

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
City Council Meeting
February 23, 2026
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Perleberg, Council Member Don Bujalski Council Member Lynn Egan, Council Member Gary Berg, City Clerk Sarah Fyten, City Treasurer Kaye Stangl

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Laura Wacker, Public Works Director Rick Wacker, Clubhouse Lead Andy Leidenfrost, Golf Course Leads Brad Dehler and Jim Gross

COUNCIL PROTOCOL:

The City Council Members are here to serve the City of Pierz. We expect respectful conduct at all times. Slander or inappropriate language will not be tolerated. Please speak only when addressed, one person at a time. Each speaker has a 5-minute time limit. We thank you for your cooperation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Gary Berg to approve the regular city council meeting minutes from February 9, 2026, as is. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS/REMOVAL OF AGENDA:

Removal of resolution #2026-0223-2 to be brought to a workshop.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Lynn Egan to approve the agenda as is. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS TO ACCEPT DONATIONS:

A motion was made by Council Member Sarah Fyten and seconded by Council Member Gary Berg approving Resolution #2026-0223-1 accepting donations for the Pierz Park playground. Motion carried unanimously.

SEALED BID REVIEW AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTANCE:

Council Member Lynn Egan shares that We received 4 sealed bids total for the Pierz Park Playground Renovation Project.

All the bids were opened and reviewed for responsiveness and compliance with the project specifications. While St. Croix Recreation was not the lowest dollar amount, their proposal fully met the specifications as written and includes the required components for installation and safety surfacing including:

- Their bid was fully responsive to specifications
- Required safety surfacing / ADA elements were included
- Installation and materials met scope
- They demonstrated experience and capability
- Other lower bids were missing components of project specifications

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Based on that review, the recommendation is to award the contract to St. Croix Recreation in the dollar amount of \$265,000.00.

A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Gary Berg to approve the resolution#2026-0223-3 Awarding Park Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MARCH 17 @5:30 PM:

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve holding a city council workshop for March 17 at 5:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Fire Department:

Not Present

Police Department:

Not Present

Public Works Department:

Public Works Director, Rick Wacker:

- Transformer testing completed at the school on Presidents’ Day (results pending).
- Snow plowing and cleaning performed.
- Meter reading completed using new tablet, resulting in improved efficiency.

Clubhouse:

Clubhouse lead Andy Leidenfrost is requesting the approval of the staff for 2026:

Employee	2025 Wage	2026 Wage	Notes	Tentative Start Date
Kaylin Cherne	\$16.50	\$20.00	Team Lead; experienced with system	April 13
Mike Gerdes	—	\$19.00	Team Lead; runs tournaments	April 20
Madison Hoheisel	\$16.50	\$16.50	—	April 20
Jessi LeBlanc	\$15.50	\$16.00	—	April 20
Michaela Moore	\$14.00	\$15.00	Works weekends	April 27
Lisa Talberg	\$14.00	\$15.00	—	April 27
Jack Prokott	\$13.50	\$15.00	—	April 13
Shay Watercott	\$13.00	\$14.00	—	April 13
Callie Waytashek	\$13.00	\$14.00	—	April 27
Whitney LeBlanc	—	\$14.00	—	April 27
Alyssa Sadlovsky	—	\$14.50	Beverage cart (weekends)	May 1
Sophie Leidenfrost	—	\$14.50	Cooking experience	April 27
Alyssa Gall	—	\$15.00	Kitchen support; beverage cart fill-in; cooking experience	April 27

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A motion was made by Council Member Gary Berg and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve the attached staffing sheet with the set wages. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Updates:

- Interior painting underway (parks committee volunteering time).
- Exploring fencing and stop signs near swimming area for safety improvements.
- Researching possible Wi-Fi installation at campground for guest use and security cameras.
- Hood installation project scheduled March 4–6.
- Flooring nearly complete.

Golf Course:

Grounds crew lead Brad Dehler is requesting approval for the golf course 2026 staff.

- Brian Harding – increase to \$16.75/hr
- Wayne Perzinski – increase to \$16.00/hr
- Joel Poland – increase to \$15.50/hr

A motion was made by Council Member Gary Berg and seconded by Council Member Lynn Egan to approve the above staffing with the set wages. Motion carried unanimously.

Request to Post Positions:

- Full-time Rough Mower (up to 40 hrs/week, \$15–\$16/hr)
- Full 18+ Seasonal (up to 40 hrs/week, \$18–\$20/hr)
- Two High School Seasonal Positions (16+, up to 40 hrs/week, \$15/hr)

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve the requested posting for positions. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

City Administrator Laura Wacker shares:

- Audit process has begun; in-person audit scheduled for Wednesday.
- Employee handbook updated to include Paid Family Medical Leave and other revisions. Review pending; formal approval to come at a future meeting.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Councilmember Egan addressed discussion that occurred at the conclusion of the previous council meeting regarding the Pierz Park Playground renovation project.

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Egan stated she was taken aback by the concerns raised in her absence, as she has been leading the fundraising efforts and coordinating the project. She noted that tabling the discussion until she could be present may have allowed for more complete and accurate information to be provided.

Clarification:

Funding Status:

The project has secured \$218,400 through pledged funds and the City's dedicated playground fund, leaving approximately \$46,600 remaining. She provided a written breakdown distinguishing funds received to date from pledged amounts. She stated that the information shared in the business fundraising letter was accurate. Grant applications are ongoing.

Staff Involvement:

Drain tile and installation work are included in the awarded bid package and are not assigned to city staff. While limited demolition assistance had been discussed, department supervisors determined that due to liability and equipment considerations, staff involvement would be minimal and focused, if at all, on post-installation restoration.

Project Wages:

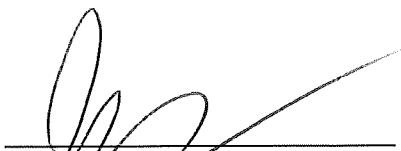
Egan stated that the project is funded through community contributions and that using donated funds to reimburse city wages would not align with the intent of those donations.

Egan reaffirmed her commitment to transparency and continued fundraising efforts. She requested that Council consider completing the project in full should a minor funding gap remain, rather than reducing scope.

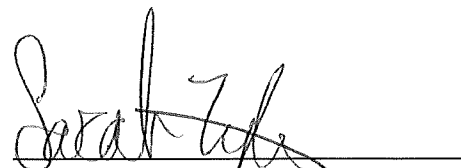
Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the work being done on the playground project.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to adjourn the city council meeting at 7:27 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



John Perleberg, Mayor



Sarah Fyten, City Clerk