

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
December 10 2012

Members present: Toby Egan, Mary Korf, Steph Fyten, Mike Menden, Adrian Welle, Maureen Watercott.

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at Pierz City Hall by Mayor Toby Egan.

Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Steph Fyten to accept the November 27 2012 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to accept the November 26 2012 Community Feedback Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A Public Hearing was held for the Truth in Taxation Hearing and the Final 2013 Levy Certification. Mayor Toby Egan presented a 0% proposed levy increase. There were no questions. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:04 pm and the regular council meeting resumed.

Motion made by City Council Member Adrian Welle and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve the 2013 Final Levy:

General Fund \$206,515

Fire Fund \$47,000

Park Fund \$15,000

Cassie Street \$12,000

TOTAL LEVY: \$280,515

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to approve the agenda with the additions of the RPSWD appointments and questions for the Council from Mayor Toby. Motion carried unanimously.

A recap was given in regards to the EDA meeting held at 6:00 pm. The Council was informed that Sunrise Ag intends to sell a portion of their building for a new vet clinic, which could involve the Council being able to call their EDA loan due immediately upon the sale of the building if they would so choose. The EDA and Council agreed that because the loan is already due on July 1st, 2013 that Sunrise Ag could remain on the current loan payment schedule as pay in July as planned since it was a difference of only a few months.

A Motion was made by Council member Mike Menden and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve the MN Power Settlement Agreement where the City agrees to pay \$35,000 for the backbilling issue and CT error that was discovered. Motion carried unanimously.

A Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, January 28th, 2013 at 6 pm to discuss Electric Rate Changes.

A Motion was made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council member Adrian Welle to approve setting the tree reimbursements for Robert/Park/SRTS projects at \$250.00 a tree. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Toby Egan and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to approve the reappointment of Mark Fyten to the RPSWD Board. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Council Member Steph Fyten abstaining.

Mayor Toby Egan discussed with Council Members complaints and concerns he has gotten from residents in

regards to empty lots/lawns in developments in Pierz not being mowed or maintained in the summer and also sidewalks not being maintained in the winter by residents. Public Works Supervisor Bob Otremba informed the Council that Owners of empty lots are currently sent letters informing them of the ordinance to maintain their laws and are given 15 days to mow their property. He typically asks these owners to mow their lawn at least 2-3 times a summer and that seems to work fine. Residents are encouraged to file complaints with City Hall when they see a property that is not being maintained. The current City Ordinance in regards to sidewalks is that the property owner must maintain (shovel) sidewalks on their property. Mayor Toby Egan discussed meeting with Police Chief Eric Hanneken to enforce the ordinance and to be consistent across the board to all residents in requiring sidewalks to be maintained. Mayor Toby Egan will discuss this with Hanneken at the next Police Commission meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Bob Otremba informed the Council that the bids for the electrical upgrades are coming in and are expected to be between \$20,000 and \$25,000. He is also working on getting lighting bids for the Robert/Park Ave project. He will be doing snow removal tomorrow (Tuesday) evening.

Parks Superintendent Daniel Baert informed the Council that the Park Board met with residents interested in a cross country ski trail at the golf course and it was decided that the golf course would be open for cross country skiing and that Daniel would show them the areas they would be allowed to use and the group of residents will maintain and groom the trails.

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer, Maureen Watercott. The November 30 2012 checkbook balance was \$384570.42. A motion was made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to accept the report. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council member Mike Menden to approve keeping the two \$114,000 CD's at Farmers and Merchants bank for 12 months at .80% interest. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council member Adrian Welle to approve the following transfers to the dedicated funds:

Public Works Tractor \$1000

Public Works Skidloader \$2000

Sweeper \$5000

Snow Plow \$3000

Fire Hydrants \$5000

Fire Truck \$15000

Bucket Truck \$2000

PW Street Improvement Money Not Used in 2012 \$35000

Golf Course Heavy Machinery \$20000

Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve the transfer from the electric fund to the fire fund in the amount of \$15000. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Council Member Adrian Welle and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve the transfer from the dedicated funds to the police general fund in the amount of \$36,200. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to transfer money from the money market golf course operating income account to the golf course fund for the campground

improvements in the amount of \$4618. Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Steph Fyten to close out Ronald Avenue fund and transfer the remaining \$29747.62 to the general fund. Motion carried unanimously.

City bills were reviewed. Motion made by Council member Steph Fyten and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$104712.12. Motion carried unanimously.

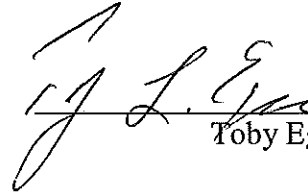
Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.



Mary Korf, Clerk, City of Pierz

Matt Bell



Toby Egan, City of Pierz Mayor