

**CITY OF PIERZ**  
**Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council**  
**EDA/City Council Workshop**  
**June 13th, 2022**  
**5:30 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Dave Fischer, Council Member Lynn Egan, Council Member Jacque Ballou by phone, Council Member Don Bujalski, City Clerk Kyle Bednar, City Treasurer Linda Sczublewski

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Administrator Bob Otremba

**AGENDA:**

**BUSINESS ASSISTANCE APPLICATION – TYLER KLOSS STORAGE UNITS:**

Mayor Dave Fischer summarized the prior EDA meeting and new information regarding the original intention of the Industrial Park lots. City Administrator Bob Otremba shared the original Business Subsidy Policy that was created at the same time Industrial Park was developed. The policy encouraged developers to create jobs, but it was not a requirement at the time. Two facts of the lot being open for many years and the city not being required to follow past precedence of denying storage units were discussed. Members discussed that there are other areas in Pierz that are available to build storage units to meet this need in the community. Members discussed that giving the Industrial Park lots away for \$1.00 should require additional jobs brought into the community. Members of the EDA board recommended to the Pierz City Council to deny the request by Tyler Kloss to build storage units in Industrial Park.

**CITY SHOP:**

City Administrator Bob Otremba updated the city council on the status of the city shop including an estimate from Kapsner Construction to replace the existing for \$189,000. An estimate was created by Kapsner Construction and Bob's Lumber to build a 80' x 120' shop, which would be sufficient for current and future needs for \$448,500. This amount does not include engineering, architect fees, permitting, ventilation, A/C for office, sewer, fire wall, and contingencies. Mayor Dave Fischer expressed the need for a larger city shop and best location being west of the Lions shed and using the concrete slab from the demolished shop for a commodity shed in the future.

The city shop has been added to the FEMA submission for Morrison County through Emergency Manager Victoria McKissok. Concerns were expressed to start the city shop construction process without contacting FEMA regarding their construction requirements if FEMA money is used for a new shop. The city council directed staff to contact FEMA asking two questions:

1. Is there a certain type of construction requirement?
2. Can the city start the construction process and still receive FEMA funds?

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**GRAVEL PIT DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Dave Fischer updated the city council on his discussion with Knife River regarding the gravel pit purchase. He indicated there are two other parties that have contacted Knife River about purchasing the pit. He shared the park board recommendation to the city council to purchase the pit without the LCCMR grant if needed. The park board believes the gravel pit purchase is needed because it is part of the master plan of creating additional revenues and amenities in the city for its residents and visitors.

**TRAIL DEDICATION DISCUSSION:**

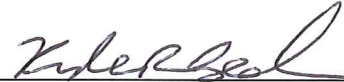
Mayor Dave Fischer explained the possibility of naming the trail on Third Ave N after Dr. Stein who was a prominent doctor in Pierz for 45 years. The council discussed the possibility of creating an online contest for naming the trail after Dr. Stein.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by City Clerk Kyle Bednar and seconded by Council Member Lynn Egan to adjourn the workshop at 6:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



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Dave Fischer, Mayor



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Kyle Bednar, City Clerk