

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-11-28-06

The City Council of Pelican Rapids met in regular session at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, 11-28-06, in Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Wayne Runningen, Council Members Ben Woessner, John E. Waller, III, David Gottenborg and Richard Peterson were present. Administrator Don Solga, Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert, Fire Chief Trevor Steeves, Utilities Superintendent Brent E. Frazier, Engineer Pat Reismour and Kelley Gorman of the Pelican Press were also present.

Mayor Runningen called meeting to order.

Date of last meeting in December was added to the agenda.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Woessner to approve the Accounts Payable Listing of 11-28-06 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Gottenborg to approve the summary of the Animal Control Ordinance for publication. Mayor Runningen, Council Members Woessner, Waller, Peterson and Gottenborg voted yes. No one voted no. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Don Solga reported on the petroleum leak at the Old City Shop. This was reported to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) by West Central Environmental when they were working for Park Region Coop on Park Region's Well No. 14 contamination and petroleum leak.

Fire Chief Trevor Steeves reviewed a Fire Department meeting he conducted at Dunn Town Hall for Dunn and Scambler Townships on Monday, 11-27-06. He said it was a very good meeting. Otter Tail County Sheriff Brian Schlueter and Lieutenant Mark Englund were also at the meeting to explain the E911 system. The present system is automatic dispatching to the appropriate fire department compared to moving fire service out of the county and telephoning or faxing the fire department to dispatch trucks. Steeves said a site plan and the building specifications are being developed for the proposed Fire Hall.

Pursuant to due call and published notice thereof, Mayor Runningen called the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Phosphorous Control Plan Hearing to order. Patrick Reismour of Interstate Engineering reviewed the Phosphorous Control Plan. Treatment alternatives considered were Biological Phosphorous Removal and Chemical Phosphorous Removal. Chemical Phosphorous Removal was the selected alternative. Project sites are at the mechanical plant and at the ponds. The aerated pond will have diffuser aeration. \$359,000 is the estimated annual operating expense for the system. Total annual cost is estimated at \$693,200. No members of the public were present and no comments were received.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Woessner to close the hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Reisnour said he would continue work on the plan and send it to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for their review. He would expect the City will take action in January.

Administrator Don Solga asked if City Council had any comments about the Economic Development Proposal by Gene Miller. Solga says the advantage to the proposal is that someone is working on our behalf. All proposals would come to the City Council for approval and would be within the scope of the economic development budget. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Woessner to authorize Gene Miller to work on economic development on a project by project basis and to go forward with proposal to meet with the service groups. Motion passed unanimously.

The City will be conducting the Truth in Taxation Hearing on Monday, 12-04-06, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall. Copies of the Proposed 2007 Budget were distributed to Council Members and Mayor Runnigen thanked the members of the Budget Committee for their work on the budget.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Waller that due to the holidays and people being gone to dispense with the end of December meeting which would normally be held on 12-26-06. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Waller to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Glenys Ehlert, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer