

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 21, 2014.

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 21, 2014.

PRESENT: Alderperson Louise Hall, Alderman Matt MeKeel, 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: Alderman David Aceberg.

APPROVAL OF THE 4/07/14 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderperson Louise Hall made a motion to accept the minutes of the 4/07/14 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE 4/07/14 MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING:

Alderman Matt MeKeel made a motion to accept the minutes of the 4/07/14 closed session meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2014 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:

Alderperson Cheryl Galor made a motion to accept the March 2014 treasurer's report as presented to file for audit, seconded by Alderperson Louise Hall. 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; Alderperson Cheryl Galor added bills to Constellation in the amount of \$144.56 and one to Menards in the amount of \$32.91 all for the parks and pool departments and Alderman Randy Schoon added seven bills to Constellation in the amount of \$2,389.80 and one to USA Bluebook in the amount of \$1,950.42 both for the water and sewer departments. Alderman Schoon also added three bills for the total amount of \$153.58 to Constellation for the street department.

Alderman Matt MeKeel made a motion to accept the list of bills as amended, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman David Aceberg absent, Alderperson Louise Hall yes Alderman Matt MeKeel yes,

Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

On April 17, 2014 the City closed the WWTP/IEPA Loan account by depositing the remainder of the \$2,644.10 in that account into the Water and Sewer Account/Enterprise. This account was opened for the State of Illinois funds we received for the new waste water treatment plant and then expended for approved bills for the engineering and construction costs.

On April 17, 2014 the City of Polo opened a new money market account titled, "Bond and Interest-Water Tower." \$110,000 was deposited into this new account to pay for the new refinancing bonds for the principle and interest payments for the water tower bonds. A check was issued from the Water/Sewer/Enterprise accounts in the amount of \$110,000 to open this account so as to be in compliance with the refinancing of the bonds through Bernardi Securities.

On April 21, 2014 the City of Polo transferred \$10,000 from the TIF Funds into the general checking account for repayment of the inter-department loan that is done annually. This was for the original TIF start up costs.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Troy Boothe reported building permits issued for: two fences, a flag pole and a deck.

Parks & Pool:

Alderperson Cheryl Galor reported the Polo Park Board will be meeting on 4/23/14 at 7pm in city hall.

Water & Sewer:

Alderman Randy Schoon reported that Williams Brothers Construction reimbursed the City of Polo for electrical bills with ComEd at the beginning of construction that involved their company's electrical hook ups for construction, which the city paid. A check was received by the city in the amount of \$3,373.14 and deposited into the Water/Sewer/Enterprise account.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Corbitt attended the Spring Municipal Clerks of Illinois Seminar in Oakbrook and reported on the meeting. Speakers were from Homeland Security, the State Comptroller's office

along with Ancel Glink Diamond Dicianni & Krafthefer Law Firm was there reporting on bills pending and changes that affect the Clerk's office in Springfield along with the Illinois Liquor Commissioner also present. Various pending bills in the Illinois Legislature were reported on.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 14-04, Allowing Bee Nucs From September 1st to March 31st Within the Corporate Limits.

Connie Simonnet asked why we are changing city ordinances for just one person, stating he had his hobby out of town before. Alderman Schoon stated he does not want this to pass and Mr. Scholl has a garage full of hives, which should not be allowed. He went on to say Mr. Scholl does not want to follow the rules. Laurie Church stated he had hives sitting outside and bee nucs in the garage, she is totally against this. She went on to say she wants to be able to sit on her porch in nice weather without bees swarming around. Connie Simonnet asked if he is allowed to have these sitting on his driveway. Alderperson Hall stated he is being a bad neighbor.

City Clerk Corbitt reported that Mike Scholl did stop in city hall on Friday informing her that he would be burning yard waste and honey residue from his nucs on his property across the street from his residence on North Barber Avenue. Alderman Boothe stated he is not against the bees, but it appears Mr. Scholl has not abided by the rules. Alderperson Louise Hall stated he is doing what he wants regardless of the rules and that Mr. Scholl is not honest and he cannot be trusted. Discussion was held at length.

The first reading of ordinance 14-04, allowing bee nucs within the corporate limits from September 1st to March 31st annually was accepted by the City Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on Recommendation from the Polo Park Board for Approval on a Quote from American Fence & Pool for the Repair of the Loomis Field Girls Softball Diamond Right and Left Lines Fence in Millard Deuth Park.

Park Board President Larry Loomis reported that part of the fence in the girl's softball field came from the old sewer plant thirty years ago and at that time the fence was already thirty years old. Mr. Loomis reported on the poor condition of the fence in the right and left field. This quote is good for thirty days, but he will not be presenting this to the Park Board until this week's meeting on Wednesday. The question of warranty was brought up by Attorney Suits that the fine print in this quote states if the American Fence and Pool name tags are removed it will not be covered. Discussion was held that American Fence and Pool will receive a letter from the City informing them that they have to abide with the Prevailing Wage Act and submit certified payroll records to the City Clerk before they will be paid.

Alderperson Cheryl Galor made a motion to accept the quote from American Fence and

Pool in the amount of 6,858.24 for the repair of the right and left lines in the Loomis softball diamond at Millard Death Park, seconded by Alderperson Louise Hall. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Matt MeKeel yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg absent. The motion carried.

At this time Mr. Loomis reported he was contacted by city park maintenance employee Vern Shetler questioning if we could start Judy Shipman next Monday instead of May 5th due to the grass growing and the need of mowing in the city parks. Consensus of the City Council is to start Judy Shipman on April 28th instead of May 5th for the 2014 season.

Mr. Loomis questioned raising the rates at the pool for out of town admissions. He would like guidance from the Council. Mayor Knapp feels that since we raised them last year we should not raise them again this year. Discussion was held that most swimming pools charge out of town residents more for admission, with Alderman Schoon suggesting to raise it .50 cents. The Park Board will be discussing this Wednesday night at their board meeting.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on Resolution 14-03, Approval for Mr. Larry Loomis, Park Board President to Operate City Equipment in Preparation of Interscholastic Baseball and Softball Games Events Held at the City of Polo Municipal Parks.

Alderman Matt MeKeel made a motion to accept Resolution 14-03, approval for Mr. Larry Loomis to operate city equipment in preparation of the Interscholastic baseball and softball programs even though he may be compensated by the Polo School District/or its affiliates, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 5, nays 0.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 14-05, City of Polo 2014/15 Working Budget.

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of Ordinance 14-05, City of Polo 2014/15 working budget as presented.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 14-06, Approval of the Purchase of a 2014 Dodge Ram 1500 4 x 4 Pickup Truck for the Police Department.

The first reading of Ordinance 14-06, approval of the purchase of the 2014 Dodge Ram 1500 4 x 4 pickup truck for the PD was accepted by the City Council.

E. Consideration & Possible Action on Resolution 14-04, the Lease Agreement between the City of Polo and Exchange State Bank of Lanark for the 2014 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 pickup for the Polo Police Department.

This resolution will be presented at the next City Council meeting after the passage of ordinance 14-06, approval of the purchase of the 2014 Dodge Ram for the PD.

F. Consideration & Possible Action on the City of Polo 2013/14 Write Off's for Unpaid City Services.

Alderperson Cheryl Galor made a motion to write off the 2013/14 unpaid city services in the amount of \$1,144.43, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Matt MeKeel yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg absent, Alderperson Louise Hall yes. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Alderman Matt MeKeel made a motion to go into closed session for Personnel-Section 2 (c) (1) employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance at 7:58 pm, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg absent, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Matt MeKeel yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes. The motion carried.

The City Council adjourned out of both the regular City Council meeting while in Closed Session at 8:26p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC
City Clerk