

**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 20, 2014.**

**INVOCATION:**

Mayor Doug 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 20, 2014.

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

**ABSENT:** Alderman David Aceberg.

**APPROVAL OF THE 1/09/14 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1/09/14 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE 1/09/14 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:**

Alderperson Louise Hall made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 9, 2014 closed session minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2013 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:**

Alderperson Louise Hall made a motion to accept the December 2013 treasurer's report as presented to file for audit, seconded by Alderman Matt MeKeel. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF BILLS:**

Mayor Knapp asked if there were any bills to add to the list of bills; Alderman Randy Schoon added a bill in the amount of \$1,309.00 to Ogle County GIS Mapping for the administration, water, sewer and sanitation departments.

Alderman Matt MeKeel made a motion to accept the list of bills as amended, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Matt MeKeel yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Aceberg absent. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Streets and Sidewalks:**

None.

**Finance & Ordinances:**

Aldersperson Louise Hall reported the City received money from the State of Illinois for the IEPA Loan on pay request No.18 in the amount of \$45,964.42 on January 16, 2014, which was deposited into the WWTP/IEPA loan money market. On January 20, 2014 checks were issued to Williams Brother Construction in the amount of \$28,234.05 and one to Willett, Hofmann & Associates in the amount of \$17,759.79 both for pay request No. 18 and both for contract # 1, all for the sewer department. Reimbursements were paid in the amount of \$29.42 out of the sewer department from the enterprise funds and \$45,964.42 out of the WWTP/IEPA loan money in the money market funds for a total of \$45,993.84.

**Police:**

None.

**Sanitation:**

None.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

None.

**Parks & Pool:**

None.

**Water & Sewer:**

None.

**City Clerk's Report:**

City Clerk Corbitt reported she attended the Municipal Clerks of Illinois winter seminar. Presentations on Video Gaming, TIF Districts, Obama Care and the Illinois Municipal League were given. The gaming board on the rules and regulations was given with reasons why video gaming machines in approved businesses cannot just move their machines and the fines distributed if they do so. There are currently over 12,000 machines in Illinois approved and installed. Every 15 days there is a report issued by the State of Illinois from the machines all over the state showing money in and money issued out. There is a website where we can check to see who has been issued machines. \$76,000,000.00 has been received by the State of Illinois since the beginning of video gaming. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) requires that a ten year report has to be filed by state statute. Obama Care will implement \$60 per person per year for taxes on health care insurance and it was felt there will be more coming down the line along with Medicare costs going up. Lengthy discussion held on many businesses implementing policies

that if a spouse is insured at their work, that he or she would have to take their insurance out with their own employer, which is giving significant savings to businesses across the board. SB 1210 Homeless Bill of Rights; no rights shall be prohibited for their right to public space, right to vote and right to reasonable respect to property. (Shopping carts, cardboard huts, etc.) If this would go to court the city would have to pay all attorney fees, court costs and any damage deemed by the courts. Basically the IML spoke of reasonable expectations to privacy and personal property. The IML believe this will bring a lot of litigation in the future. The staff at the Illinois Municipal League feels the State of Illinois budget will pass on time, but with a 6 month budget and deal with a December 2014 final approval due to the 2014 elections. The IML is going to submit a bill proposing to bring the income tax amount received by the municipalities back to 10%, due to in 2015 the current 6% expires, that way municipalities will receive more in the income taxes. They also warned on text messages concerning the Champaign vs. Madigan court case where the council was texting city business during their council meeting, suggesting not allowing cell phones in the council chambers. Discussions held at length on FOIA Reform.

**Police Chief's Report:**

None.

**SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 14-01, Possible Amendments to the Polo Code of Ordinance Chapters: 152.075 (D), 152.076 (D) and 152.077 (E).

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to accept Ordinance 14-01 Amendments to the Polo Code of Ordinance Chapters; 152.075 (D), 152.076 (D) and 152.077 (E) as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor.

Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Matt McKeel yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeborg absent, Alderperson Louise Hall yes. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Consideration & Possible Action on the New Waste Water Treatment Plant Project Cost Summary and Approval of Willett, Hofmann & Associates Final Payment.

Mayor Knapp, Alderman Schoon, Mike Gauthier and Cale Fry met with engineer Matt Hansen discussing work needed to be done at the new waste water treatment plant along with issues and concerns and the final payment for the new WWTP construction. They are trying to resolve some situations that has been problematic with the new plant. Alderman Schoon reported icing issues; digester freeze up along with the furnace went out, ice issues on sidewalks where drainage is not good that is icing up so guys cannot get to the equipment outdoors. He went on to report they want an additional \$15,000 in engineering fees and \$10,000 for the O & M

manual. He feels we did not hear anything about the operation manual as to the engineers finalizing it and feels they just went ahead and completed the manual. Alderperson Galor looked back through the minutes and could not find where the O & M was talked about concerning the engineers completing it and not having the two water and sewer employees prepare some of it so to save on the cost. City Clerk Corbitt informed the council that the O & M manual is mandated with the EPA in order to receive the grant and loan money. Alderman Schoon stated the engineering fees and questioned if some of this was what we asked them to do or was it a miscommunication on the Engineer's part and now are we responsible for the additional cost. The employees are beside themselves and upset that they are using a torch to thaw these problems out. Alderman Schoon reported the only thing at this recent meeting they seriously discussed was if we should put covers out there on the digesters. Mr. Hansen has reported that some clients have covers and some do not and did not think it would be a problem. Alderman Schoon reported if the EPA raises the phosphates levels, the water will move so much slower and if so we would have to open the outer circle and then we would have to purchase larger covers.

Discussions were held that the next project we do we should put out for bid and not assume Willett will be our engineers. Mayor Knapp stated that maybe Matt Hansen assumed that the city employees did not have the knowledge or the time to put the manual together. The Mayor went on to say we wanted everyone to know beforehand what is going on with some of these issues.

Mr. Hansen will possibly change the flow to help with freezing and will go to other plants to see if they are also having trouble and possibly consider covers. Alderman Boothe would like to see some sort of breakdown for the manual as to the additional costs, stating it possibly is too late to do anything about it. He went on to say if we have to spend more money at this point it is upsetting and would be to our citizens.

#### B. Consideration & Possible Action on Resolution 14-01, Release of Closed Session Minutes.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to approve Resolution 14-01, Release of Closed Session Minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Matt MeKeel. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

#### C. Consideration & Possible Action on Resolution 14-02, the 2014 Maintenance of Streets MFT Expenditures.

Alderman Matt MeKeel made a motion to approve Resolution 14-02 the 2014 Maintenance of Streets MFT expenditures in the amount of \$35,000.00, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes. Alderman David Ackeberg absent, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Matt MeKeel yes. The motion carried.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mayor Knapp reported that Ogle County GIS Mapping Department will do a presentation at the next meeting. They can put all our maps on their electronic system with any paper maps under 36 inches. Mayor Knapp and Alderman Schoon would like to see all the street, water & sewer map for locations all in electronic form, then the employees would never have to pull a paper copy out to look at. The city would purchase tablets and possible software for the departments.

Alderman Matt McKeel made a motion to adjourn out of the regular City Council meeting at 8:03pm on January 20, 2014, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susie Corbitt, MMC  
City Clerk