravel pit.

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CLUBHOUSE MANAGER:

Members discussed the value of hiring a clubhouse manager full-time year-round. City Administrator Bob Otremba will present details at a future council meeting.

WAGE INCREASES:

There was no discussion on wage increases.

2020 BUDGET/LEVY:

Members reviewed the changes to the 2020 budget since the last meeting. City Administrator Bob Otremba will update the budget to reflect the insurance stipend being separate from the wages and salaries.

APARTMENT BUILDING:

Mayor Dave Fischer informed the council members that calls have not been returned from the potential tenant that was discussed this summer.


RPSWD BILLING:

The council discussed the contract with RPSWD regarding the billing. City Administrator Bob Otremba will track the hours spent on the RPSWD portion of the billing in 2020.


ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Dave Fischer, Mayor



Kyle Bednar, City Clerk