

City of Pelican Rapids Council Minutes 3-28-01

The City of Pelican Rapids met on Wednesday, 3-28-01, at 4:00 p.m. in 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 Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson, Acting Secretary Julie Lammers, Street Superintendent Vernon L. Benson, and Gary Peterson of the Pelican Press. Boy Scouts present were Zack Carpenter, Brady Ouren, Corey Hill, Andy Kohlmeyer, Nick Blixt, Chris Myers, Dylan Evenson, and Sheldon Marty.

Item being deleted from the agenda is Administrative Penalties Ordinance. Additions to the agenda consist of the Census Numbers and setting a time and date for an EDA meeting.

Wayne welcomed the Boy Scouts and explained that there will be time after the meeting for questions.

Wayne reminded council of Board of Review April 23rd at 1:00 p.m. at Pelican Rapids Public Library, Nettetstad said she would not be able to make it. She will also miss the April 25th meeting.

Jenson told council they have some correspondence with Loretel Cablevision lately and with Steve Katka, regarding the Cable Franchisee in Pelican Rapids. They are anxious to know if they will get the franchise. By 2002 the Federal Government will be requiring all cable companies to have an emergency message system in place. There is a high cost to implementing this. Wayne Runningen and Richard Jenson have a meeting with Scott Dirks on Tuesday regarding the Franchise, concerning Fees, complaints, etc.

Jenson explained that over the past few years we have had requests for a Housing Ordinance requiring smoke alarms, sanitation facilities, and bare maintenance. There was a fire last week with an apartment with the fire alarms disabled. With a Housing Ordinance in place there would be personnel going into each rental unit yearly to inspect rental property. Jenson recommends looking into this. Jenson would like a council member, fire chief and himself to review.

Motion by Waller, second by Magnusson to have Jenson appoint a committee to look into housing ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenson reported that Ryan Kellerhius would be leaving the City of Pelican Rapids Street Department on June 1, 2001. Benson is requesting that we hire someone as of May 14, to allow for ample training time.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Nettestad to accept Ryan's resignation and giving Vern authority to advertise for position. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded Nettestad by to Certify Parcel Number R76000270053000 bill to the County for \$186.30. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to approve raffle permit to the St. Leonard's Church for October 24, 2001. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Nettestad to approve Liquor License to the VFW as of July 1, 2001. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenson informed the council that the 2000 census has been released, Pelican Rapids population is 2374, compared to 1886 in 1990. The minority population increased from 70 in 1990 to 428 in 2000.

Motion by Nettestad, seconded Waller to set an EDA meeting on Monday, April 9, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Runningen thanked Boys Scouts for coming to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Julie Lammers
Acting Secretary.