

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
City Council Meeting
May 11, 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: Laura Wacker, Administrator, Rick Wacker, Public Works Director, Andy Leidenfrost, Clubhouse Lead

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.

LETTER FROM MAYOR PERLEBERG:

Acting Mayor Gary Berg reads the resignation of John Perleberg effective May 11, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Council thanked him for his service.

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Lynn Egan to accept the resignation of Mayor John Perleberg effective May 11, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve the regular city council meeting minutes from April 27, 2026, as is. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS/EDITS TO AGENDA:

Planning and Zoning and Vacant seat, Appointment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PLANNING AND ZONING:

Jim Sitzman – 608 Park Ave SE – Concrete Permit
Jeff and Deanna Fuhrman – 105 4th Ave SE – Garage Permit

A motion was made by Council Member Sarah Fyten and seconded by Council Member Don Bujalski to approve the planning and zoning request as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS REPORT- APRIL \$353,649.32:

City Treasurer Kaye Stangl shares the claims report for April \$353,649.32.

A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve the claims report. Motion carried unanimously.

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TREASURERS REPORT- APRIL \$3,444,170.33:

Stangl shares the treasurers report for April \$3,444,170.33.

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

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR 7/1/26-6/30/27:

A motion was made by Council Member Sarah Fyten and seconded by Council Member Lynn Egan to approve moving forward with the presented a Liquor License Renewal for 7/1/26-6/30/27. Motion carried unanimously.

PARK COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Council Member Egan states with the playground.

- Removal of old playground equipment at Pierz Park scheduled to begin Thursday.
- Delivery and installation of new playground equipment expected the last week of May or first week of June, weather permitting.
- Remaining funds needed for playground project balance reported at \$29,511.96.
- Council informed that SCDP funds may be used to cover the remaining balance, avoiding use of capital expense funds.

Clubhouse Lead Andy Leidenfrost completed his 6-month performance review. He is doing an exceptional job, and we would like to move forward with the \$1.00 raise stated from the Aug 2025 meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve the wage increase of \$1.00 to \$24.00 with backpay starting March 1, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

The Hiring Committee reported that it interviewed two candidates for the Lead Grounds Crew position. The committee recommended hiring Brandon Tschida-Bury at a starting wage of \$28.00 per hour, with eligibility for a \$1.00 per hour increase following a successful three-month performance review. Starting Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve hiring Brandon Tschida-Bury at \$28.00 and in 3-months increase a \$1.00 pending performance review. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Police Department:

Golf Course:

Fire Department:

No one on fire department attending.

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Public Works Department:

Director of Public Works, Rick Wacker shares the water line has been installed at the Blue Park. Waiting on cement to be poured. Sprinklers turned on at Billing Park. Removing the playground this week, prepping the site. Will be putting a snow fence around the area for safety.

Clubhouse:

Clubhouse Lead, Andy Leidenfrost shares golf course staff reported that operations have been going smoothly and activity has increased with improved weather conditions. The golf course hosted junior high and varsity girls golf meets that had previously been rescheduled, and campground activity has increased since water service was turned on the previous Thursday.

Staff also reported that league play has begun, with women's league underway and couples league anticipated to begin the first week of June. The clubhouse kitchen is now fully open and recently began offering daily lunch specials.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator, Wacker shares

Reminders:

- Garage Sale Days 5/13-5/16
- Clean up day 8-10 am for city residents 5/16
- Rock Roll and Stroll Event first one is June 4

Applied in early April for the Sourcewell Community Fund Grant and was awarded the full amount of \$12,303.36 for park safety improvements. Planned improvements include stop signs, security cameras, fencing, speed bumps, and garbage cans, etc.

Wacker shares a brief overview of the process for filling the mayoral and council vacancies following the resignation of Mayor Perleberg. Discussion included the temporary acting mayor role, appointment of a mayor to complete the remainder of the term, and the resulting vacant council seat. Council Member Gary Berg expressed willingness to serve as mayor through the remainder of the term ending December 31, 2026.

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve Gary Berg as Mayor for the remainder of the term. Motion carried unanimously. Berg abstained.

A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve posting for the council member position for the remainder of the term for 2-weeks. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Egan shares that there has been discussion with the Senior Center and the Luther Social Services plans to donate the kitchen equipment currently in the building to the City with no restrictions on its use. Council also

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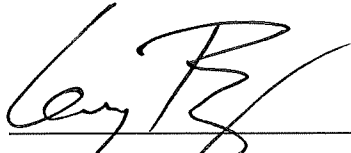
discussed the potential plan to convert the back kitchen area into a senior center space and utilize the front portion of the building as council chambers, pending further discussions with the Senior Center Board.

Staff provided an update regarding the Small Cities Development Program funds previously used for Main Street business loans. Staff reported that approximately \$1,900.00 in unloaned funds remained and that the City needed to notify the DEED of how it intended to proceed with the remaining balance. Council discussed available options, including requesting an extension or returning the funds.

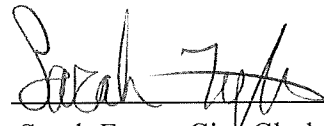
A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to return the funds back to DEED. Motion carried unanimously.

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.



Gary Berg, Mayor



Sarah Fyten, City Clerk