

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
City Council Meeting
February 9, 2026
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Perleberg, Council Member Don Bujalski, Council Member Gary Berg, City Treasurer Kaye Stangl

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Laura Wacker, Public Works Director Rick Wacker

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 Gary Berg and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to approve the regular city council meeting minutes from January 26, 2026, as is. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PLANNING AND ZONING:

Nicholas Lochner – 304 Karst St – Small Accessory Structure Permit
Nicholas Lochner – 304 Karst St – Fence Permit

A motion was made by Council Member Gary Berg and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to approve the planning and zoning requests as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS REPORT- JANUARY \$619,030.80:

City Treasurer Kaye Stangl shares the claims report for January \$619,030.80.

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Gary Berg to approve the claims report. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT- JANUARY \$3,294,497.57:

Stangl shares the treasurers report for January \$3,294,497.57.

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Gary Berg to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL DONATION REQUEST \$3000:

A motion was made by Council Member Gary Berg and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to approve the donation request to Pierz Public School of \$3000. Motion carried unanimously.

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DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Public Works Department:

Public Works Director, Rick Wacker provided an update. The City was previously approved to acquire a half-ton truck through a Sourcewell grant in the amount of approximately \$51,000. Rick recommended upgrading to a one-ton truck for increased versatility, durability, and reduced wear on existing equipment, including the ability to accommodate heavier loads and a plow. The cost to upgrade is \$8,728.98, which can be covered within the Public Works heavy machinery budget.

A motion was made by Council Member Gary Berg and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to move forward with changing the ½ ton truck to a one ton paying \$8728.98 out of pocket. Motion carried unanimously.

Wacker also reported that snow removal operations are ongoing, preparations for pothole season are underway, and all City apartment units are fully occupied with annual inspections completed.

Fire Department:

Not Present

Police Department:

Not Present

Clubhouse:

Not Present

Golf Course:

Mayor Perleberg states that he would like to have a discussion on the golf course and asks council member Bujalski to start it. Bujalski addressed the ongoing playground equipment fundraising project. He referenced the recently distributed letters outlining the estimated total project cost of approximately \$265,000, indicating the project is approximately two-thirds funded, and inviting donations to be submitted to the City under “Parks Renovation Donation.”

Mayor Perleberg stated his comments were for informational purposes and referenced the Commercial Club meeting minutes, which indicated that more than half of the project cost had been donated and that the City would complete demolition, tile installation, and site preparation to reduce expenses. Mayor Perleberg noted that, based on his understanding, approximately \$113,500 has been confirmed to date and does not appear to represent one-half or two-thirds of the projected total. While additional contributions, including a potential donation from F&M Bank, have been discussed, he requested clarification of confirmed and pledged amounts to ensure consistent public communication.

Mayor Perleberg also inquired about the anticipated project timeline, noting that demolition would likely occur after frost leaves the ground, which coincides with peak golf course operations. He expressed concern regarding

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potential overtime costs if City staff complete demolition, tile work, and site preparation during that time. He stated that if overtime is required, the Council should review and discuss how those costs will be accounted for.

City Administrator Laura Wacker suggested setting up a workshop to review the requests along with other items that need to be discussed. Will send out dates and approve at next council meeting.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Wacker states that we are accepting sealed bids for the playground project until February 17th at 4:30 pm. The opening will be the 17th at 4:45 pm.

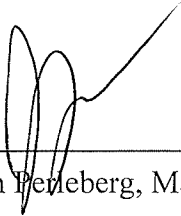
City Hall will be closed in recognition of Presidents Day on February 16th.

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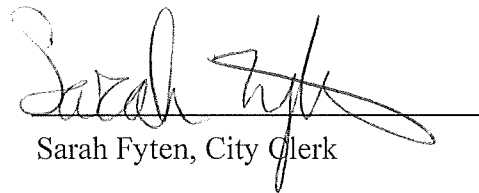
None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski seconded by Council Member Gary Berg to adjourn the city council meeting at 7:16 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



John Perleberg, Mayor



Sarah Fyten, City Clerk