

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-02-25-03

The City Council of Pelican Rapids met in regular session on Tuesday, 02-25-03, at 4:00 p.m., in Council Chambers of City Hall, 315 N. Broadway. Mayor Wayne Runnigen, Council Members Ben Woessner, Dave Gottenborg, Denise Magnusson and John Waller, III, were present. Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert and Superintendent of Streets and Parks Vern Benson were also present.

Mayor Runnigen called meeting to order.

Items added to agenda were Jake Brake Ordinance and preliminary Rental Housing Resolution.

Roger Schleske and Dennis Schleeter were present to discuss placement of the Cappuccino Shop. They would like to set it up in front of the existing building at 120 N. Broadway. Schleeter says the kiosk building does not need water and sewer connections since it's been designed to be self-contained.

City Attorney Scott Dirks stated previously that in his opinion, City Ordinance requires the building to be connected to city sewer service. Schleeter said the kiosk meets health code and building code requirements as a self-contained unit. Council considered traffic flow. Two driveways will serve the coffee shop. Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to approve a variance to permit Dennis Schleeter to place the coffee kiosk building at 120 N. Broadway without permanent water and sewer connection. Motion approves the location relative to setback requirements. Motion requires compliance with State of Minnesota health code requirements and building code requirements regarding anchoring the building. Motion stipulates that no food will be served from the coffee kiosk. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Magnusson to approve the 02-25-03 Accounts Payable Listing as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson reviewed the Community Sign which is up and running. He completed the loan process for \$10,000 with Wells Fargo Bank. He recommended final payment to Indigo Signworks for the balance due and a sign permit fee of \$150. Barriers to protect the sign will be installed this spring and paid for at the time of installation. Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to pay Indigo Signworks \$15,065 for balance due on Community Sign. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to reimburse the Library \$6007 out of Improvement Reserve Fund for a portion of the Midway Avenue Street Improvement Change Order No. 1. Motion passed unanimously.

Library Director Pam Westby reviewed the progress on the Library Expansion Project. Ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for June 17th at 7:00 p.m. Additional

activities will include a jazz band and party by the river. She reviewed the various ways the State has cut library funding. There have been some cuts to regional library systems and telecommunications grants, but the greatest cut for libraries will be the proposed Local Government Aid cuts. Library has received half of the Multicultural Center state grant.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to conduct a public hearing on 03-10-03, 6:00 p.m. at the Pelican Rapids City Hall, 315 N. Broadway, in order to receive citizen input concerning the submission of a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The purpose of this grant application is to request funding that would assist in the development of a public park, playground and recreational facility to be located on 3rd Ave NE between 1st and 2nd Streets NE. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Woessner to approve renewal of the State of Minnesota Charitable Gambling Premises Permit for the VFW Post 5252 for period 8/1/2001 through 7/31/2003. Mayor Runningen, Council Members Woessner, Waller and Magnusson voted in favor. Council Member Gottenborg voted no. Motion carried.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to approve 2002 and 2003 Charitable Gambling Licenses for VFW Post 5252. . Mayor Runningen, Council Members Woessner, Waller and Magnusson voted in favor. Council Member Gottenborg voted no. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the Pelican Rapids Chamber of Commerce application to conduct a raffle on 09-01-03 at Bridges Bistro & Bar.

Motion by Waller, Magnusson to approve the Bottle Club License and State Consumption & Display Permit to Gary and Leah Deschene for GLD Lanes. Bottle Club License is approved subject to payment of the license fee of \$120. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenson reviewed the ordinance about jake braking. Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Waller to approve Ordinance No. 03-01, entitled **AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING EXCESSIVE VEHICLE NOISE, INCLUDING NOISE FROM TRUCKS USING ENGINE RETARDING BRAKES, AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 169.69 AND 169.693 AND MINNESOTA RULES PART 7030.1000 TO 7630-1050**. Motion passed unanimously. Ordinance declared adopted and will be in effect after publication.

Jenson reviewed the proposed rental housing inspection forms, permit format and process. Council Members will review information received today and discuss further at next meeting. Council discussed the philosophy of rental housing ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Glenys Ehlert, CMC

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer