

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 11-12-02

The City Council of Pelican Rapids met in regular session on Tuesday, 11-12-02, at 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 N. Broadway. Mayor Wayne Runningen, Council Members John E. Waller III, Denise Magnusson, Paulette Nettekstad and Dave Gottenborg were present. No one was absent. Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert, Police Chief Scott Fox, Utilities Superintendent Brent Frazier, Council Member Elect Ben Woessner and Rick Gail of The Pelican Rapids Press were also present.

Mayor Runningen called the meeting to order. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Council reviewed the minutes. Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to approve the minutes of 10-14, 10-30 and 11-06-02 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Scott Fox presented the Police Department report. He reported on the department's recently acquired intoxilyzer. He reviewed his recommendation to install a stop sign at 5th St. SE and 2nd Ave. SE. Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Nettekstad to approve the above stop sign. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to direct City Attorney Scott Dirks to draw up an ordinance prohibiting Jake Braking. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Nettekstad, seconded by Waller to approve the AP List of 11-12-02 with the addition of Municipal Service Company, wastewater treatment facilities service in the amount of \$565. Motion includes payment of the Library Bill List of 11-07-02 after approval of Library Board member. Motion passed unanimously.

Utility Superintendent Brent Frazier reviewed his departments' activities. Council discussed the West Central Turkeys, Inc., discontinuation of kill line. This will drastically change their water consumption and the type and amount of sewage they will generate. Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson said the City had met with the company prior to the announcement but no mention was made of changes. Council Member Nettekstad noted that common courtesy would indicate that West Central Turkeys, Inc. notify the City prior to announcement to general public.

Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson presented Superintendent of Streets and Parks report.

Jenson presented the Liquor Store manager's report.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert reviewed the refinancing of 1994, 1995 Sewer Bonds and 1995 Tax Increment Bonds and the 10-31-02 Cash Recap and 10-31-02 Schedule of Investments.

Council discussed possible cuts in local government aid for 2002 and 2003. "We're halfway through November so there are not a lot of cuts possible," Mayor Runningen said.

Council Member Gottenborg reported on the Information Sign. He said he welcomed the Chamber of Commerce participation in the sign project for policy and seeking advertising. He didn't feel comfortable promising the income to the Chamber in four years, after the sign is paid for, because that is up to the Council at that time. Don Beck of the Pelican Rapids School Board presented updated information and recommended accepting the low quote of Indigo Signworks in the amount of \$29,920. Other quotes were received from Cook Sign, Fargo, \$29,995 and Artsign, Fergus Falls, \$35,379. He checked references and specs. Jensen reported that Minnesota Department of Transportation has some additional rules regarding the frequency of message changes and a \$60 annual fee for locating the sign along the roadway. City's insurance would cover the sign.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller that the City of Pelican Rapids will commit \$6500 to sign project and handle financing, provide a council member to serve on the Sign Committee to decide on policy and advertising rates and select advertisers, reporting to both the City and School Board. The motion is to proceed with the sign project and award the bid in the amount of \$29,920 to Indigo Signworks. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Gottenborg recommended Mayor Runningen to represent the City on the Sign Committee as he has researched policy with the League of Minnesota Cities. Mayor Runningen agreed to serve one year or one term.

Jensen reviewed the City Hall sign. Council discussed sign design and decided to continue with logo design, which features the name, Pelican Rapids, below the logo.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Gottenborg to reposition Pelican Rapids underneath the logo to continue with logo theme on the City's stationary. Council Members Waller, Magnusson, Nettetstad and Gottenborg voted yes. No one voted against. Mayor Runningen abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Open House will be held on 12-09-02, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., to honor retiring Council Member Paulette Nettetstad for 16 years of service on the City Council.

No Council meeting will be planned for end of December.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Glenys Ehlert, CMC
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer