

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF POLO HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 115 S. FRANKLIN AVE., POLO, ILLINOIS, JANUARY 5, 2015.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Knapp gave invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Knapp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Knapp called the regular meeting of the Polo City Council to order at 7:00p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2015.

PRESENT: Alderman David Ackeborg, Alderperson Louise Hall, Alderman Jim Busser, Alderman Troy Boothe, Alderperson Cheryl Galor, Alderman Randy Schoon. Also present was Mayor Doug Knapp, City Attorney Tom Suits and City Clerk Susie Corbitt.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF THE 12/15/14 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the minutes of the 12/15/14 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

Alderman Dave Ackeborg stated if anyone gets calls concerning snow plowing to please direct the call to Street Superintendent Kendall Kyker.

Finance & Ordinances:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

None.

Police:

Alderman Troy Boothe reported Sergeant Shawn Knight completed training by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board for 36 hours of Basic Truck Weight Enforcement and 4 hours of Portable Weight Scale Certification. Officer Clint Elmore has completed 7 hours of training by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board for M16, A1/A2 and M14 Review and Refresher. Sergeant Knight was present reporting he has stopped some haulers on Dixon Street, but just educated them that they cannot be hauling due to their trailer was too long for the classification of that road. They can weigh them at Bocker Ruff Grain on their scale and one out by Burkhart's LP Gas.

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

None.

Water & Sewer:

Alderman Randy Schoon reported we have all the new receivers and antenna for the street department garage doors. A departmental meeting was held with the streets, water and sewer department employees, and they have some issues to bring to Willett, Hofmann attention. Discussion held on the departments working together so well.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Corbitt reported she has posted on the website the city email for the mayor and aldermen so as to be in compliance with P.A. 98-0930, which amended the Local Records Act. The new law requires all local government and school districts to post on their websites a mechanism for members of the public to electronically communicate with elected officials. To comply with the Act, a public body can post either a "uniform single email address" or the individual email addresses of each elected official.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on Resolution 15-01, Release of Closed Session Minutes.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept Resolution 15-01, release of the closed session minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on Resolution 15-02, Destruction of Closed Session Tapes.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to accept Resolution 15-02, destruction of the closed session tapes of 3/18/13, 4/1/13, 4/15/14, and 5/6/13 as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Resolution 15-03, 2015 Maintenance of Streets MFT Expenditures.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to accept resolution 15-03, maintenance of streets MFT expenditures in the amount of \$30,000.00 as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes. The motion carried.

D. Presentation of the 2014 Building Permits Issued by the City of Polo.

City Clerk Corbitt presented the 2014 building permits issued, with 58 permits issued versus only 32 last year, with the 2014 improvements in the amount of \$1,210,130.00 and in 2013 in the amount of \$257,092.00.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Alderwomen Louise Hall stated she received a call due to the snow fence at the apartment complex in the 100 block of South Jefferson Avenue, so she called Matt MeKeel. This was where the snow fence was placed, which does not help with the tenants parking of their vehicles. Mr. MeKeel is involved with the Polo Snow Mobile Club and said he would take care of it.

Alderman Randy Schoon reported he spoke with Mark Scholl concerning his opinion on Ahmad Farraj and their request for assistance with the possible grocery store. In the end he has the same concern as we do. Discussion was held that Greg Sparrow who is a past mayor of DeKalb for twenty years and also on the Ogle County Board is willing to come some afternoon and meet with the Mayor and Mr. Scholl along with anyone else that would like to attend to discuss a grocery store in Polo. Mayor Knapp suggested contacting Greg Sparrow and then from there try to find a consultant and maybe they can answer our questions. He feels we need to protect our citizens but also be proactive and suggested this possible be a public meeting so all the aldermen can attend. Attorney Suits did speak with Terri Koenck, who said her husband Paul has the records, broke down with what were groceries and what was other sales.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to adjourn out of the regular City Council meeting at 7:34p.m. into closed session to discuss Personnel-Section 2(c) (1) employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, seconded by Alderperson Louise Hall. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion: Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

The Polo City Council adjourned out of the Regular City Council meeting while in Closed Session at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC
City Clerk