

**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, APRIL 4, 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, April 4, 2016.

PRESENT: Alderman David Aceberg Alderman Phillip Peterson, 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 3/21/16 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING:**

Alderperson Cheryl Galor made a motion to accept the minutes of the 3/21/16 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF 3/21/16:

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to accept the closed session minutes of the 3/21/16 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:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Jim Busser reported a building permit was issued for a fence.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

Alderson Cheryl Galor reported the park board meeting will be held Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00pm in city hall.

Water & Sewer:

None.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Corbitt reminded the Council that the sewer rates will increase by \$.50 starting May 1st due to Ordinance 15-12 for the annual \$.50 increase on the sewer for a ten year period due to the USDA Grant and loan for the West Oregon Street, South Congress Avenue, sludge drying bed projects.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action from Mr. Jim Ports & Mr. Kenneth Linton for the City to Vacate East North Street off of North Prairie Avenue.

Alderman Schoon was over at this location two or three times stating since he has been an alderman he has not see this much land given away and that we never had objections in the past. He feels we should not do anything. Alderman Ackeborg stated we have vacated numerous times over the years.

Alderman Busser reported they have maintained this property for years and Mr. Ports would like to build a building on part of this property for his business. Attorney Suits stated the only thing he sees is if development by Nationwide Property Restoration directly east of this land wants to develop it, then it would be impossible to get to their land. Shannon Haenitsch, owner of the property east of this location stated there is an acre and a half of land there he owns and another house on Dixon Street that he owns with the only access to this property off of North Street. He said this would be the only access for Mr. Schmidt's property and there is a potential for possibly two houses on these two plots. Discussion held that Mr. Schmidt would not be able to face a house to the street which is required in the City code of ordinance building codes. Alderman Busser reported Mr. Ports and Mr. Linton have been maintaining the property for years. Mr. Ports stated he has a business which generates revenues and he and Mr. Linton generate taxes on their properties and he feels the possibility of putting in a street would be a waste of money to have the city do so.

Alderman Jim Busser made a motion to give this property to Mr. Jim Ports and Mr. Kenny Linton. No second to the motion was given, the motion died. Discussion held to hold this over for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration on a Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month During the April 2016.

Mayor Knapp read a proclamation for child abuse prevention month for the month of April 2016. April 15th will be the planting of the pinwheels at noon in the park located at the corner of Division and Mason Street.

B. Consideration & Possible Action a Request Polo Town & Country Days Committee for the June 16 – 19, 2016 Polo Town & Country Days Festival.

Kim and Jon Miller were present stating the only change from last year's request is from Mason to King Street on Sunday when they will hold bed races. Consensus of the Polo City Council is to allow this event for the use of city streets and the municipal parking lot east of the Pinecricer Café for the Polo Town & Country Days Festival from June 16 – 19, 2016.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on an Agreement between the City of Polo and Willett Hofmann & Associates for Engineering Design Services for the Water Replacement Project on West Oregon Street.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept and allow Mayor Knapp to sign the Maple Avenue and Oregon Street water main replacement engineering proposal in the amount of \$19,000.00 by Willett, Hofmann & Associates, seconded by Alderman David Aceberg. 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 Aceberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes. The motion carried.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on Proposals from Schmidt Plumbing and Kirby Cable for the Construction of a Raw Sampler Line from the Headwork's Building to the Lab Building at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Alderman Schoon stated we are only paying half of this project and Willett, Hofmann is paying the other half. Water and Sewer Superintendent Mike Mumford reported they have had to pull the pump out weekly since the new treatment plant was opened, taking a great deal of their time. He went on to say getting rid of a mechanical system and going to a gravity system will be so much more efficient and save on man power.

Alderman Dave Aceberg made a motion to accept and allow Mayor Knapp to sign a proposal to Kirby Cable Service for the directional bore at the waste water treatment plant in the amount of \$3,975.00 and to Schmidt Plumbing for connecting the new 3 inch PVC sample line at the WWTP in the amount of \$5,335.00, 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 Aceberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes. The motion carried.

E. Consideration & Possible Action on Hiring of the 2016 Swimming Pool Staff.

Alderman Schoon made a motion to accept the Polo Park Board recommendations of hires for the 2016 swimming pool season, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. Mayor Knapp asked if there is any discussion, with none given. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson no, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to go into closed session at 7:31pm to discuss Purchase or Lease of Real Estate-Section 2 (c) (5), seconded by Alderman Jim Busser.

Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

The City Council adjourned out of the closed session and the regular city council meeting at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC
City Clerk