

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 01-10-05

The City Council of the City of Pelican Rapids met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., Monday, 01-10-05, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 N. Broadway. Mayor Wayne Runningen, Council Members David Gottenborg, John E. Waller, III, Richard Peterson and Ben Woessner were present. No one was absent. Administrator Don Solga, Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert, Police Chief Scott Fox, Utilities Superintendent Brent E. Frazier, Street and Park Superintendent Tom Soberg, Liquor Store Manager Bob Leslie, Comprehensive Plan Facilitator Gene Miller, Tom Hintgen of The Press and Boy Scout Tyler Larson were also present.

Oaths of office for newly elected City Council members and mayor were administered by Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert to Council Members David Gottenborg and Richard E. Peterson and Mayor Wayne Runningen.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Runningen.

Land appraisal and street light issue were added to the agenda.

Motion by Woessner, seconded by Waller to approve the minutes of 11-30-04, 12-06-04, 12-13-04 and 12-28-04 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to approve payment of the 01-10-05 Accounts Payable Listing as presented with the addition of Mixed Blood Theatre in the amount of \$500 for performance of Dr. King's Dream at the library. Library bills were approved by Library Board Member Gary Lage. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to appoint Ben Woessner as Acting Mayor. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Woessner to appoint Administrator Donald J. Solga and Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Woessner, seconded by Waller to establish regular meeting dates and times:

- a. Second Monday, 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall
- b. Last Tuesday, 4:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Woessner, seconded by Peterson to appoint Krekelberg & Skonseng and Svingen, Hagstrom, Karkela, Cline & Dirks as city attorneys. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Peterson to designate The Press of Pelican Rapids, Minn., as the official newspaper. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Woessner to designate Wells Fargo, Lake Country State Bank, Wells Fargo Investments and State Bank and Trust as official depositories. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Woessner to approve expenses up to \$2,000 to send delegates to state fire school. Motion passed unanimously. Fire Department Officers are Chief Trevor Steeves, Assistant Chief Jerry Stokka, Secretary Steve Haiby and Treasurer Alan Johnson.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to approve expenses for Water, Wastewater, Bio Solids, Building Technicians', Liquor Store, Police Chiefs', Clerks' and Mayors' Conferences, League of Minnesota Cities Conference, Regional Meeting and Newly Elected Officials Training. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Peterson to approve payment of Administrator and Clerk-Treasurer Bonds. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Waller to approve payment of Liquor Store Bond. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Woessner, Gottenborg to appoint Al Grothe and Mary Sorum to the Library Board for 2005, 2006 and 2007. Motion passed unanimously.

Council considered appointments to the 2005 Boards and Authorities, including the Planning Commission, Park Board and council portfolios. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Waller to approve the appointments listing attached. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 18. Reimbursement Resolution by Monte Eastvold was deleted from the agenda.

Police Chief Scott Fox reported to the City Council on the Police Department.

Utilities Superintendent Brent E. Frazier presented his report. A permit extension was issued on Well No. 14 to 2009.

Street and Park Superintendent Tom Soberg reported on activities in his departments. Skating Rink employees are Dalmar Lammers, Zach Welder, Christa Zsedeny and Riley Zsedeny. Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to appoint the above people to work at the skating rink. Motion passed unanimously. Soberg is working with Moore Engineering about a street reconstruction project. Cost of soil borings is \$1600 and engineering costs would be \$4400. The engineering costs

would not be billed until the project went forward. Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Woessner to approve soil boring costs of \$1600. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Runningen thanked Soberg and department for sanding during the ice storm two weeks ago. Council discussed the fee for sanding parking lots.

Liquor Store Manager Bob Leslie reported that people will be working on the sign repair. The Percon wand for inventory is working. He has added an additional wand and both have been tested at the Liquor Store.

Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert reviewed the financial reports.

Motion by Woessner, seconded by Waller to set the reimbursement rate at 40.5 cents per mile as permitted by the IRS. Motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed the Household Hazardous Waste Day. Motion by Waller, seconded by Gottenborg to hold the Household Hazardous Waste Day on Wednesday, 08-10-05. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Peterson to approve Cigarette Licenses to Southtown C Store, Pelican Cash-n-Dash and Bridges. Recreational Game Licenses were approved for Sportsman's Recreation and Bridges. Motion passed unanimously.

Comprehensive Plan Facilitator Gene Miller presented information on the Comprehensive Plan Review. A public meeting for input on the Final Draft and Comprehensive Plan Ordinance will be needed. This hearing will be conducted by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Runningen addressed City Council about possible sale of property on Highway 59 North. The City needs to determine the expenses incurred by City and obtain an appraisal for the property. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Gottenborg to authorize a property appraisal. Motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed malfunctioning street lights. Soberg reported that five bulbs were replaced and one overhead fixed on 01-07-05.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Glenys Ehlert
Clerk-Treasurer