

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MINUTES – 12-27-00

The City Council of Pelican Rapids met in regular session at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, 12-27-00, at the Pelican Rapids Public Library meeting room. Present: Mayor Wayne Runningen, Council Members Paulette Nettetstad, Dave Gottenborg, John Waller III and Denise Magnusson. Absent: none. Also present: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert, Street and Park Superintendent Vern Benson, Utility Superintendent Brent Frazier and Gary Peterson of the Pelican Rapids Press.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Runningen.

Moorhead Construction Bill and Vehicle were added to the Agenda.

Mayor Runningen read Police Chief Greg Ballard's recommendation to hire Jeffrey Stadum as a police officer at the third year pay schedule, \$13.22 per hour, based on experience, effective 01-01-01. After six month's probation, Stadum will receive the new contract rate for a third year level patrol position.

Motion by Nettetstad, seconded by Waller to hire Jeff Stadum as police officer effective 01-01-01 at \$13.22 per hour with probation terms as recommended by Police Chief Greg Ballard. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Runningen read staff comments from Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson regarding Hwy. 59 traffic problems. Superintendent Keith Klein said the school favors no parking on west side of Hwy. 59 from 3rd to 5th Ave. SW.

Council requested information from city staff on parking hours, school evening functions and Sunday. No action taken.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to certify unpaid utility bill to Otter Tail County for payment with the real estate taxes for Parcel No. 135000 in the amount of \$129.26. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Nettetstad, seconded by Magnusson to approve renewal of plumbing licenses to the following people: Rodney Hanson of Hanson's Plumbing & Heating, Craig Kotte of Kotte's Plumbing & Heating, Glen Smith of Smith Appliance Repair, Jim King of Jim's Plumbing and Esser Plumbing & Heating. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Nettetstad to approve renewal of cigarette licenses to the following: Rick Ell of Rick's Super Valu, Cynthia Stotesbery of Larry's Supermarket, David Huseby of Park Region Co-op, Paul Loerzel of Holiday Station, Patrick Serquina of Pelican Cash-N-Dash and VFW Gilmore Weiks Post 5252. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Waller to approve renewal of recreational gaming licenses to following: Gary & Leah Deschene of GLD Lanes, Janice Stetz of Pelican

Tastee Freez, Pearl Schultz of Sportman's Recreation, Karen Reich of Ray J's Café and VFW Gilmore Weiks Post 5252. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Waller to approve renewal of a Charitable Gambling license to VFW Gilmore Weik Post 5252. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Gottenborg, seconded by Magnusson to approve payment to Moorhead Construction for the WWTF repairs in the amount of \$8,409.23. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Council Member Gottenborg questioned why the police do not ticket the demolition cars at OK Tire. Mayor Runningen will request that all officers be aware of ordinance and write tickets for unlicensed vehicles.

Council requested that City Attorney Scott Dirks update City Council regarding the non-conforming use trailer behind KT's and the bus trailer at Bergquist Motors.

Street and Park Superintendent Vern Benson reported that Bob Coats, Matt Milbeck and Brent Magnusson are rink attendants this skating season. Rink hours are 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on school days and 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. on non-school days.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Glenys Ehlert

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer