

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
June 28th, 2021
7:00 PM

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Bob Otremba

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Jacque Ballou to approve the June 14th, 2021, city council meeting minutes with the correction of deleting Treasurer Linda Sczublewski from the Members Present section because she was not in attendance. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Lion's Club Bingo gambling permit at the Oktoberfest.
Bill Zidon S E H – Third Ave N Project Update.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Council Member Lynn Egan and seconded by Council Member Jacque Ballou to approve the agenda with the two additions. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING AND ZONING/BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

Planning and Zoning Chairman Jim Gerwing presented two concrete permit applications. A motion was made by Council Member Jacque Ballou and seconded by City Clerk Kyle Bednar to approve the concrete permit application for Randy and RaeAnn Waytashek at 219 Second Ave NE and the concrete permit application for Fran Pelikan at 301 Karst Street. Motion carried unanimously.

EDA RECOMMENDATION – TIP FINANCING KLOSS DEVELOPMENT:

Mayor Dave Fischer explained the EDA's recommendation to move forward with the project with the city extending the TIF financing for the project for 18 years. The council discussed the tangible and intangible benefits for the city and also the concern of future developers likely requesting the same length of TIF benefit from the city. A motion was made by Council Member Jacque Ballou and seconded by Mayor Dave Fischer to approve the TIF financing duration of 18 years for the project. Motion carried 2-1. City Clerk Kyle Bednar abstained. Council Member Lynn Egan voted no.

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MINNESOTA POWER WHOLESALE NEGOTIATIONS:

At 6:00 pm on Monday, June 14th the city council members met with NEEMPA Consultant Dave Berg to discuss the status of the wholesale power negotiations between the agency and Minnesota Power. A motion was made by City Clerk Kyle Bednar and seconded by Council Member Lynn Egan to continue to the next phase of the negotiation process of finalizing the details and drafting contract documents. Motion carried unanimously.

EXEMPT PERMIT – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

A motion was made by City Clerk Kyle Bednar and seconded by Council Member Jacque Ballou to approve the exempt permit for the Knights of Columbus for their Buffalo Raffle on January 29th, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

GAMBLING PERMIT – PIERZ LIONS CLUB:

A motion was made by Council Member Jacque Ballou and seconded by Council Member Lynn Egan to approve the gambling permit application from the Pierz Lions Club for Bingo at Oktoberfest. Motion carried unanimously.

S E H ENGINEER BILL ZIDON – THIRD AVE N PROJECT UPDATE:

S E H Engineer Bill Zidon update the city council on the progress of the Third Ave N project. Most of the underground utility work is complete and paving on the west side of Main St is expected by the first or second week of August.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:


City Administrator Bob Otreмба updated the city council that he has been working with the engineers on the 3rd Ave N project.

UPDATES:

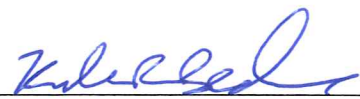
None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by City Clerk Kyle Bednar and seconded by Council Member Jacque Ballou to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



Dave Fischer, Mayor



Kyle Bednar, City Clerk