

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MINUTES -06-26-02

The City Council of Pelican Rapids met in regular session at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, 06-26-02, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 315 North Broadway. Mayor Wayne Runnigen Council Members John E. Waller, III, Denise Magnusson and Dave Gottenborg were present. Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert, Police Chief Scott Fox, Street and Parks Superintendent Vern Benson and Gary Peterson of the Pelican Rapids Press were also present.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Runnigen. Items added to the agenda included Minnesota Dept. of Health Laboratory Certification Fee and 4th of July Fireworks.

Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendation to grant a variance to Mike Glaesman to permit construction of an attached garage.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and grant Mike Glaesman, 114 3rd St. NW, a front yard variance reduction of two feet in the established building line and a north side yard variance from the required 61/2 ft. to 2 ft. to permit construction of an attached garage with proof of agreement between neighbors for water line easement under garage. Motion passed unanimously.

City Council expressed appreciation for Jan Swan's years of service on the Park Board. Swan has submitted her resignation due to moving out of the area. Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to accept her resignation with regret and to write her a letter of thanks for her dedication to the City's park system. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenson said the Park Board has recommended Mel Zierke for appointment to the Board. Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Magnusson to appoint Mel Zierke to the Park Board for the remainder of Jan Swan's term to 2004. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert reviewed an On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License renewal for Bridges Bistro and Bar and a Beer Off Sale License renewal for Pelican Cash-N-Dash. Ehlert said fees have been paid and liability insurance has been provided.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to approve license renewals for Bridges Bistro and Bar and Pelican Cash-N-Dash. Motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed Ray Jay' Café liquor license which will expire on 7-1-02. The business is closed and the license is invalid.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to approve the following ordinance, entitled **ORDINANCE NO. 02-01, "PROTECTED DISTRICT" IN WHICH**

SKATEBOARD USE IS PROHIBITED IN THE CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS. (A complete text of the ordinance will be published separately and is part of permanent public record in the city clerk's office.) Motion passed unanimously and ordinance declared duly adopted upon publication.

Council discussed Transient Merchant License proposal. City Ordinance provides for the Council to set a license fee for Transient Merchants. Transient Merchants are required to register at City Hall at the present time without paying a license fee. Council agreed to check further.

Liquor Store Manager Bob Leslie requested authorization to hire a person eighteen years old as a stock person, to break down cardboard and help at the liquor store. The person would not sell liquor.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to authorize a change in liquor ordinances to permit a person 18 years of age to work at the liquor store and to sell liquor. A person 21 years of age or older would directly supervise anyone under the age of 21 at all times. The motion includes authorization to have City Attorney Scott Dirks draw up changes to ordinance and publish it. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Magnusson to contribute \$500 to Chamber of Commerce for fireworks display. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Runnigen reviewed a draft Rental Housing Ordinance for Council's consideration.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Gottenborg to approve payment of \$2400 to the Minnesota Department of Health for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Laboratory Certification Fee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to amend motion to authorize a change in liquor ordinances to permit a person 18 years of age to work at the liquor store. A person 21 years of age or older would directly supervise anyone under the age of 21 at all times. The motion authorizes City Attorney Scott Dirks to write the ordinance changes. City staff is authorized to publish the ordinance, entitled **ORDINANCE NO. 02-02, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY CODE SECTION 605.03 RELATING TO THE AGE OF EMPLOYEES IN THE MUNICIPAL LIQUOR DISPENSARY.** (A complete text of the ordinance will be published separately and is part of permanent public record in the city clerk's office.) Motion passed unanimously and ordinance declared duly adopted upon publication.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Glenys Ehlert, CMC
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer