

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
March 23rd, 2020
7:00 PM

Members Present: Dave Fischer, Lynn Egan, Jacque Ballou, Don Bujalski, Kyle Bednar, Linda Sczublewski.

Staff Present: Bob Otremba, Eric Hanneken, Chris Young

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dave Fischer. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the meeting was conducted by “Zoom” teleconference.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Lynn Egan to approve the March 9th, 2020 Public Hearing – 2020 Street Improvements City Council meeting minutes with a change on Page 1 to state “25% of the long side of the lot if not abutting a county or state highway.” The motion passed with a roll call vote: Dave Fischer: Aye, Jacque Ballou: Aye, Lynn Egan: Aye, Kyle Bednar: Aye, Don Bujalski: Aye.

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Jacque Ballou to approve the March 9th, 2020 City Council meeting with a change to Cale Becker’s hourly wage to \$11.50/hr. The motion passed with a roll call vote: Dave Fischer: Aye, Jacque Ballou: Aye, Lynn Egan: Aye, Kyle Bednar: Aye, Don Bujalski: Aye.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Jacque Ballou. The motion passed with a roll call vote: Dave Fischer: Aye, Jacque Ballou: Aye, Lynn Egan: Aye, Kyle Bednar: Aye, Don Bujalski: Aye.

COVID 19 UPATE:

City Administrator Bob Otremba updated the council on the practices at City Hall including not assessing utility penalties for March and April. Disconnections for March and April have been suspended. City Hall is closed to the public until further notice. Police Chief Eric Hanneken updated the council on the current emergency management plan. He has been busy staying up to date on the COVID 19 situation regarding emergency response, purchasing supplies, and enforcement of the executive orders.

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PIERZ LEGION BALL PARK DONATION REQUEST:

A motion was made by Council Member Jacque Ballou and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to approve a donation to the Pierz Legion Ball Park for \$1,000.00. The motion passed with a roll call vote: Dave Fischer: Abstained, Jacque Ballou: Aye, Lynn Egan: Aye, Kyle Bednar: Aye, Don Bujalski: Aye.

DONATION REQUEST: PIERZ OKTOBERFEST COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Council Member Jacque Ballou and seconded by City Clerk Kyle Bednar to approve a donation request to Pierz Oktoberfest Committee for \$1,500.00. The motion passed with a roll call vote: Dave Fischer: Aye, Jacque Ballou: Aye, Lynn Egan: Aye, Kyle Bednar: Aye, Don Bujalski: Aye.

FREEDOM FEST – PIERZ FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION DONATION:

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Jacque Ballou to approve a donation to Freedom Fest for the Pierz Fire Relief Association for \$1,500.00. The motion passed with a roll call vote: Dave Fischer: Aye, Jacque Ballou: Aye, Lynn Egan: Aye, Kyle Bednar: Aye, Don Bujalski: Aye.

PLAN – OLD FOOD SHELF BUILDING:

Fire Chief Chris Young requested the council consider using the old food shelf building located just south of the fire hall for the fire department for cold storage. A motion was made by Council Member Jacque Ballou and seconded by City Clerk Kyle Bednar to approve leaving the food shelf building next to the fire hall and utilize it for cold storage for the fire department. The motion passed with a roll call vote: Dave Fischer: Aye, Jacque Ballou: Aye, Lynn Egan: Aye, Kyle Bednar: Aye, Don Bujalski: Aye.

2020 ROAD TO HOPE CANCELLED:

City Administrator Bob Otremba explained the 2020 Road to Hope event in which the City of Pierz donated \$500.00 towards has been cancelled. A motion was made by Council Member Jacque Ballou and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to void the check to the 2020 Road to Hope event. The motion passed with a roll call vote: Dave Fischer: Aye, Jacque Ballou: Aye, Lynn Egan: Aye, Kyle Bednar: Aye, Don Bujalski: Aye.

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RESIGNATION – DALE BRAUSEN – FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Chris Young presented the council with a resignation letter from Fireman Dale Brausen. A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to approve the resignation of Fireman Dale Brausen from the Pierz Fire Department. The motion passed with a roll call vote: Dave Fischer: Aye, Jacque Ballou: Aye, Lynn Egan: Aye, Kyle Bednar: Aye, Don Bujalski: Aye. Council Member Don Bujalski mentioned the Pierz Fire Relief Association retirement funds may have lost significant value due to the declining stock market. Chief Young will stay in contact with the relief association and monitor the situation.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:


City Administrator Bob Otremba updated the council on the status of the conditional use permit application for Jason Meyer at 232 Main St. S. A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by City Clerk Kyle Bednar to set a public hearing for the conditional use permit application for Jason Meyer on Monday, April 13th, 2020 at 6:00 pm by “zoom” meeting. The motion passed with a roll call vote: Dave Fischer: Aye, Jacque Ballou: Aye, Lynn Egan: Aye, Kyle Bednar: Aye, Don Bujalski: Aye.

UPDATES:


Mayor Dave Fischer updated the council stating that the commercial club meeting scheduled for Monday, April 6th at the Pierz Golf Course has been postponed until further notice.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Jacque Ballou to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a roll call vote: Dave Fischer: Aye, Jacque Ballou: Aye, Lynn Egan: Aye, Kyle Bednar: Aye, Don Bujalski: Aye.



Dave Fischer, Mayor



Kyle Bednar, City Clerk