

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 02-10-03

The City Council of Pelican Rapids met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, 02-10-03, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 N. Broadway. Mayor Wayne Runningen, Council Members Ben Woessner, Dave Gottenborg, John E. Waller, III and Denise Magnusson were present. No one was absent. Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert, Police Chief Scott Fox, Utilities Superintendent Brent Frazier, Street and Parks Superintendent Vern Benson, City Attorney Scott Dirks and Rick Gail of the Pelican Rapids Press.

Mayor Runningen called meeting to order.

One item was added to the agenda: Lakeland Property Building

Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Waller to approve the minutes of 01-13 and 01-28-03 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Scott Fox discussed activities in the police department.

Mayor Runningen said the Budget Committee has met with Chief Fox regarding the purchase of a squad car in 2003. The Committee is continuing to review the budget and state funding. They will bring the matter to the City Council when they have a recommendation.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to approve the Accounts Payable Listing of 02-10-03 with the following corrections and additions: Stein's, Inc., City Hall Vacuum, \$835.87, Cottage Care, Water, WWTF Painting, \$1178.50, Department of Natural Resources Waters, Water Appropriation Fee, \$871.41, Pine to Prairie Birding Trail, 2003 Dues, \$1000 and Lakeland General Store, Water Plant Paint, \$95.70.

Utilities Superintendent Brent Frazier reported on his departments' activities.

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

Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Gottenborg to approve the Library Accounts Payable List of 02-05-03, as approved by Gary Lage. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert reviewed the financial reports.

Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson reviewed the ambulance subsidy agreement.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to approve the ambulance agreement with Pelican Rapids Ambulance in the amount of \$23,740 for 2003. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenson reported on Community Sign Project. Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Magnusson to authorize the City to secure a loan in the amount of \$10,000. Funds from the advertising on the sign will pay off the loan. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenson reported on the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities' efforts to inform the citizens about Local Government Aid. The organization has been diligent about getting information to the legislators and citizens about the importance of this funding source to cities.

Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities and MESERB dues statements in the amount of \$3380 and \$543 were presented. Money was not budgeted for these items. Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to resign from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities and MESERB due to budget concerns. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Magnusson to approve a Plumber's License for Sonnenberg Plumbing. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Runningen reviewed the need for an additional member on the Building Committee. Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to appoint Council Member Ben Woessner to the Building Committee with Council Member Dave Gottenborg. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Waller commended Lakeland Properties on the work they have done to their building. It really looks nice. Council Members agreed and expressed appreciation for their improvements to the community.

City Attorney Scott Dirks reviewed the offer by BTM Manufacturing, Inc., to purchase the former Glendale Building and Lot 3 in the Industrial Park.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to approve the sale of Lots 1,2 & 3, Block 1, Pelican Rapids Industrial Park, to BTM Manufacturing, Inc., according to the terms of the purchase agreement drawn by City Attorney Scott Dirks. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Glenys Ehlert, CMC
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer