CITY COUNCIL MINUTES September 26, 1996

The City Council of the City of Pelican Rapids met in regular session on 9-26-96, at 12:10 p.m. in the Pelican Rapids Public Library meeting room.

Present: Mayor James McDonald, Councilmembers LeRoy Martens, Wayne Runningen, Phil Stotesbery and Paulette Nettestad.

Absent: None

Also present: Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Glenys Ehlert, Utilities Superintendent Brent E. Frazier, Street Superintendent Vern Benson, Monte Eastvold of Juran & Moody, Inc., Gary Peterson of Pelican Rapids Press, Denise Magnusson, Tony Vigen, Paul Evenson, Jeanne Hovland and Malcolm Lee of Otter Tail County.

Pursuant to due call and published notice thereof a public hearing was held to consider changes to the Lake Region Electric Cooperative tax increment budget. Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson reported that the Planning Commission approved changes to the budget at their meeting on 9-29-96. County Commissioner Malcolm Lee said Otter Tail County supports the TIF budget change.

Hearing closed.

Motion by Nettestad and second by Stotesbery to introduce Resolution modifying Tax Increment Financing Economic Development District to 5 and approving the Modified Tax Increment Financing Plan relating thereto: RESOLUTION AWARDING SALE OF $760,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX INCREMENT BONDS OF 1996, FIXING THE FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PAYMENT.

Voting yes: Mayor McDonald, Councilmembers Martens, Stotesbery and Nettestad. Voting no: None Abstaining: Runningen. Motion carried and Resolution declared duly adopted. (A complete text of the Resolution is part of permanent public record in the City Clerk's Office.)

Monte Eastvold of Juran & Moody revised Bond sale for TIF Bonds of 1996 in the amount of $760,000. Miller & Schroeder @ 5.0% is low bidder on the bonds.

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Jeanne Hovland presented copies of a rough draft for proposed convenience store. Paul Evenson said they had soil boring done and they're about the same as Lake Country State Bank where pilings were used. Midwest Testing recommended pilings for this building. However, Evenson's plans to use alternative construction, similar to their existing shop facility. They are willing to sign building permit accepting responsibility for proceeding without using pilings as recommended. "Happy to see you're building", Mayor McDonald said.

Paul Evenson asked if water service could be extended to Hidden Acres Trailer Court. They are requesting information on possible financing sources for the project.

Mayor McDonald will check with City Attorney and get back to Evenson's, Inc.

Jenson discussed changes in existing ordinance to include 16 and 17 year olds with an 11 p.m. curfew.

Motion by Runningen and second by Martens to introduce Resolution for Ordinance 96-6. Motion passed unanimously. Resolution Duly Adopted.

Jenson reported that cost of work to repair piping at digestor would to approximately $85,000. city staff expects that they will need to use the digestor this winter and recommends that this work be done.

Mayor McDonald reported that Ted Field of BR&A said he does not see a need to heat this digestor. Council discussed situation with staff and postponed a decision to a later meeting.

Pursuant to due call, a public nuisance hearing was held regarding property owned by Robert Klaboe at 365 5th St. SE and 309 5th Ave. NE. Administrative Assistant Richard A. Jenson reviewed Planning Commission Tour of May 1996 when 35 letters regarding public nuisances were mailed.

After lengthy discussion, Mayor McDonald suggested the City draw up an agreement setting up a timeframe for accomplishing clean-up goals with Klaboe.

Police Chief Greg Ballard explained that department is participating in Otter Tail County Special response Team. He requests that the City purchase an automatic weapon (HR Submachine Gun) for the team's use at a cost of $1,300.00. Mayor McDonald said the Budget Committee would review and matter would be considered at later meeting.

Mayor McDonald said the union has notified the City they're ready to begin negotiations for salary. He suggested Councilmembers Runningen and Nettestad serve on the Salary Committee.

(_________) presented the 1995 Audit and asked Council to decide whether they would like to meet with Dan Rollie as a committee to discuss the audit or as the whole council. Council requested Rollie attend the 10-14-96 meeting for review of audit.

Councilmember Runningen reviewed proposed Spring 97 Clean-up Day. Council agreed it would be money well spent to include money in 97 budget to provide cleanup assistance to residents.

Motion by Martens second by Stotesbery to move regular Monday meeting from 11-11-96 to 11-12-96 and Thursday meeting from 11-28-96 to 11-27-96 due to Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day holidays. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Runningen reported on LMC regional meeting attended by himself and Martens on 9-24-96. Liability regarding sewer back ups, state sales tax, right of way issues, tax issues and conflict of interest concerns were discussed. Annual conference will be in St. Cloud in June 1997. Councilmember Martens said Runningen gave a good report on the City. LMC Ambassador Lyle Hanks said he would like to have a newly elected officials training meeting in Pelican Rapids.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Glenys Ehlert, CMC

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer