CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-07-29-03

The City Council of Pelican Rapids met in regular session at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, 07-29-03, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 N. Broadway. Acting Mayor Dave Gottenborg, Council Members Denise Magnusson, John E. Waller, III, and Ben Woessner were present. Mayor Wayne Runningen was absent. Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert, Street and Parks Superintendent Vern Benson, Cary and Elaine Johnson, Harold and Marge Engebretson and Rick Gail of the Pelican Rapids Press were also present.

Meeting called to order by Acting Mayor Dave Gottenborg.

Item No. 6, Wastewater Treatment Facility, was deleted.

Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Woessner to approve the Accounts Payable Listing of 07-29-03. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Vern Benson offered his letter of resignation due to retirement. Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson said the he hates to see him go, but wishes him well in retirement. Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Woessner to accept Vern Benson's resignation, effective 10-13-03, due to retirement. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenson reviewed the Planning Commission's findings regarding Pelican Drug's request for a Special Use Permit to allow an addition to the existing Drug Store.

The Planning Commission considered possible adverse effects and recommended approval. Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve Pelican Drug's request for a Special Use Permit to allow an addition to the existing Drug Store located in the Shoreland area of the Pelican River.

Acting Mayor Gottenborg reviewed the request to vacate the alley on 2nd Ave. NE behind Cary and Elaine Johnson's property. He requested information on whether neighbors would like to vacate the alley behind their property at the same time. Harold and Marge Engebretson said they would like to see it all vacated, but would like to know what the cost will be. Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Woessner to set a public hearing on 08-26-03 at 4:30 p.m., on 2nd Ave. NE alley vacation. Motion passed unanimously.

Notified City Council that St. Leonard's Church will be conducting a raffle on 10-15-03 and their application to the state for an Exempt Permit has been filed.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to authorize the mayor and city clerk to sign the Airport Maintenance Agreement Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Waller to authorize payment of the $2,000 to West Central Initiative Pledge Request. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenson presented city staff's recommendation to pay Midway Ave. improvements from Street Improvement investment funds and the library improvements from the Improvement Reserve Fund. Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Waller to authorize payment of the Midway Ave. improvement and Library Parking lot improvements in the amount of $38,347.92 as recommended by City Staff.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Glenys Ehlert, CMC
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer