

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, APRIL 6, 2015.

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 Monday, April 6, 2015.

PRESENT: Alderman David Ackeborg, 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 City Clerk Susie Corbitt.

ABSENT:, None.

APPROVAL OF THE 3/16/15 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the minutes of the 3/16/15 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE 3/3/15 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Alderperson Cheryl Galor made a motion to accept the minutes of the 3/3/15 closed session minutes as presented, seconded by Alderperson Louise Hall . Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

None.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

Alderperson Louise Hall reported that Moring Disposal started yard waste pick up today.

Parks & Pool:

Alderperson Cheryl Galor reported that lifeguard applications can be picked up with the return date at 5pm on April 22, 2015.

Water & Sewer:

None.

City Clerk's Report:

None.

Police Chief's Report:

Alderman Troy Boothe reported that on April 13th he will have information to make a recommendation to the City Council concerning the Police Department and staffing.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on the Asbestos Removal with Possible Quotes and Procedures for the Demolition of 208 East Mason Street.

Attorney Tom Suits reported that the application for demolition has been filed with the Ogle County Courts and he is aware of one of the parties being served. Discussion was held on can we proceed with the asbestos cleaning and do we need to bid for the demolition. Attorney Suits reported there is a provision in the State Statute with either a 2/3 or 3/4 vote of the City Council to by-pass the bids for this type of project. He will check on the vote count required.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on Proclamation 15-01, Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Mayor Doug Knapp read a proclamation supporting the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention month. April 10th at 11:30am the Polo Evening Women's Club will be planting pinwheels in Paul's Park in honor of child abuse prevention month and Mayor Knapp will be reading this proclamation at that event.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 15-01, Authorizing the Operation of Golf Carts and UTV's on Public Streets within the Polo Corporate Limits.

Attorney Suits stated he needs to add to this ordinance that the vehicle must have a wind shield or the driver needs to wear eye protection. He also stated the proposed permit needs to have a horn on it and Attorney Suits will add that also to this ordinance. Mr. Randy Wagner was present with concerns of the operating for only the months of November through April not being allowed and questioned what if it has a snowplow on it. Sergeant Shawn Knight stated it is his understanding that if they are moving snow than it is permissible.

The first reading of Ordinance 15-01 was accepted by the Polo City Council with the proposed corrections needed.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Amendment No. 1 to the August 21, 2014 Agreement for Design Services on the Completion Date for the Digester Covers from Stand Associates.

Mayor Knapp signed an agreement on March 24, 2015 for amendment No. 1 to extend the completion date from May 14, 2015 to July 31, 2015 with Strand Associates for the digester cover project.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to ratify Mayor Doug Knapp's signature on the agreement design services for amendment No. 1 to extend the completion date from May 14, 2015 to July

31, 2015 with Strand Associates for the digester covers, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on Cost Projections from Willett, Hofmann & Associates for Repair of the Jefferson Avenue Sanitary Sewer.

Mayor Knapp reported on the sewer back up issues that have occurred on North Jefferson Avenue, which has three services and has caused numerous backups at Mr. Randy Garman's house. The probable cost estimate to replace the sanitary sewer at this location from the sanitary manhole on East Dixon Street to the end of the sanitary sewer line is estimated at \$80,300.00. Discussion held that if we did not repair this it would have to be jetted out at least every other month. At this time Alderman Dave Ackeberg commended the city guys due to they went up to take care of this immediately.

E. Consideration & Possible Action on the Possible Purchase of a Clarifier Cover for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Alderman Randy Schoon reported the estimated cost for an aluminum dome cover for one (1) of the clarifiers is \$160,000 which includes the construction, contingency and engineering. This is a dome style cover and not flat panels like what the City is putting on the digesters. This project has been placed in the budget for the FY 2015/16. Water/Sewer Superintendent Mike Mumford was present reporting when the employees clean the troth outside the wall they have room to do so and with the cover being placed would not have that room to walk around the wall. Mr. Mumford explained that when you stand in the troth to clean that without a wall you would be unable to walk on it if the dome is constructed on the existing wall. He would like the wall extended up higher. Alderman Schoon is concerned with the additional cement cost stating he thinks we need to have Willett come up and look at this and that it may not make it to this year's budget. Mr. Mumford stated the cement may not need to be done.

F. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 15-02, an Amendment to the Liquor Code in Connection with a Special Event Request for June 27, 2015 to Honor Chesty Puller's 117th Birthday.

Mr. Jeff Grobe and Mr. Joe Wilson were present, Mr. Wilson questioned section I under Licensee, Employees, Agents questioning if this means after the festival. He feels this section needs to specify after the festival, Attorney Suits asked if a half hour would work, but your business will still be open. Attorney Suits replied that this needs to be consistent with the current ordinance, which states a half hour after closing.

Attorney Suits questioned No. F, Sales within Boundaries of Festival Garden; Attorney Suits asked for clarification to the actual area. Mayor Knapp reported on North Franklin Avenue from the alley at the post office to the intersection will be closed off and at that intersection the beer sales will be set up, then on Franklin Avenue south to the alley by the bank the bands will play. There will only be one place for beer sales which Attorney Suits will clarify this for the final reading. The entire festival area will be from Division Street east on Mason to Jefferson Avenue and the above areas designated.

The first reading of Ordinance 15-02 was accepted by the Polo City Council with the proposed additions and clarifications.

G. Consideration & Possible Action on the Possible Purchase of a Simplicity Legacy Mower/Tractor from Dambman Lawnmower Hospital for the Streets, Water and Sewer Department.

Alderman Randy Schoon reported this used mower at Dambman Lawnmower Hospital would be for the new sludge drying beds. He went on to report a skid loader will not work due to it would be too heavy, but a lawn mower like this would. This has mower has only 70 hours, a bucket, and mower all on it. Alderman Schoon stated we could pay for this out of this current fiscal year and then take it off of next year's proposed budget. Attorney Suits questioned the warranty, which Mr. Mumford stated is good until November of this year. This will be also be used to mow, which will take less time to get the mowing done at the sewer plant.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to purchase a Simplicity Legacy Mower/Tractor

from Dambman Lawnmower Hospital in the amount of \$8,298.00 out of the 2014/15 sewer budget, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to adjourn out of the regular City Council meeting at 7:33p.m, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC
City Clerk