CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 6-24-03

The City Council of Pelican Rapids met in regular session at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, 06-24-03, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 N. Broadway. Mayor Wayne Runningen, Council Members John E. Waller, III, Ben Woessner, Denise Magnusson and Dave Gottenborg were present. No one was absent. Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert, Assistant Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers, Street and Parks Superintendent Vern Benson and Monte Eastvold of Northland Securities were also present.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Runningen.

Planning Commission Member, Bill Listing, Mosquito Control and Liquor Store Statute were added to the agenda.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to approve the Accounts Payable Listing of 06-24-03 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Woessner, seconded by Magnusson to appoint Roy Fossen to the Planning Commission for years 2003, 2004 and 2005. Motion passed unanimously.

Street and Park Superintendent Vern Benson reviewed costs for a mosquito control program. Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson said the Budget Committee would consider costs as part of the budget process.

Benson reported on costs for installing additional meter to measure lawn-sprinkling water.

Council discussed program. Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to develop a program to allow property owners to purchase a water meter from the City. The property owner will be responsible for installation expense. Meter will be read and bills calculated once per season at city staff’s discretion. Motion passed unanimously.

Monte Eastvold of Northland Securities reviewed a proposal to refinance the 1997 Street Improvement Bonds in a Crossover Refunding procedure.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Waller to introduce RESOLUTION AWARDING SALE OF $1,160,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CROSSOVER REFUNDING BONDS OF 2003, FIXING THE FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PAYMENT. Motion passed unanimously and resolution declared duly adopted.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Magnusson to authorize the purchase of the above Crossover Refunding Bonds by Northland Securities at a purchase price of

$1,160,000. Motion passed unanimously. Closing date on the above bond issue will be July 29th

Jenson reviewed city projects under consideration: Bridge Project on 1st St. NW, Airport Hangar and Public Works Garage. Eastvold said the water and sewer improvements are driving the City's portion of the improvement and would be financed by Water and/or Sewer Revenue Bonds. Public Project Revenue Bond could be used to finance any publicly owned building.

Mayor Runningen discussed the Comprehensive Plan. Comprehensive Plan Committee would like to authorize additional items in the plan, as money is available. The question gets to be how soon the City wants the work done. January of 2005 would allow City to spread expense over two years.

Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Magnusson to complete balance of Comprehensive Plan over two years with the first payment in 2004 of $11,500 and a payment in 2005 for the remaining balance of the contract not to exceed $24,940. Payments will be approved that work has been completed by Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Waller to approve license renewals for GLD Lanes for an On-Sale Beer License and Southtown for an Off-Sale Beer License for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. Motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed uses for old City Hall. Public Restrooms, meeting rooms, Chamber of Commerce, a display of artwork and videos, or an historic site are some suggested ideas. The committee is leaning towards a public type use. Motion by Gottenborg, seconded by Magnusson that the City allow the Old City Hall Committee to proceed with developing ideas for use for public use (this may include Tourism, Chamber, Museum) and for bathrooms and cost estimates. Motion carried.

Council Member Ben Woessner explained the sign by Pelican Drug Store has been refurbished with new boards and lettering to look better. The VFW donated $200 and Women's Civic donated $800 for this project and the sign cost is approximately $1215. He requested that the City pay the additional $215. Motion by Magnusson, seconded by Gottenborg to donate $215 for the community event sign by Pelican Drug. Motion carried.

Mayor Runningen thanked Street and Parks Superintendent Vern Benson for all the work in the Parks.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Magnusson to adjourn council meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Glenys Ehlert
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Julie Lammers
Assistant Deputy Clerk-Treasurer