

**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 MARCH 16, 2015.**

**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 16, 2015.

**PRESENT:** Alderman David Ackeberg, Alderperson Louise Hall, Alderman Jim Busser, 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 3/02/15 MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Alderperson Galor made a motion to accept the minutes of the 3/02/15 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:**

Alderman Ackeberg made a motion to accept the February 2015 treasurer's report as presented to file for audit, seconded by Alderman Schoon. 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; Alderman Ackeberg added a bill in the amount of \$16.29 to Com Ed for the street department, Alderman Schoon added bill's in the amount of \$70.00 to the City of Dixon & in the amount of \$2,175.13 to Constellation for the water and sewer department. Alderperson Hall 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; 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.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Sidewalks:**

None.

**Finance & Ordinances:**

None.

**Police:**

None.

**Sanitation:**

None.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Alderman Busser reported City Clerk Corbitt checked with IML Risk Management to see if they would cover some of the liability of a company the city would hire for the demolition of the old hotel located on East Mason Street and Jefferson Avenue. They will not touch anything that has any Asbestos in it nor a building that the city does not own.

Mayor Knapp signed a proposal agreement with Ironwood Environmental Inc. out of Belvidere Illinois on behalf of the City of Polo for the Asbestos building inspection at 208 E. Mason Street on March 3, 2015. All of the proper state professional licenses through the Illinois Department of Public Health, along with Mr. Jeremy Bonacquisti, V.P. of Ironwood Environmental current Asbestos Inspectors Refreshers Course and certificate of insurance adding the City of Polo as additionally insured were submitted to the City. The proposed inspections costs are not to exceed \$15,000.00.

The inspection was done on March 5, 2015. The samples have been sent to Analytics, an EPA/NVLAP approved lab, for detection of asbestos. Results will take up to five days, then Ironwood Environmental interprets and forwards a report listing all samples found to be positive for asbestos within the property, which the city received on March 13, 2015 along with the report including copies of the lab results, abatement recommendations and budget/proposed abatement costs.

**Parks & Pool:**

Alderman Galor reported there is a Park Board meeting Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

**Water & Sewer:**

Alderman Schoon stated he would like to thank Tim Merrell, Cale Fry, Tim Rockwood and Kendall Kyker on the outstanding job they have done these last two weeks.

**City Clerk's Report:**

None.

**Police Chief's Report:**

None.

## **SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:**

None.

## **COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mike Scholl stated he is waiting for the city's appraisal of the of old city landfill, so he could continue with his intentions to purchase it. In the meantime he asked if he could have permission to place his bee hives on the north side of the property. Discussion was held. Mr. Scholl said he would make sure he had an access way to the property and come back before the council for further consideration.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### A. Consideration & Possible Action on the Asbestos Inspection and Procedures for the of 208 East Mason Street.

The results of Ironwood Environmental did show the presents of asbestos in various locations throughout the hotel, which was expected. Discussion was held. Attorney Tom Suits stated the owner is still denying any interest in the property and the property has been abandon, so City should proceed with having a contractor demolition it. Attorney Suits stated that in general a company that does the inspection does not do the demolition to avoid any conflict of interest. Attorney Tom Suits strongly suggested the City get at least one if not two more quotes for asbestos removal before deciding on who to hire for demolition of the building. The council agreed to have the City Clerk get a least one more quote. In the meantime have Attorney Suits is filing a complaint for a motion to have the building demolished.

## **OTHER BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE CITY:**

Alderman Schoon brought up his concerns about other properties within the city limits and their need of extensive repairs. His concerns were the cost to the city and the city's avenues to recover these expenses. Discussion was held. Attorney Suits explained the procedures for court, it was agreed the current procedures of placing liens on the properties has been successful.

Alderman Ackeberg has been discussing with the street department issues of maintenance to the street sweeper. At this time the street sweeper is having hydrolytic issues which is quite an extensive job to fix. These issues need to be address before this upcoming season. The cost could be anywhere from \$15,000 to \$20,000. The street sweeper overall is in good condition. The street department has put in place a maintenance schedule, which will help prevent and keep further cost down in the future. Discussion was held and it was agreed to address this at the next council meeting to be held on April 6, 2015, so further action can be taken.

Mayor Knapp reported that he had a conversation with Jerry Abbed who is representing Amhad Farrij regarding the grocery store. Mr. Abbed was asking if the city had found out if there was any money available. Mayor Knapp stated he could only tell him about the Polo Economic Development Corporation USDA low interest loans in which they have already provided that information to Mr. Abbed.

Alderman Boothe made a motion to adjourn out of the regular City Council meeting at 7:40pm on March 16, 2015, seconded by Alderman Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susie Corbitt, MMC