

CITY OF PIERZ
Official Minutes of the Pierz City Council
City Council Meeting
July 22nd, 2024
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Don Bujalski, Council Member Gary Berg, City Clerk Sarah Fyten, City Treasurer Kaye Stangl

NOT PRESENT: Mayor John Perleberg and Council Member Jacque Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Laura Wacker, Park Complex Superintendent Zach Baert, Public Works Supervisor Eric Gaffke, Chief Police Eric Hanneken, and Fire Chief Dan Rocheleau

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by the Council Member Don Bujalski and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve the Special City Council Meeting Minutes from July 8th, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Solar Application and Approval of Appointing Election Judges

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Council Member Sarah Fyten and seconded by Council Member Gary Berg to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE:

Public Hearing for the Floodplain ordinance was opened at 7:02 pm and closed at 7:04 pm, Monday June 30th.

APPROVAL FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE:

A motion was made by Council Member Gary Berg and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve the Floodplain Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING AND ZONING/BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

A concrete permit application by Glenn Martin to make a 10 ft by 80 ft driveway at his residence at 313 Cassie Street.

A concrete permit application by Holy Trinity Catholic School, 80 Edward St S, to fix various sections of sidewalk in front of the school.

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A building permit application by Todd Weyer to move a 12 ft by 33 ft mobile home to lot 9 of the mobile home park. Request to approve with the condition the building inspector confirms it is labeled as a manufactured home that is licensed and constructed according to building codes for manufactured homes.

A motion was made by Council Member Gary Berg and Seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve the planning and zoning requests. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT ELECTION JUDGES

Council Member Sarah Fyten lists the names of the election judges for this years election. Party Zimmerman, Mary Korf, Angel Lundblad, Mary Gritzmacher, Marilyn Lashinski, Jim Gerwing, Maryanne Andrea, Patty Commerford, Clifford Meyer, and Pearl Wilson.

A motion was made by Council Member Gary Berg and Seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve the list of election judges. Motion carried unanimously.

GAMBLING EXEMPT PERMIT:

The Lions Club would like a gambling permit for 2024 Oktoberfest.

A motion was made by Council Member Gary Berg and Seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve the gambling exempt permit for the Lions Club. Motion carried unanimously.

2024 STREET UPDATE:

Last week all underground piping was completed. Working on road building activities on 1st Ave and summer. concrete was installed on Peter and 1st Ave. Plans do change depending on weather, currently still on schedule.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Fire Chief Dan Rocheleau shared that there were openings for the assistant chief and secretary positions. Phil Scribner did not reapply. We did receive an application for each position. We are looking for approval for Dustin Betsinger to remain the secretary and Scott Saehr to become the assistant chief.

With that approval we will be opening the position for training officer.

A motion was made by Council Member Gary Berg and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve Scott Saehr as assistant chief and Dustin Betsinger as secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

The new truck is in service, decaled, and is in very nice condition. Planning an open house in October during fire prevention week for the public, annual picnic for the retired fire fighters coming up in Aug. Fire department has a great crew everyone steps up.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Chief of Police Eric Hanneken states that he has 2 permits for events within the city. The first is for Walkin Wings that will be held August 24, 2024, from 3:00-9:00 pm in main street. There will be venues along main street and the national boys will be along Edward Street. Looking for motion to approve.

A motion was made by Council Member Sarah Fyten and seconded by Council Member Gary Berg to approve the permit for Walkin Wings on August 24, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

The Lions Club will be hosting the firework show on August 24, 2024 that will start at 9:00 pm. We are just finalizing the safest location for them. It will likely be by the softball fields. Fire chief Rocheleau approved the permit.

The second permit that we are looking for approval is for the Paul Hoheisel Benefit that will be hosted by Bootleggers Bar held September 25, 2024, from 2:00-8:00 pm. It will be outside and will be contained to that. Looking for approval for Barb Tretter to hold the Paul Hoheisel event.

A motion was made by Council Member Gary Berg and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve the outside venue for the Paul Hoheisel benefit. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Director of Public Works Eric Gaffke updates the council with what he has been doing and what is being planned for the remainder of the summer. We have been mosquito spraying; we tend to do that every 10 days or so. The painting of the crosswalks has been scheduled. We have been waiting for the construction and weather, so we only do it once. The pavilions in each park will be painted this fall. Again, with weather and construction we are just waiting. Central applicators came and sprayed basic weeds, thistles, and brush.

With the day-to-day items and the street project Gaffke has been staying busy. The underground wiring is all in place so for the next couple of weeks will be connecting houses. There is a piece of conduit that comes out and feeds the firehall meter. It is currently rotting, and wires are coming out so that will be replaced in the next week or so. Will be reshouldering Centennial Drive, usually Dave Saehr does this and will likely be him again. There is a sink hole on First Ave that will get addressed tomorrow.

PARKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Superintendent of Parks Zach Baert is looking for approval for a new to the city Toro Cart. He presented 3 options. The one that he would like to go with is from Texas where we purchased one earlier this spring. It was for \$5000 but the gentleman would sell it for us for \$4500. Baert Trucking would pick it up for us again for \$1400.

A motion was made by Council Member Gary Berg and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to approve the purchase/shipping of the Toro Workman cart. Motion carried unanimously.

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He updates the council that he will need to purchase more fertilizer which would be around \$2000-\$4000. Council Member Don Bujalski states that Baert will not need approval if over \$2500 due to fertilizing being a regular need for the golf course.

New nine update is that the main washouts are 80% complete. Yesterday's rain undid some of last week's work which will need about a day or two to fix. We are renting a roller from Saehr's Backhoe and Gravel which we are hoping will take most if not all the wash boarding out. Will update further when we are able to test it. There are capabilities to water the new nine with hoses if possible but with the ground not being established we wouldn't want to drag hoses through it.

There was a hydraulic leak on green 7, Baert has been monitoring it and the green is not reacting poorly to the leak. It is looking very well, there may be some patching on the edges that will need to be completed.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:

City Administrator Laura Wacker asks for a public hearing to set the preliminary levy for August 26, 2024.

A motion was made by Council Member Sarah Fyten and seconded by Council Member Gary Berg to set a public hearing for August 26, 2024, for the preliminary levy. Motion carried unanimously.

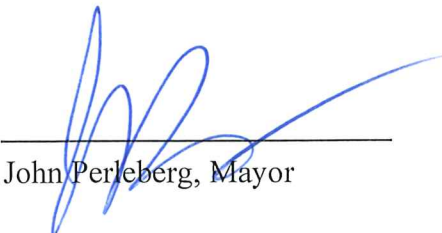
Wacker updates that the city has received the Local Government Aid from the state it was \$280,732.00. Also, the open filing period for the election is July 30-August 13, 2024.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

There were no updates from council.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Council Member Gary Berg and seconded by Council Member Sarah Fyten to adjourn the city council meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



John Perleberg, Mayor



Sarah Fyten, City Clerk