

June 21, 2012

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

**Tuesday, June 26, 2012      4:30 p.m.      Council Chambers, 315 N. Broadway**

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1. Call to Order
2. Additions / Deletions to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – 6/12/12
4. Approval of Accounts Payable Listing
5. Liquor Store Report
6. Appoint Election Judges
7. Planning Commission Recommendation – Dilapidated Buildings
8. West Central Initiative – Tom McSparron
9. Resolution Regarding Municipal Tort Liability Monetary Limits

**CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 6-26-12**

The City Council of Pelican Rapids met in regular session at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, 06-26-12, in Council Chambers, City Hall. Mayor Ben Woessner, Council Members James Strand, Kevin Ballard, John E. Waller, III, and Steve Foster were present. No one was absent. Administrator Don Solga, Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert, Liquor Store Manager Maggie Johnson, Tom

McSparron of West Central Initiative, Robert Klaboe and Lou Hoglund of the Pelican Rapids Press were also present.

Acting Mayor John E. Waller, III, called meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Ballard, seconded by Strand to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

Motion by Strand, seconded by Foster to approve the minutes of 06-12-12 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Ballard, seconded by Strand to approve the Accounts Payable Listing of 06-26-12 as presented for City bills in the amount of \$53,066.06 with additions of Timothy Solmon, SCDP Homeowner Project in the amount of \$391.99 and Tweeton Construction, SCDP Commercial Project in the amount of \$11,107, and the Liquor Store bills in the amount of \$47,731.04. Motion carried.

Liquor Store Manager Maggie Johnson presented the Liquor Store Report. They're running several special events and \$60,000 above last year at this date.

Tom McSparron of West Central Initiative said they have hosted many events this year as the organization celebrates 25 years of "uniting ideas and resources to help people and communities create a better tomorrow."

Mayor Woessner arrived at 4:37 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert reviewed election judge applications. Motion by Strand, seconded by Ballard to approve the following election judges: Lori Kekaha, Ruth Holmgren and Van Holmgren. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission recommendation regarding dilapidated buildings was presented by City Administrator Don Solga. He explained that the Planning Commission has been reviewing about 16 dilapidated properties for over a year. The Commission selected four properties to start the process. These property owners received letters stating that the City Council would be considering the Planning Commission's recommendation to designate these dilapidated properties as hazardous and requiring property owners to raze or restore/repair the structures to code compliant condition.

Robert Klaboe, property owner of a vacant house in a residential zone designated dilapidated and hazardous by the Planning Commission was present to discuss property. He said he doesn't think the house will be used as a residence again, but he has been using it as a storage building until he received an offer to sell it. He removed all items he had stored there, but the building was not purchased. He boarded it up to restrict entry. He says there is no electricity and he doesn't see that there is a fire hazard. Administrator Don Solga said the Council could delay action on the Hazardous Building resolution until the Building Inspector has a chance to inspect the inside of the structure. Klaboe agreed to meeting the Building Inspector at the house to permit access for closer inspection.

Administrator Solga asked, "How long does the City Council want the house to sit there in the state it is in? It is an eyesore and it meets the state definition of a hazardous property," Solga

continued. A question before the Council is whether to permit restoration of the house to be used for storage? Even if Klaboe paints the house, it won't resolve all the issues.

Mayor Woessner said if the building were removed, the property would probably be worth more and be more likely to be purchased for a new house. Mayor Woessner said, "I'm going to recommend that the Council act on the Planning Commission's recommendation and pass the resolution designating this property as a Hazardous Property."

Council Member Ballard said, "If it were my building, I have to ask is it worth the money and time. The project will snowball. If I try to shingle the roof, it will turn out that the rafter beams need replacing." Ballard said Council should have the building inspector conduct a more detailed inspection and see if it is possible to use it for storage. Council Member Strand said, "If Council wants an inspection done, then don't act on (Hazardous Property) resolution." Motion by Strand, seconded by Waller to have Building Inspector conduct an assessment whether building can or should be used as a storage building. Motion carried.

Council Member Strand explained to Robert Klaboe, "I want to avoid having you redo the roof and painting and then find out the building still doesn't meet the code for a storage shed."

Council considered additional dilapidated garages.

**RESOLUTION ORDERING THE REPAIR OR REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS LOCATED AT 512 SW 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET.** (A complete text of this resolution is part of permanent public record in the City Clerk's office.) Motion by Waller, seconded by Strand, to approve resolution for 512 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Motion carried and resolution declared duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION ORDERING THE REPAIR OR REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS LOCATED AT 125 NW 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE.** (A complete text of this resolution is part of permanent public record in the City Clerk's office.) Motion by Foster, seconded by Waller, to approve resolution for 125 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Motion carried and resolution declared duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION ORDERING THE REPAIR OR REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS LOCATED AT 617 OLD FERGUS ROAD.** (A complete text of this resolution is part of permanent public record in the City Clerk's office.) Motion by Strand, seconded by Foster, to approve resolution for 617 Old Fergus Road. Motion carried and resolution declared duly adopted.

Resolution regarding Municipal Tort Liability Monetary Limits. Motion by Waller, seconded by Ballard to introduce the following written resolution, entitled **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MONETARY LIMITS ON MUNICIPAL TORT LIABILITY.** (A complete text of this resolution is part of permanent public record in the City Clerk's office.) Motion carried and resolution declared duly adopted.

Motion by Strand, seconded by Waller to approve a Cigarette License to David R. Styko to sell cigarettes and cigarette papers and wrappers at retail at Family Dollar, Inc. at 1008 S. Broadway. Motion carried.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Foster to approve the Pelican Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce permit to conduct a raffle on 10-13-12 at the Pelican Rapids VFW Club, Pelican Rapids. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Glenys Ehlert presented information for renewal of an On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License and Sunday On-Sale Authorization. Motion by Ballard, seconded by Waller to renew an **ON-SALE INTOXICATIONG LIQUOR LICENSE AND SUNDAY ON-SALE AUTHORIZATION to Yuliana Gonzalez as proprietor or manager, and on behalf of Taqueria El Agave, LLC, with trade name of El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant at 520 N Broadway** subject to meeting requirements. Motion carried.

Administrator Don Solga reviewed the Local Government Resolution Business Development Capital Projects Grant Program. Solga recommends that the City go forward with an application for the Department of Employment and Economic Development Business Development Capital Grant Program. Motion by Strand, seconded by Waller to authorize City Engineer Bob Schlieman to proceed with application. Motion carried.

Motion by Waller, seconded by Strand to introduce **DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS GRANT PROGRAM RESOLUTION**. (A complete text of this resolution is part of permanent public record in the City Clerk's office.) Motion passed unanimously and resolution declared duly adopted.

Administrator Don Solga said there are several planes in the hangar that have not been flown in more than a year or inspected annually. He continued, "Are we going to take steps to open up more hangar space for active flyers? We have 16 flyers on the hangar waiting list. Should we require that planes be annually inspected each year? We can't make a new hangar cash flow without taxing the citizens of Pelican Rapids," Solga explained.

Mayor Woessner offered an example as being members of an organization, but not participating in events. Having a hangar and not flying is a similar situation. Council Member Strand said belonging doesn't preclude someone else belonging.

Motion by Strand, seconded by Waller to adjourn Council meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Glenys Ehlert, CMC  
Clerk-Treasurer