

**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, MAY 2, 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, May 2, 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 4/18/16 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING:**

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to approve the April 18, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Jim Busser reported building permits issued for two decks, two swimming pools, a fence and a room addition.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

None.

Water & Sewer:

Alderman Schoon reported that the old water tower on Savanna Street came down today. Discussion held that T. J. Graden has purchased the section that had POLO painted on it along with part of the red top of the old tower and has an idea to refurbish it but will discuss this with the Park Board and the City concerning placing his end product possibly in the Louise D. Quick Park.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Corbitt reported the new street light in the Sunset cul-de-sac will not be installed, five out of the seven like the location as it is without a light. Mayor Knapp stated there are alternatives for the two who want a light. Mayor Knapp explained he heard from several that they wanted a street light and assumed the rest did also. City Clerk Corbitt contacted ComEd to stop the work order for this project.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

County Clerk/Recorder Lora Cook was present and asked for help with election judges due to a shortage. She was wondering if anyone would be willing to do this in Polo and if there are any questions on budgets and levy please call her.

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 Busser spoke to all three parties involved and he feels they are all in agreement so he proposed to give 30feet to Jim Ports, 20feet to Shannon Haenitsch and 10feet to Kenny Linton. Attorney Suits did report the State Statue states only allows it goes 50/50 not three ways. He feels if they want to negotiate this they can themselves, with no need to involve the city. Alderman Schoon asked do we not have to have more of a tax base and feels we need to think about what we are doing with the possibility of new homes. Alderman Busser stated there is only a one acre lot involved for Mr. Haenitsch. Alderman Busser stated this would help all of these guys for what they want. Attorney Suits stated they need to have something in writing between them stating if the city would vacate this property with them, then they are splitting it three ways and needs to get legal advice on this matter. The Council agreed they would like them to bring this back to them after some sort of agreement is drawn up by an attorney. Jim Ports feels if the city agrees to allow Mr. Haenitsch to put a driveway in that they should not pay for any gravel or the tube. Mr. Ports asked Attorney Suits if the City could take this back in the future. Attorney Suits replied the property could be taken back by eminent domain for public use, but the City would have to pay a fair price for it.

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

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept ordinance 16-02 the 2016/17 working budget as presented, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg absent, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on the Relocation of the Patrick Fegan American Legion Post #83.

The American Legion would like to relocate to 102 East Mason Street, where Second Hand Rose used to be located and is presently owned by Mr. Joe Wilson. Mr. Richard Jacks was present reporting the Patrick Fegan American Legion Post #83 was one of the first to Charter in Illinois on August 23, 1920. The National American Legions does not want to see them fold and lose their Charter in Polo. Mr. Jacks reported from 2013 to the present this organization donated \$16,000.00 to various organizations such as the fire department and the Shining Star Project. If they cannot continue they have to give up their Charter and they want to keep helping people out if they can.

Mr. Joe Wilson was present reporting he spoke to Attorney Tom Suits concerning this due to the liquor licenses and any special rulings on American Legions. He is a member and Officer of the Patrick Fegan American Legion Post #83 and stated they want to rent the old Second Hand Rose and hold some fundraisers and make profits so as to continue to donate a portion to our community. He asked Attorney Suits how many Bingo, Vegas nights and Chase the Queen type events they can legally hold. Attorney Suits responded that the Legion does qualify for some gaming types that fall within the preview. Mr. Wilson explained there will be no liquor license or video gaming machines, but a doorway between the two that will only be open Thursday, Friday and possibly Saturday. Mr. Wilson has a package license for Chesty P's Pub and the video gaming machines are under his liquor license. Discussion held on a draft beer and if it would qualify to be taken next door to the American Legion with Attorney Suits stating he will check into this. According to the State of Illinois Mr. Wilson reported over the door he has to place a sign that states the American Legion or some sort of a club signage. Mr. Wilson reported he has also checked with the Illinois Gaming Association concerning this and falls within their rulings. This will be the Good Fellows Club as it has been in the past and you have to be a member to enter their building.

Attorney Suits stated under the general terms this may not be a problem except for the serving of drinks not in original containers. He feels there are a few strings there, but he will check into this for them. No action was needed for this matter by the Polo City Council.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 16-03, an Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement for the Lease of the 2016 Dodge Charger and Levying Taxes.

The Polo City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance 16-03, Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement for the Lease of the 2016 Dodge Charger and Levying Taxes.

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

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

D. Presentation of Mayor Knapp (Liquor Commissioner) 2016/17 Liquor Licenses.

Mayor Knapp presented the 2016/17 liquor license approved until April 30, 2017.

E. Consideration & Possible Action on Mayor Knapp's 2016/17 Appointments.

Alderman Jim Busser made a motion to accept Mayor's Knapp's 2016/17 appointments as presented, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

At this time Mayor Douglas E. Knapp presented a proclamation to Attorney Tom Suits for his 37 years of service. Mr. Suits reported on the honor of being on the Park Board, but he felt it is time for the younger generation to take over and feels picking Kyle Carlock as a successor is an excellent decision. He also stated that Polo has some of the finest parks in Illinois.

F. Consideration & Possible Action on the 2015/16 City of Polo Write Offs.

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to accept the 2015/16 write offs in the amount of \$882.60, seconded by Aldersperson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Aldersperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Aceberg absent, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes. The motion carried.

G. Consideration & Possible Action on the 2016/17 City of Polo Service Rates.

City Clerk Susie Corbitt reported the changes in the rates were a \$.20 increase for residential garbage, \$.50 increase in the base sewer rates, but this shows a \$1.00 increase because the service rates was raised \$.50 in the fall but not changed on this list and also various increases accepted at the last City Council meeting from the Polo Park Board's recommendations for the pool.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the 2016/17 Polo service rates as presented, seconded by Alderman Jim Busser. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Aceberg absent, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Aldersperson Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

H. Consideration & Possible Action on a Fundraiser for Scotty Powell on 7/16/16 for a Street Closure.

Jeff Grobe asked for the street closure from Division to Franklin on West Mason Street for a fundraiser to benefit Scotty Powell. Mayor Knapp reported this was on the agenda and then he had it taken off, but decided everyone should consider this request. There is a conflict with the date due to the Polo Area Community Theatre will be holding their outside play in the Louise D.

Quick Park during this date. Mayor Knapp wondered if we could close the street and ask the bands to play in between the performances. Discussion was held that when you are in this small park watching an outside performance as to how difficult it is to hear the actors and people would be walking around out on the streets adding more noise. Jeff Grobe has decided to close off the private drive (alley) behind Jeff's Refs and said they could not change the date. Mayor Knapp responded it will still be difficult with a band playing and asked Alderman Busser to have a conversation with Mr. Grobe about working something out.

City Clerk Corbitt reported there was some confusion with the PACT theatre group and they have asked for a consensus of the Polo City Council for the closure from the North Franklin Street intersection to the ally north on Franklin for their outdoor performance on July 15, 16, 17, 2016. They do not plan on having another outdoor play for possibly five years to celebrate 15 years of PACT being formed. Mayor Knapp asked the City Council for consensus of this request for PACT, with all agreeing.

I. Consideration & Possible Action on the Possible Purchase of Property.

Mayor Knapp stated we will be going into closed session to discuss this.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Knapp reported on the city flag design contest that is in the works opened to Polo graduates and anyone in the Polo School District to design a flag by a May 27th with the committee selecting the winner. The Flag Committee would like the City to give \$500 to the design winner for this contest. Consensus is to take this cost out of the Administration budget, with Alderman Phil Peterson approving this expenditure.

Mr. Richard Jacks invited everyone to the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, 2016. Assemble at 9am east of the Pinecricker Café, with the parade starting at 9:30am. Joe Wilson suggested they (Veterans) should be the ones seated up on the hill not the elected official. Commander Ford stated they fire over the un-named soldier that day and thought it was an excellent idea to change who sits on the hill at the cemetery that day. The Polo City Council thought this was an excellent idea.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to adjourn at 7:56pm into closed session to discuss Purchase or Lease of Real Estate-Section 2 (c) (5), seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman David Ackeborg absent, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes. The motion carried.

The Polo City Council adjourned out of the regular session while in closed session at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC