

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

The City of Pelican Rapids City Council met in special session to conduct a public hearing on the Proposed 2003 Budget. Mayor Wayne Runningen, Council Members Paulette Nettetstad, Denise Magnusson, John Waller III and Dave Gottenborg were present. No one was absent. Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert and Library Director Pam Westby were also present. No members of the public were present.

Mayor Runningen called the public hearing to order.

Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson explained that the City is not required to hold a public hearing on the budget in 2002. However, since the City has held budget hearings for the past 20 years, it was decided to continue to offer this opportunity for citizen comment.

The Council directed Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert to publish a condensed version of the minutes since the complete text is published on the City web site.

Council discussed possibility of state cuts to Local Government Aid. The Budget Committee of Mayor Runningen and Council Member Gottenborg identified areas to eliminate services if necessary to accommodate those cuts.

Mayor Runningen reviewed budget reductions the Committee already made.

The adoption of the Proposed 2003 Budget will be on the Council's agenda next week, at their regularly scheduled meeting on 12-09-02, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 N. Broadway.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Glenys Ehlert, CMC
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer