

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF POLO HELD IN THE CITY HALL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 115 S. FRANKLIN AVE., POLO, ILLINOIS, MARCH 7, 2016.

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, March 7, 2016.

PRESENT: Alderman David Ackeberg, Alderman Phillip Peterson, Alderman Jim Busser, 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: None.

APPROVAL OF THE 2/16/16 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderperson Cheryl Galor made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2/16/16 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

Alderman Phil Peterson reported the city cashed in two IEPA Loan Repayment CD's in order to pay the IEPA low interest loan for the waste water treatment plant construction loan. CD # 18533 in the amount of \$100,211.87 and CD # 18018 in the amount of \$80,824.94, both were cashed in and deposited into the Enterprise funds checking account at the First State Bank Shannon Polo.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Jim Busser reported a building permit was issued for an electrical upgrade.

Police:

Alderman Troy Boothe reported Shawn Knight has completed the taser conducted electrical weapon instructor certification through the Taser Training Academy. This certifies Sergeant

Knight as a Taser CEW Instructor and he may certify others as users under the guidelines of the Taser Training Academy.

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

Alderman Cheryl Galor reported the park board met and employment applications are out for the pool manager, assistant manager and the lifeguards with the deadline of March 23rd at 5:00pm.

Water & Sewer:

Alderman Randy Schoon reported there will be a committee meeting held on Thursday March 17th at 3:00pm in city hall to discuss the progress of the improvements to the South Congress Avenue lift station, sewer line replacements and sludge drying beds.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Corbitt attended a clerks meeting and the BASSET Training was brought up as to if all our communities have an ordinance to address servers of alcoholic beverages. Attorney Suits will look into the BASSET training. The Bureau County Coroner was the guest speaker informing us of Cocaine problems in their counties and programs to address this.

Police Chief's Report:

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ogle County Engineer Curtis Cook was present reporting on work that Ogle County highway department will be doing on the Milledgeville blacktop. They are replacing pre-cast box culverts and safety shoulders and will need the road to be closed for a couple of months. Mr. Cook explained that detours will be needed from the city limits west to the Ogle/Carroll County line on the Milledgeville Road. Next year with the paving project will be done. Discussion held that with the city project going on this should take drivers off West Oregon Street while the USDA Rural Development city project is going on. Consensus of the council is this will work and we will contact the county as to our targeted project start date. Alderman Schoon stated we should know on the 17th of March approximately when the city project should start.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 16-01, an Amendment to Chapter 80, Section B, Rules and Regulations for Golf Carts and Utility Task Vehicles to Change the Age to 18 Years Old.

Mr. Mark Imfeld was present thanking the alderman for going forward with the UTV's coming into Polo off the Joe Stengel trail; City of Dixon City Council is addressing this tonight. He went on to say various Township's are looking at it and this is moving very smoothly with

falling into place better than expected. Mr. Imfeld reported the sticker's have to be picked up in Dixon, but they are considering a sticker for a three county area and he went on to say this is the first public trail system in the State of Illinois. They are looking at Chana, Mt. Morris and Grand Detour. Polo School Superintendent Chris Rademacher was present stating they will follow the city ordinances and the school will have to do some amendment. Right now the students cannot bring a snowmobile to school unless the school Principle has approved it. Mr. Imfeld went on to say 64 miles to Monroe and as much as 150 to 200 miles are possible. He questioned if the city of Polo sticker is waived for the \$25 fee? Consensus of the Council this evening is to waive the fee. He questioned the time UTV's should be out of town. The trail closes down by 11:00pm and May 1st is when the pilot program will start. Norm Carroll questioned in the past this has been a nature trail. Mr. Imfeld replied that the Stengel trail has not allowed motorized vehicles before until this pilot program was approved. The DNR wants to enforce a new permit shortly from what Mr. Imfeld is hearing.

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of ordinance 16-01.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on the Demolition of the Old 75,000 Gallon Water Tower.

Alderman Boothe asked why we are doing this. Alderman Schoon replied that a person who wanted to sell his house near this tower but could not get a loan due to the insurance liability and also the city's insurance company Risk Management has questioned what our plans are with taking this old structure down, which could end up being an unwanted liability.

Two proposals to take down the city's old 75,000 gallon elevated water tower were received; Iseler Demolition, Inc in the amount of \$19,920.00 and one from Northern Illinois Services Company in the amount of \$43,000 for everything completed, with an alternate quote #1 of deducting \$10,450.00 if the concrete foundation is removed and site restoration work is completed by others and alternate quote #2 deduction of \$6,750.00 if the fire hydrant removal and water main capping work is completed by others. Isler Demolition does not include concrete foundation removal or water main capping.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept Iseler Demolition, Inc proposal to dismantle and remove the 75,000 gallon elevated water tower in the amount of \$19,920.00, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes. The motion carried.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on Designing a City Flag.

Mayor Knapp reported he was approached by Mr. Don Hay a few months ago when he was visiting a city that had a city flag. Mayor Knapp would like to appoint a committee to look into designing a flag then maybe open a design contest with cash or a scholarship offered. He would like to appoint the art teacher from the high school and some people from the historical society. Mayor Knapp reported Don Hay, Ed Olsen, Mike Faivre, Mark Scholl and Jamie Harmon the art teacher from PCHS would be on this flag design committee. Consensus of the city council is to allow this.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Salaries for the City of Polo Employees for FY-2016/17.

Mayor Knapp stated this will be discussed in closed session.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on the Possible Purchase of Property for the City of Polo.

Mayor Knapp stated this will be discussed in closed session.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to go into closed session at 7:35 pm to discuss personnel-Section 2 (c) (1) Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance and purchase or lease of real estate-section 2 (c) (5), seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes. The motion carried.

Mayor Knapp re-opened the regular City Council meeting at 8:23pm after returning from closed session requesting the City Clerk call roll for those present.

Present: Alderman David Ackeberg, Alderman Phillip Peterson, Alderman Jim Busser, 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: None.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to give raises of \$.50 an hour to full time employees and part time employees Sue Waszak, Vern Shetler and Judy Shipman with Tim Rockwood receiving \$1.00 an hour increase effective May 1, 2016, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. 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 yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes. The motion carried.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to adjourn out of regular session at 8:25pm, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC
City Clerk