

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 03-11-02

The City Council of Pelican Rapids met in regular session on Monday, 03-11-02, at 6:00 p.m. in the Pelican Rapids Public Library meeting room.

Mayor Wayne Runningen, Council Members John E. Waller III, Paulette Nettestad, Denise Magnusson and Dave Gottenborg were present. No one was absent. Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert, Utilities Superintendent Brent Frazier, Street and Parks Superintendent Vern Benson, Police Chief Scott Fox, Library Director Pam Westby, Library Board President Mary Sorum and Gary Peterson of the Pelican Rapids Press were also present.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Runningen.

Items added to the agenda included Library, EDA Meeting Time & Date and Payment Box.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Nettestad to approve the minutes of 1-14-02, 02-11-02, and 02-27-02 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Nettestad, seconded by Magnusson to approve payment of the 03-11-02 Accounts Payable Listing with the following additions: Larson-Peterson & Assoc., 10th Ave. SE engineering - \$1639.00; Mark Keepers Cottage Care, WWTF painting - \$310.11 and Scott Dirks, February legal expenses - \$2,302.00.

Motion included authorization to pay Library Accounts Payable Listing of 03-07-02 as approved by the Library Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Scott Fox presented his report. He recommended hiring Shane Partain at \$12.28 as a part time police officer.

Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Nettestad to hire Shane Partain as a part-time police officer at \$12.28 per hour and to introduce the following resolution designating him as a part-time police officer, entitled **RESOLUTION DECLARING POLICE OFFICER POSITION**. (A complete text of this resolution is part of permanent public record in the city clerk's office.) Motion passed unanimously.

Utilities Superintendent Brent Frazier presented his report.

Street and Parks Superintendent Vern Benson presented his report.

Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson presented additional information for the Liquor Store. Manager Bob Leslie reported that the compressor is failing and will have to be replaced at a cost of \$5500 to \$6000.

Library Director Pam Westby reviewed the state funding authorized by the state legislature two years ago. The City Council has provided approvals during the project. At this time the Council needs to authorize signing the construction grant.

Motion by Nettetstad, seconded by Waller to approve the grant resolution, entitled **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONSTRUCTION GRANT AND THE DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT ("THE GRANT CONTRACT") AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS.** (A complete text of this resolution is part of permanent public record in the city clerk's office.) Mayor Runnigen and Council Members Waller, Magnusson, Gottenborg and Nettetstad voted yes. No one opposed the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the resolution was declared duly adopted.

03-26-02 is bid opening for library construction. There is an alternate bid item for remaining on site during construction. It is expected that construction costs will increase if the library stays on site during construction. There are also liability issues, safety for books, protecting equipment from dust. Library Board President Mary Sorum explained steps the Board has taken to investigate alternate sites.

Council agreed to wait until 04-08-02 to make a decision about city hall building.

Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Nettetstad to approve renewal of a Charitable Gambling License for the Pelican Rapids Fire Relief Association to conduct gambling at Bridges Bistro and Bar. Mayor Runnigen, Council Members Waller, Nettetstad and Magnusson voted yes. Council Member Gottenborg voted no. Motion carried.

City Council scheduled an Economic Development Authority meeting at 4:00 p.m. on 03-27-02 in the meeting room of the Pelican Rapids Public Library.

Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson explained the proposal for a payment box for utility payments at a cost to the City of \$30.00 per month.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Magnusson to authorize installation of a payment drop box for utility bill payments at the Loretel building. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Glenys Ehlert, CMC
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer