

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 12, 1997 -- MINUTES

The City Council of Pelican Rapids met in regular session on Monday, May 12, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pelican Rapids Public Library Meeting Room.

PRESENT: Mayor Wayne Runningen, Council Members George Hanson, Paulette Nettetstad, Denise Magnusson and Dave Gottenborg. ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Administrative Assistant Richard Jenson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert, Utilities Superintendent Brent Frazier, Streets Superintendent Vern Benson, Police Chief Greg Ballard, Gary Peterson of Pelican Rapids Press.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Runningen.

Council considered Economic Development Authority (EDA) recommendations. Motion by Gottenborg and second by Magnusson to introduce the following resolution: CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS RESOLUTION APPROVING LOAN AGREEMENT (A complete text is part of permanent public record in the City Clerk's Office.)

Voting yes: Council Members Nettetstad, Magnusson, Gottenborg and Hanson. Voting no: none. Abstaining: Mayor Wayne Runningen. Motion carried.

Motion by Gottenborg and second by Hanson to accept the EDA's recommendation to award contract to KBW in the amount of \$190,100. Voting yes:

abstaining: Mayor Wayne Runningen. Motion carried.

Motion by Gottenborg and second by Hanson to approve minutes of 4-14 and 4-30-97 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gottenborg and second by Magnusson payment of 5-7-97 accounts payable listing with addition of Paulette Nettetstad \$30.00 and Wayne Runningen, Council salaries. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Hanson and second by Gottenborg to approve purchase of a car radio at a cost of \$1,300 and a light bar and siren at a cost of \$1,300 for the new police car and an additional portable radio. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Greg Ballard presented his report. Mayor Runningen reported that he has been working with the Police Chief and they will be interviewing police applicants next week. Ballard reviewed plans for a much needed police office upstairs at City Hall at a cost of approximately \$1,000.

Motion by Hanson and second by Gottenborg to authorize expenses as presented for upstairs police office. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gottenborg and second by Magnusson to purchase a weapon for new police officer at an approximate cost of 480.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Runningen thanked Greg for his flood work with the National Guard.

Utility Superintendent Frazier reported that the Comminutor unit at the Waste Water Treatment Facility needed replacement at a cost of \$6,090.35. This is second replacement in about two

years. Engineer David Rein is working with plant operators several times a week. The plant seems to be improving performance and meeting standards weekly.

Street Superintendent Benson reviewed his department's activities. He reported that they are experiencing some problems with people dumping garbage at City Shop. They are preparing to install new street signs.

Motion by Gottenborg and second by Magnusson to authorize Street Superintendent Vern Benson to hire a park attendant at \$5.50 per hour. and a part-time mowing person at \$5.50 per hour and a Street Department helper at \$5.00. Park and street positions all temporary, full time, not to exceed 67 days. Motion passed unanimously.

Pool preparation is moving forward for a 6-2-97 opening.

Jack Marko asked about drainage ditch by his property. Mayor Runnigen said Council has approved the extra depth and Egge Construction has been notified to deepen ditch.

No liquor store report was available.

Deputy Clerk Treasurer Ehlert presented the financial reports including 4-30-97 Investment Schedule and 1996 Year To Date Budget Comparison.

Motion by Gottenborg and second by Nettetstad to approve pay period #4 to CBI NaCon in the amount of \$93,765.00 as recommended.

Motion by Hanson and second by Gottenborg to approve payment to Braun Intertec in the amount of \$1,075.00 for inspecting water tower welding. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Hanson and second by Magnusson to approve pay period #2 to Egge Construction in the amount of \$8,070.39 for construction of improvements on 10th Ave. SE, Improvement Project No. 62. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson reviewed cost of a right turn lane at 10th Ave. SE subject to requesting property owner's payment of costs. Motion passed unanimously.

Rice Lake Contracting has requested their retainage be reduced.

Motion by Gottenborg and second by Hanson to Rice Lake Contracting retainage when project is completed. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Hanson and second by Gottenborg to pay David Rein of Rein & Assoc. Environmental Engineers in the amount of \$4,816.80, subject to signature approving contract language. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Hanson and second by Gottenborg to accept the bid of \$16,248.00 to purchase a pick-up to replace the S120 pick-up in the public works department with 1/3 paid from streets, water and sewer. Motion passed unanimously.

Street light request from Bard Miller. Administrative Assistant Richard Jenson reported that past accidents in this area occurred during the day. At night the headlights help indicate another car is coming and a street light wouldn't help problem. Council discussed cutting bank down to increase visibility.

Motion by Hanson and second by Magnusson to deny request for street light at this time. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Nettestad and second by Magnusson to approve payment to Forrest Carpenter for April Economic Development in the amount of \$1,228.51.

Mayor Wayne Runningen read a letter regarding Dairy Days from Travis and Trenton Michels requesting support for the dairy industry.

Brenda Christianson requested speed bumps on Maplewood Drive. Administrative Assistant Richard Jenson will check with police department.

Mayor Runningen reviewed the 1997 and 1998 salary schedule for non union employees. Some increases are higher than 4% due to comparable worth requirements. This schedule was reviewed by payroll negotiating.

Motion by Gottenborg and second by Nettestad to approve the 1997 and 1998 salary schedule. Motion passed unanimously.

Glenys Ehlert, CMC

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer