

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MINUTES – 12-11-00

The City Council of Pelican Rapids met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, 12-11-00, in the Pelican Rapids Public Library meeting room. Present: Mayor Wayne Runningen, Council Members John Waller III, Paulette Nettetstad, Denise Magnusson and Dave Gottenborg. Absent: none. Also present: Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert, Utilities Superintendent Brent Frazier, Street and Park Superintendent Vern Benson and Gary Peterson of the Pelican Rapids Press.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Runningen.

The following items were added to the agenda: Street Light Payment, Curt Lahlum Retirement and Jake Braking.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Nettetstad to approve the minutes of 11-8, 11-13, 11-16, 11-29 and 12-05-00 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Nettetstad to approve payment of the Accounts Payable Listing of 12-11-00 as presented with the addition of Pelican Plumbing, water plant, \$61.40; American Fundware, software support, \$1645.60 and Gerald Evenson Inc., loader repairs, \$704.73. Motion passed unanimously.

Utilities Superintendent Brent Frazier reported on his departments' activities.

Street and Park Superintendent Vern Benson reported on his departments' activities.

Police Department will provide a report at the 12-27-00 meeting.

Council reviewed the Liquor Store Report.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert reviewed the financial reports and answered questions about the Tax Increment Financing Reports filed with the State Auditor and prepared by Michele Hartman of Municipal Economic Development Network Inc. (MEDN).

Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson reviewed a meeting with the State of Minnesota Health Department about lead and copper testing. The City will need to add a chemical to the water system to coat the pipes so water is not coming into contact with lead and copper pipes. The Health Department recommends adding Calgon C9 starting with small dosages. City will need to test the 20 homes after adding the chemical and when the City passes then testing will be phased out.

Motion by Nettetstad, seconded by Magnusson to authorize approval to install necessary equipment to feed chemical for control of lead and copper. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Magnusson to introduce a resolution to approve the Proposed Budget 2001 – No. 4 as presented at the Truth in Taxation Hearing on 12-5-00, and authorize the levy for the year 2001. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Runningen thanked Dave and Richard for their work on the budget.

Jenson reviewed information about Pelican Valley Nursing Home's proposal to apply for a Rural Utilities Services Loan for their Assisted Living project. At the present time they have an opportunity to have the loan application developed at no cost to the project.

Jenson reviewed Hwy. 59 @ 4th Ave. SE traffic problem. Council Member Gottenborg recommended that the school be brought into the decision. Jenson will talk to Superintendent of Schools Keith Klein and report back to Council.

Liquor Store inventory will be 01-02-01 at 7:00 a.m.

Street Lighting Project - \$71,159.75 amount due. Jenson recommended holding back 2 ½ percent of the project in the amount of \$7125. The pole problems have been resolved.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to authorize payment of the Street Lighting Project in the amount of \$64,034.75. Motion passed unanimously.

A retirement party honoring Curt Lahlum for 21 ½ years of service in the public works department will be Friday, 12-15-00, at 10:00 a.m., upstairs meeting room, City Hall.

Council Member Nettetstad requested consideration of action limiting jack braking noise problems in the city limits.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Glenys Ehlert, CMC

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer