

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MINUTES 3-13-00

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Present: Mayor Wayne Runningen, Council Members Paulette Nettetstad, David Gottenborg, and John Waller III.

Absent: Council Member Denise Magnusson.

Also present: Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson, Acting Secretary Julie Lammers, Street Superintendent Vern Benson, Utilities Superintendent Brent Frazier, Marland Dow, Barb Grunewald and Gary Peterson of the Pelican Press.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Wayne Runningen.

Additions to the agenda. Wellhouse, Marlan Doe, Industrial Park.

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Discussed available police position.

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Utility Superintendent report was given by Brent Frazier.

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Financial Report was reviewed.

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\$1000 over the entire project and will protect the poles. There will be a sample resolution soon that requests an authorizes for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with MNDOT.

Motion by Wailer seconded Nettetstad authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign agreement for MNDOT participation in the street project. Motion passed unanimously.

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