

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
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FEBRUARY 29, 1996
12 NOON

The Pelican Rapids City Council met in regular session on 2-29-96, at 12 noon, in the Pelican Rapids Public Library meeting room.

Present: Acting Mayor Wayne Runningen, Councilmembers LeRoy Martens, Phil Stotesbery, and Paulette Nettetstad. Absent: Mayor James O. McDonald.

Also present: Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson, Utilities Supt. Brent E. Frazier, Street Supt. Vernon Benson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert, Gary Peterson of Pelican Rapids Press, and Bob Iverson of Spectrum Communications.

Meeting called to order by Acting Mayor Wayne Runningen.

Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson reviewed Pay Request No. 10 for Rice Lake Contracting for Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Expansion No. 2 construction for \$2,615.80. Motion by Stotesbery, seconded by Martens to approve payment as recommended by the engineering firm, contingent upon receipt of payroll reports and verification of the escrow account. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenson reviewed WWTF Expansion No. 1 engineering for Bonestroo Rosene Anderlik and Associates for \$1,912.39. Motion by Stotesbery, seconded by Martens to approve payment. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenson reviewed WWTF Expansion No. 2 engineering for Bonestroo Rosene Anderlik and Associates for \$2,972.96. Motion by Martens, seconded by Nettetstad to approve payment. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenson reviewed WWTF project and said that the plant is not substantially complete as of 2-1-96 as agreed in the contract. Liquidated damages would be \$500 per day according to Dick Turner of Bonestroo Rosene Anderlik and Associates. Turner said the basic issue is how has it hurt the city. Bonestroo's has incurred about \$2,500 in additional expenses. The decision to pursue damages does not have to be made today.

Jenson said a joint meeting is planned for next week which should permit everyone to plan balance of work to accomplish substantial completion in next two to three weeks. No action taken. Matter will be reconsidered at next meeting.

Jenson reviewed Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Pelican Valley Health Center's request for a special use permit.

Motion by Nettetstad, seconded by Stotesbery to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve a special use permit to allow the expansion of the nursing home in the existing commercial zone within the Shoreland area of the Pelican River. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenson reviewed the cable television franchise which is up for renewal.

Spectrum General Manager Bob Iverson distributed a proposed ordinance to renew and extend a non-exclusive franchise for 15 years for cable television.

Motion by Martens, seconded by Stotesbery recommending that City Attorney Scott Dirks review the proposal and report to council for 3-11-96 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenson reviewed bill from Larson-Peterson and ASC Inc. for Improvement Project No. 60, Ann Lane, engineering for \$1,465.37. Motion by Nettekstad, seconded by Martens to approve payment. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenson reported that John Skramstad has been assessing the City of Pelican Rapids for many years. Skramstad is retiring this year. Jenson requested permission to advertise for a city assessor. Council suggested that Jenson contact Otter Tail County and obtain their charge to provide assessing services.

Board of Review will be 4-9-96, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the library meeting room. Purpose of meeting is to provide taxpayers with an opportunity to discuss their assessed valuation.

There will be a meeting regarding fire contracts on 3-4-96, at 7 p.m., at the Fire Hall.

Acting Mayor Runningen asked when seal coat bids would be ready. Jenson said he has contacted Otter Tail County engineer Rick West so that city seal coat project can be included in county bid.

Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

Glenys Ehlert, CMC

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer