

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MINUTES – 01-08-01

The City Council of the City of Pelican Rapids met in regular session on Monday, 01-08-01, at 6:30 p.m., in the Pelican Rapids Public Library meeting room. Mayor Wayne Runningen, Council Members Paulette Nettetstad, Dave Gottenborg, Denise Magnusson and John Waller III were present. No one was absent. Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert and Street Superintendent Vern Benson were also present.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Wayne Runningen.

Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson administered the Oaths of Office to Mayor Runningen and Council Members Nettetstad, Gottenborg and Magnusson.

Economic Development Corporation Letters, Stray Animal Concern and United Way Representative were added to the agenda.

Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Waller to approve the minutes of 12-11-00 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Council considered the Accounts Payable Listing of 01-08-01.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to approve payment of the 01-08-01 Accounts Payable Listing with addition of library bills and Council Member Nettetstad's council salary in the amount of \$30.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Nettetstad, seconded by Magnusson to appoint Dave Gottenborg as Acting Mayor. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Nettetstad to appoint Richard A. Jenson as Clerk-Treasurer and Glenys Ehlert as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Nettetstad, seconded by Magnusson to set times and places of meetings to second Monday at 6:00 p.m., Pelican Rapids Public Library and last Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., Pelican Rapids Public Library. Motion also set meeting time for meeting on 02-12-01, at 3:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Greg Ballard was present at the meeting. He introduced the new police officer, Jeff Stadum. Council welcomed Stadum to the police department and community. He reviewed his police department report. He reported that Roger Schleske has moved vehicles as necessary and met his obligations in reference to the public nuisance ordinance. Council Member Gottenborg requested clarification on some budget items. City staff will review and provide information to council members this week. Council discussed less expensive ways to deal with dispatching.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to appoint Scott Dirks as general counsel and Charles Krekelberg as prosecuting attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Magnusson to designate Pelican Rapids Press as the official newspaper. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Nettestad, seconded by Magnusson to designate Wells Fargo, Lake Country State Bank and Wells Fargo Investments as Official Depositories. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Waller to approve two delegates to attend fire school and to approve expenses for Annual Fire Department Convention and Fire Department Officers. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Nettestad, seconded by Magnusson to approve expenses for Water, Wastewater, Bio-solids, Building Officials', Liquor Store, Police Chiefs', Clerks' and Mayors' Conferences, Newly Elected Officials' Training, LMC Conference, Fall Regional Meetings and Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Nettestad to approve payment of the Clerk's and Deputy Clerk's Bonds. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Nettestad, seconded by Magnusson to approve payment of the Liquor Store Bond. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to appoint the following people to the 2001 Boards and Authorities:

2001 APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND AUTHORITIES

PLANNING COMMISSION

*John Waller III.....	2001
Dean Capouch.....	2000 2001 2002
LeRoy Martens.....	2000 2001 2002
Mel Zierke.....	1999 2000 2001
Daren Berube.....	1999 2000 2001
Steve Backstrom.....	1999 2000 2001
Richard Jenson & Scott Dirks Ex Officio Members	
Glenys Ehlert, Secretary	

PARK BOARD

Denise Magnusson.....	2000 2001 2002
*Julie Lammers.....	2001 2002 2003
Jan Swan.....	1999 2000 2001
Richard Jenson & Vern Benson Ex Officio Members	

MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY & DISASTER

Municipal Emergency Operations.....	Denise Magnusson
Intelligence & Safety Service.....	Wayne Runningen
Congregate Care, Shelters, Health.....	Dave Gottenborg
Manpower, Supply, Transportation.....	Paulette Nettetstad
Engineering, Sanitation.....	John Waller III
Civil Defense Director.....	

AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Don Lundrigan.....	2000 2001 2002
*Steve Strand.....	2001 2002 2003
Richard Peterson.....	1999 2000 2001
Richard Jenson Ex Officio Member	

COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS

Water, Sewer, Lights.....	Dave Gottenborg
Streets, Equipment, Fire Department.....	John Waller III
Storm Drain, Building, Ambulance & Library.....	Paulette Nettetstad
Landfill, Licenses, Recreation.....	Denise Magnusson
Personnel, Police, Airport, Liquor Store.....	Wayne Runningen

LIBRARY BOARD

Jim Hoffe.....	1999 2000 2001
Mary Sorum.....	1999 2000 2001
Janet Lindberg.....	2000 2001 2002
Jack Ralston.....	2000 2001 2002
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WACCO REPRESENTATIVES

Representative	Wayne Runningen
Alternate	Denise Magnusson

Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson reported for the utilities department regarding installation of polymer and two valve keys on sludge lines.

Superintendent of Streets and Parks Vern Benson reported on his departments' activities.

Council reviewed the liquor store report. Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson and Mayor Runningen thanked council members for working at the liquor store inventory.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert reviewed changes to the Clerk's Recap sheet regarding interest earnings on the checking account. Council received information on year to date 12-31-00 actual to budget comparisons for general fund, library fund, water and sewer funds. These will be discussed relative to the water and sewer rates at a later meeting.

Jenson discussed the parking concerns on Hwy. 59 between 3rd Ave. SE and 5th Ave. SE. The school board will consider at their meeting tonight. Council discussed issue with Police Chief Ballard.

Jenson reported that the Pelican Rapids Community Choir has requested a donation to the Easter Messiah Production. A free will offering will benefit the public library. Council discussed the request but no action was taken.

Mayor Runnigen reviewed a letter from the Economic Development Corporation supporting the Council's efforts to update the Comprehensive Plan and requesting a copy of the plan when updated. Council requested that the Comprehensive Plan be placed on the next agenda.

The Economic Development Corporation also sent a letter of thanks to the City Council for street lighting improvements.

Jenson reviewed a community member's complaint about stray cats. No action taken.

Mayor Runnigen reviewed a request from United Way of Otter Tail County for a representative from Pelican Rapids. Names of interested people were suggested.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Glenys Ehlert
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer