

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
November 1 2011

Members present: Toby Egan, Stephanie Fyten, Michael Menden, Mary Korf, Adrian Welle, Maureen Watercott.

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at Pierz City Hall by Mayor Toby Egan.

Council Members reviewed the proposed Employee Step Plan put together by City Administrator Anna Gruber. Council Members felt they should watch health care costs to take notice of whether the stipend is sufficient or if a health plan is ever likely in the future. They also felt the step plan was nice for employees to have a goal and know what is expected and to also know what to budget on the Council's end. Council Members felt the step plan was appropriate and should be added to the next Council Meeting Agenda.

City Engineer Scott Hedlund was present to inform the Council of the Robert and Park Feasibility Report. He informed Council Members of the scope of the project and reviewed costs of the project, as well as assessments. The Council decided to hold an informational meeting on November 14th from 4:30 to 6:30 at City Hall for any property owners potentially affected. This would not be the public hearing, just an information meeting for all involved. Hedlund will prepare multiple assessment options before then and will have them available by the 14th.

The City reviewed the Capital Improvements Plan and the plan to go ahead with Robert and Park through the PFA Loan. The Council agreed that the plan helped for long term planning and that the PFA Loan, with the help of some out of pocket payments, would work well for the Robert and Park project. They would like to move forward with the Robert and Park project and PFA loan.

The 2012 Budget was discussed and left as-is with no levy increase.

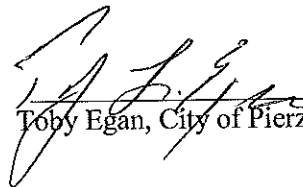
The Council reviewed the MN Deferred Comp 457(b) after-tax contribution plan and discussed offering it to employees. They all agreed it was a nice option for employees and to put it on the agenda for the next Council meeting for official approval. The plan is purely the responsibility of the employee and of no cost to the City.

The Council discussed the Sled Dog Races that have requested again to be in Pierz for January of 2012. The Council decided that it would be a great opportunity but that we would need more time and would plan for a January 2013 event.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.



Mary Korf, City of Pierz City Clerk



Toby Egan, City of Pierz Mayor