

CITY OF PIERZ  
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council  
December 12, 2011

Members present: Toby Egan, Stephanie Fyten, Michael Menden, Mary Korf, Adrian Welle and 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 Adrian Welle to approve the November 28 2011 Regular City Council meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to approve the agenda with the addition of the EDA and removal of Police Chief Paul Tschida's report. Motion carried unanimously.

The Council discussed how to approach the wage negotiation process with the future Police Chief Eric Hanneken. The Council was informed that verbal confirmation was offered that he passed both the physical and psychological exam for employment. The Police Commission will meet with Eric to discuss wage negotiations between \$40,000 and \$53,000 and a final decision will be brought to the Council on the December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Council Meeting. At that meeting, Eric will also be sworn in and will begin employment on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011.

City Administrator Anna Gruber gave an update on the MN Power meeting that she and Bob Otremba attended. MN Power rates will be increasing 6-7% in 2012 and the City will also have a true-up cost to pay and a backbilling to pay due to an error in billing from MN Power. The City's rates will only be 1 cent higher than MN Power in 2012 and the City may need to readdress the City's electrical rates. The Council agreed to wait and see how the audit turns out for revenue being built for this fund and determine if a rate increase is necessary at that time.

A Motion was made by City Clerk Mary Korf and seconded by Council member Steph Fyten to approve the Final Levy of \$280,515 with \$179,615 for the General Fund, \$47,000 for the Fire Fund, \$35,900 for the Parks, \$6,000 for Ronald Avenue, and \$12,000 for Cassie Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to approve the 2012 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve the Resolution Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans for Robert and Park Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

City Engineer Scott Hedlund was present to request a meeting date of the Public Works Commission to discuss the design plans of Robert and Park Ave. A meeting was set for Thursday, December 15 at 3 pm at City Hall.

City Administrator Anna Gruber gave an update on the progress of cleaning the basement. She also informed the Council that in the last week of December she will have one assistant coming to help finish the filing cleaning of the basement and will have everything completed after that.

Motion made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by Council member Adrian Welle to approve the employee step plan. Ayes – Menden, Welle, Egan, Fyten. Nays – Korf. Motion Passed 4-1.

City Administrator Anna Gruber informed the Council that the Board of Equalization Date will be April 26, 2012 at 1 pm at City Hall. Mike Menden, Mary Korf, and Toby Egan agreed to be present for the meeting.

An EDA meeting was set for 5:30 pm on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to review the submitted EDA application request for funding.

Public Works Supervisor Bob Otremba was present to inform the Council that he will look in to installing new lights at the Father Pierz Statue. He had no other updates.

Mayor Toby Egan informed the Council that the Park Board met and that the Golf Course looks to of had another successful year and that the new seasonal campsites are done and are very nice.

A City Employee Christmas Party was scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 6:30 pm at Mayor Egan's home.

Motion made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by Council Member Adrian Welle to approve the Treasurers Report with a November 30, 2011 checkbook balance of \$372,800.90 as presented by Treasurer Maureen Watercott. Motion carried unanimously.

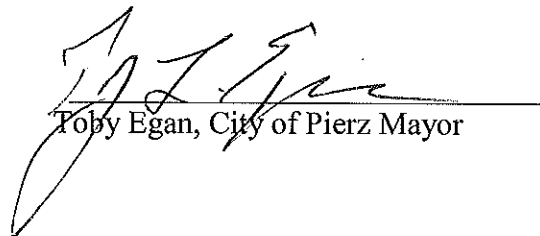
Motion was made by Mayor Toby Egan and seconded by Council Member Mike Menden to keeping the 2 CDS in the amount of \$112,920 each at Farmers and Merchants bank and renewing the CD's for 1 year at 1% interest. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Mike Menden and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to approve the bills in the amount of \$98,372.05 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council member Steph Fyten and seconded by City Clerk Mary Korf to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

  
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Mary Korf, City of Pierz City Clerk

  
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Toby Egan, City of Pierz Mayor