CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-07-08-02

The City Council of Pelican Rapids met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, 07-08-02, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 315 N. Broadway. Acting Mayor Dave Gottenborg and Council Members John Waller, III, Denise Magnusson and Paulette Nettestad were present. Mayor Wayne Runningen 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 and Richard Peterson of the Pelican Rapids Press were also present.

Acting Mayor Gottenborg called meeting to order.

Airport Hangar Request and Street Chair Project Contribution Request were added to the agenda.

Council reviewed application of JayCee's for a Temporary Beer License for 07-12 and 07-13-02 for Beer Garden in connection with the Turkey Festival. Their application included specific guidelines as in the past and liquor liability insurance.

Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Nettestad to approve the JayCee's Temporary Beer License for Turkey Festival. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to approve minutes of 6-10 and 6-26-02 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed the Accounts Payable Listing of 7-8-02.

Motion by Nettestad, seconded by Magnusson to approve the Accounts Payable Listing of 7-8-02 with the following additions: Municipal Services Co., water service, $1892; Braun Pump & Controls, Inc., WWTF and Lagoon, $3672.29; Larsco, Inc., water service, $440; In Control, Inc., Lagoon service, $998.28 and Hawkins Water Treatment, WWTF chemicals, $675.13. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Scott Fox presented the Police Department report. He said several officers have attended a variety of schools including a class on the Somalian culture put on by the Bloomington Police Department.

Council discussed employee benefits including sick leave, vacation leave and short term disability insurance provided by the City.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to introduce a resolution designating Kindra Larsen-Schultz as a part time police officer for Public Employee Retirement Association. (A complete text of this resolution is part of permanent public record in the city clerk's office.) Motion passed unanimously and resolution declared duly adopted.

Utilities Superintendent Brent Frazier gave a report on his department.

Street and Parks Superintendent Vern Benson reviewed activities in his departments.

Liquor Store report was reviewed. Council considered liquor store plans to sell cigars. Motion by Waller, seconded by Nettestad to authorize a Cigarette License to permit the Liquor Store to sell cigars. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenson reviewed Transit Agreement with the State of Minnesota. Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Nettestad to approve the Transit Agreement and introduce the following resolution, entitled, **RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE IN THE CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS.** (A complete text of this resolution is part of permanent public record in the city clerk's office.) Motion passed unanimously and resolution declared duly adopted.

Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson discussed airport improvements. He said a new hangar is in the City's five-year capital improvement plan with the State of Minnesota so the City would be eligible for a state grant. Site preparation is 60% grant from the state. The hangar would be on a ten year, interest free loan for 80%. Airport Committee member Richard Peterson and Jenson would like to include money in the 2003 Budget for City's share of the costs, approximately $30,000. Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to include $30,000 in the 2003 Budget for hangar construction. Motion passed unanimously.

Council considered a request for a donation to the Street Chair Project. The project is a multi-cultural concept and the goal is to provide two chairs for each business to set outside their doors to provide a place to sit and visit. The project encompasses eight of the thirteen focal points of the Community Vision Statement 2001. Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Waller to donate $300 to the Street Chair Project. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Glenys Ehlert, CMC
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer