

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 18, 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 18, 2016.

PRESENT: 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: Alderman David Aceberg.

APPROVAL OF THE 4/04/16 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to approve the April 4, 2016 minutes of the regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF 4/04/16:

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to accept the closed session minutes of the 4/04/16 meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MARCH 2016 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the March 2016 treasurer's report to file for audit, seconded by Alderman Jim Busser. Ayes 5, 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 with none given. Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to accept the list of bills as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman David Aceberg absent, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

Alderman Schoon reported for Alderman Ackeberg who was absent that Street Superintendent Kendall Kyker and Tim Rockwood attended the IMLRMA safety training for bloodborn pathogens; Hazcom/GHS;PPE; Respiratory; lockout/tagout and fire extinguishers.

Finance & Ordinances:

Alderman Phil Peterson reported \$100,000.00 from the Enterprise Funds was invested into a 12 month CD for the Water & Sewer Department at the First State Bank Shannon.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Jim Busser reported building permits issued for two decks, an addition to a garage and a shed.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

Aldersperson Cheryl Galor reported the park board meeting was held last Wednesday and they are moving along with the pool. Aldersperson Galor thanked Tom Suits for his 37 years of being on the Polo Park Board.

Water & Sewer:

Alderman Schoon reported that Water/Sewer Superintendent Mike Mumford and Cale Fry completed the IMLRMA safety training for bloodborn pathogens; Hazcom/GHS;PPE; Respiratory; lockout/tagout and fire extinguishers.

City Clerk's Report:

None.

Police Chief's Report:

Chief Christen reported that on Saturday, April 30th Drug Take Back Day will be held between the hours of 10am and 2pm. The Polo PD is participating in the event along with local law enforcement agencies and the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department and Project LEAD. The national event aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing prescription and over the counter drugs, while educating the general public about the importance of properly disposing of medicines. Polo has had a drop off location in front of the PD for several years now.

Chief Christen handed out Emergency plan information on his progress with information for the elected officials and employees to take the online courses (2) required with the National Incident Management System.

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 reported he received a couple of phone calls concerning giving away city property for someone to build commercially when the city is looking for property to build storage. He feels that the city should not do anything at all. Mr. Shannon Haenitsch stated if Mr. Ports needs 30 ft; he does not know what Mr. Linton wants, but suggested 20 feet would allow himself to have a driveway leaving 10 feet for Mr. Linton. He went on to say this would at least not land lock him. Attorney Suits stated that it is not necessarily true that Mr. Schmidt could not benefit because if the city could extend the road or do an eminent domain the road could turn north, which would then benefit Mr. Schmidt. Discussion held on Mr. Ports needs 30 feet, Mr. Haenitsch 20 feet and Mr. Linton 10 feet. Mr. Haenitsch stated if Mr. Linton did not want any of it he would be willing to take the entire 30 feet. It was reported there are pins there currently. Alderman Schoon stated again that he is against giving someone property to place a commercial building on. Alderman Busser replied but the City will receive more taxes. It was decided to hold this over to the next meeting on May 2, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on a Request to Install a Street Light in the Cul-de-sac on Sunset Drive.

Mayor Knapp reported he was approached by someone concerning a street light in this area and it is extremely dark due to no street light are in the Sunset cul-de-sac. He stated two or three residents leave their garage lights on all night.

City Clerk Susie Corbitt has been in contact with ComEd construction division to set up an account to start this procedure. It takes ten days for the account to activate and the cost will be under \$100 to install. City Clerk Corbitt will send a letter to the five neighbors as to a preference to the location of the light to be installed by ComEd and stay in contact with ComEd with this request.

B. Consideration & Possible Action Ordinance 16-02, 2016/17 Working Budget.

The Polo City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance 16-02, the 2016/17 working budget as presented.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on the Hiring of Emalie Gunder as a Life Guard for the Polo Pool.

Alderman Jim Busser made a motion to hire Emalie Gunder as a life guard for the 2016 swimming pool season at \$8.75 an hour, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderman Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Aceberg absent. The motion carried.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on the Polo Park Board Recommendation to Increase Various Admissions at the Polo Swimming Pool.

Various increases were presented to the City Council from the Park Board for recommended 2016 pool charges. Consensus of the City Council is to accept these increases which will be formally approved at the May 2, 2106 city council meeting when all the City of Polo service rates are presented. Alderperson Galor reported that everything is rounded up to make changing out much easier for the person at the basket room receiving the various fees.

E. Consideration & Possible Action on Approval of the Polo Park Grounds Procedure Manual.

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to accept the Polo Park Board park grounds procedure manual as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Alderman Jim Busser made a motion to adjourn at 7:34pm, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC