CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-10-10-05

The City of Pelican Rapids City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, 10-10-05, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 N. Broadway. Mayor Wayne Runningen, Council Members Ben Woessner, Richard Peterson, John E. Waller, III, and David Gottenborg were present. No one was absent. Administrator Don Solga, Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert, Utilities Superintendent Brent E. Frazier, Street and Park Superintendent Brian Olson, Library Director Pam Westby, Judy Marko and Tom Hintgen of the Pelican Rapids Press were also present.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Runningen.

The Housing Ordinance was deleted from the agenda. Items added to the agenda included: Zoning Ordinance-Residential Construction Requirements, Community Fund Fiscal Agent. A Park Board Update will be part of the Street and Park Superintendent Brian Olson's report.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Waller to approve the minutes of 09-12-05 and 09-26-05 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Peterson to approve the Accounts Payable Listing of 10-10-05 as presented. Motion includes approval of the Library Accounts Payable Listing of 10-04-05 as approved by Library Board Member Gary Lage. Motion passed unanimously.

City Council reviewed the police report.

Utilities Superintendent Brent Frazier reviewed activities in his department. He reported that the successful bidder for water tower cleaning, Water Tower Clean & Coat, Inc., will accomplish cleaning before freeze-up.

Street and Park Superintendent Brian Olson reported on his departments' activities and the Street Improvement Project No. 70.

Administrator Don Solga reported on the Park Board meeting on 10-04-05 including removal of the house by the walking bridge on 1st St. NW, gathering quotes for new walking and snowmobile bridge across the river, skate park meeting with students, swimming pool receipts increased in 2005, Pelican Pete statue repairs, welcome signs for east and west entrances to city are a possible project of the Oktoberfest Committee and necessary repairs to state championship sign on Hwy. 108 West. Park Board recommended that the City Council approve Geocaching Policy. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Waller to approve the Geocaching Policy as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Library Director Pam Westby presented information regarding the library. She explained that the Library Board is recommending Phil Huck to replace Al Grothe who is moving out of the city. Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to accept the Library Board's recommendation and appoint city resident Phil Huck to the Library Board to fill the remaining years, 2005, 2006 and 2007, of Al Grothe's unexpired term. Motion passed unanimously.

Liquor Store Report was reviewed. Mayor Runningen discussed a possible site for the liquor store. Council Members discussed need for some improvements at the liquor store.

Lakes Country Service Cooperative nominating petition. No one volunteered.

Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert reviewed the 09-30-05 financial reports. She also reported that the tax forfeited property at Old Fergus Road will be deeded to the City of Pelican Rapids for use as a storm drain basin.

Administrator Don Solga reviewed two ordinance amendments defining the residential zone structures. Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Woessner to introduce Ordinance No. 05-05, entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY CODE SECTION 905.02 SUBDIVISION 9 RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF STRUCTURES. (A complete text of this ordinance is part of permanent public record in the city clerk's office.) Motion passed unanimously and ordinance declared duly adopted upon publication.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to introduce Ordinance No. 05-06, entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY CODE SECTION 905.05, SUBDIVISION 8 RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS. (A complete text of this ordinance is part of permanent public record in the city clerk's office.) Motion passed unanimously and ordinance declared duly adopted upon publication.

Administrator Don Solga reviewed changes to the Community Fund with the West Central Initiative. Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to approve City as fiscal agent for the West Central Initiative Community Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Glenys Ehlert, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer