

**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, FEBRUARY 18, 2014.**

**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 Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

**PRESENT:** Alderman David Ackeberg, 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 Deputy Clerk Sue Waszak.

**ABSENT:** City Clerk Susie Corbitt.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2/03/14 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Alderman Ackeberg made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2/03/14 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Hall. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2014 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:**

Alderperson Hall made a motion to accept the January 2014 treasurer's report as presented to file for audit, seconded by Alderperson Galor. Ayes 6, 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; Alderperson Hall added a bill in the amount of \$12,277.29 to Humana Insurance Company for the employee's health and dental insurance. Alderman Schoon added a bill in the amount of \$80.50 to the City of Dixon for water samples, a bill in the amount of \$150.00 to Bill's Excavating Service for the rent of a skid loader for a water main break, and a bill in the amount of \$85.00 to Illinois Rural Water Associations for C.E.U's license renewal. Alderman MeKeel made a motion to accept the list of bills as amended, seconded by Alderman Schoon. Mayor Knapp requested the Deputy 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 Ackeberg yes, The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Sidewalks:**

None.

**Finance & Ordinances:**

None.

**Police:**

None.

**Sanitation:**

None.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

None.

**Parks & Pool:**

None.

**Water & Sewer:**

Alderman Randy Schoon stated he would like to pat all the guys on the back for all their hard work between the snow removal, water main breaks and frozen lines in that both departments have done an awesome job.

**City Clerk's Report:**

None.

**Police Chief's Report:**

None.

**SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:**

Alderman Dave Ackeborg reported an employee slipped while changing a windshield wiper on one of the snow plows requiring a visit to KSB emergency room, but no loss of work time occurred.

**COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 14-02, an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014, of the City of Polo, Ogle County, Illinois, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000 for the Purpose of Refunding the City's Outstanding Debt Certificates.

Alderman Schoon made a motion to accept Ordinance 14-02, an ordinance Authorizing the issuance of general obligation refunding bonds (alternate revenue source), series 2014, of the City of Polo, Ogle County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the purpose of refunding the City's outstanding debt certificates as presented, seconded by Alderman Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the Deputy Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Matt MeKeel yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy

Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Consideration & Possible Action a Proposal between the City of Polo and Blackhawk Hills Regional Council for the Comprehensive Plan Update 2014.**

Mayor Knapp asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the comprehensive plan proposal with Blackhawk Hills Regional Council. Theresa Wittenauer representing Blackhawk Hills Regional Council was present. Theresa Wittenauer stated that they would be concentrating on updating the mapping and data statistical information along with the updates of the original plan. Some discussion was held. The question was asked what committees were going to be giving their input. Mayor Knapp stated the city would be getting input from the Polo Economic Development Committee and the Park Board. Theresa Wittenauer did state they will be coordinating with the Ogle County GIS as well.

Aldeperson Galor made a motion to accept the agreement between the City of Polo and Blackhawk Hills Regional Council for the comprehensive plan update 2014 in the amount of \$5,800.00, seconded by Alderman Schoon. Mayor Knapp requested the Deputy Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Matt Mekeel yes. The motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Alderman Schoon wanted to discuss the running of water due to frozen water pipes, Mike Gauthier water and sewer superintendent had requested of the citizens of Polo and the billing it will affect. Discussion was held. It was agreed to use a 3 month average for everyones bill due to the running of their water. The city has requested the citizens run their water at a continuous stream about the thickness of a pencil for the next month at least or until the frost has come up through the ground. This should help prevent the customers lines from freezing. The amount of water not being billed will be kept track of for consumption purposes. This will give the city a reasonable idea of how much water (measured in cubic feet) was not billed.

Alderman Ackeberg made a motion to adjourn out of the regular City Council meeting at 7:40pm on February 18, 2014, seconded by Alderman Mekeel. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susie Corbitt, MMC  
City Clerk