

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, MAY 5, 2014.

INVOCATION:

Reverend Derick Rogers 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 5, 2014.

PRESENT: Alderman David Aceberg, 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: None.

APPROVAL OF THE 4/21/14 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderperson Cheryl Galor made a motion to accept the minutes of the 4/21/14 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Matt MeKeel. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE 4/21/14 MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING:

Alderman Matt MeKeel made a motion to accept the minutes of the 4/21/14 closed session meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

Alderperson Louise Hall reported On May 5, 2014 the City received a check from the State of Illinois in the amount of \$10,757.00 for the Local Roads and Streets Illinois Jobs Now program for the State MFT funds, which was deposited into the MFT Money Market.

Also reported:

The Comprehensive Plan Update Committee will meet on Thursday, May 15, 2014 in city hall at 6:00pm in city hall.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Troy Boothe reported building permits issued for: an electrical/remodel, demolition of a house and a permit for a new house.

Also reported is the Code Review Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 13th at 5pm in city hall.

Parks & Pool:

Alderman Cheryl Galor reported the Polo Park Board met on 4/23/14: Vern Shetler is mowing, Judy Shipman started on 4/28/14, Mr. Shetler is working on bleachers that were donated from the schools and the new filter room building is coming along. She reported May 21st at 7:00pm in city hall is the next meet Park Board meeting.

Mayor Knapp stated he had reported that Richard Busse was doing the electrical work at the wet pit filter room, but it is Don Knight. Mark Ebert is done, Mr. Knight will start, supplies have arrived and then Greg Saunders will start. The small old filter room will be done with the same siding and when the bath house is done it will be the same color plan.

Water & Sewer:

Alderman Randy Schoon reported the water department will be flushing water mains on Tuesday, May 13th and Wednesday, May 14th. This may create rusty water and low water pressure throughout the town. If the water is rusty just run your water for a few minutes until it clears out.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Corbitt reported on May 1st the city paid the last principle and interest payments to the First State Bank Shannon Polo. Bernardi Securities worked with the City Clerk to make this transaction as smooth as possible which is resulting with over \$40,500 savings due to the City going through the refinancing of the bonds for the new water tower project payments.

City Clerk Corbitt reported as of June 30th Humana will no longer offer life insurance coverage, in which the city has \$25,000 life insurance coverage on all full time employees. She has contacted Stephen Lafferty, our insurance broker and will keep everyone updated on this.

TIF deadline for general ledger reports have been pushed up due to the new State of Illinois auditing deadlines for TIF audits. If our general ledger reports are not submitted by May 30, 2014 and if the audit report for FY 2013/14 are not filed with Jacob & Kline, Ltd by October 27, 2014 then they will not be filing our reports with the State Comptroller. The State Comptroller will be assessing fines for delinquent reports on a daily basis, starting at \$5 per day and escalating thereafter.

A reminder for all the aldermen to complete the Planning for Polo survey that will be used for the comprehensive plan update was given with a deadline of May 12th.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Eddie and Gary Knipple who live on West Elkhorn Street were present, she questioned when garbage is flying there are city rules to abide by. She has had issues with a neighbor on the corner letting garbage fly all over. Chief Christen stopped at the house today; Eddie questioned where she took the garbage. She hopes that someone will take care of this. Chief Christen stated it will be taken care of. Mr. Moring was at the home in question last week and spoke with the homeowner as to not being in compliance with both her garbage and recycling.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Mark Scholl read a letter from his father Mike Scholl. The nucs he cares for did not survive, but the boxes were still on his property. He does not understand why the boxes he moved from his house in mid April when they were empty cannot be stored in the garage he owns across the street. He contacted City Hall to burn yard waste and residue and got approval. After he started burning the organic agriculture matter the police notified him that it was in violation. At the April 21st city council meeting the city council claimed he was raising bees, yet no city official had examined the garage before making that statement. An alderman did come and look at the garage, with no bees found. Mr. Scholl stated comments from some city officials were made against his integrity and character based on their speculations. He was extremely humiliated by these statements. Mr. Scholl feels he deserves an apology after the printing of this newspaper article.

Alderman Boothe stated the way it is written now it says nucs, which he researched meaning either a small amount of bees or the box. He does not see a problem with storing the boxes empty on private property. Attorney Suits checked the definition reporting it is a short derivative of a small colony of bees; the boxes are not part of the nucs. Alderman Schoon stated that Mr. Scholl brought the box into city hall last year and explained these were nucs. Attorney Suits stated he can place a clarification for the definition in this ordinance.

Mark Ellis was present and feels strongly that Mr. Scholl should be allowed to have the nucs unless he has bees in the nucs. Alderperson Galor stated the neighbors have said at one time there were bees swarming in the windows inside the garage. Alderperson Hall stated several years ago there were bees flying around the yard and flowers. Mr. Ellis reported there were 57 deaths last year due to bees, which is not an enormous amount. Laurie Church again, stated she is against this.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to accept Ordinance 14-04, allowing bee nucs from September 1st to March 31st within the corporate limits with an amendment definition for clarification of what a nuc is, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderperson Cheryl Galor no, Alderman Randy Schoon no, Alderman David yes, Alderperson Louise Hall no, Alderman Matt McKeel yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes. This resulted in a tie vote with Mayor Knapp vote as no. The motion died.

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

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to accept Ordinance 14-05, City of Polo 2014/15 working budget as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Matt MeKeel yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

C. 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.

Alderman Matt MeKeel made a motion to accept Ordinance 14-06, approval of the purchase of the 2014 Dodge Ram 1500 4 x 4 pickup truck for the PD as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Matt MeKeel yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor no, Alderman Randy Schoon yes. The motion carried.

D. 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.

Alderman Matt MeKeel made a motion to accept Resolution 14-04, the lease agreement between the City of Polo and Exchange State Bank of Lanark for the 2014 Dodge Ram 1500 4 x 4 pickup for the police department in the amount of \$19,582.00, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. 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 no, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on Mayor Knapp's 2014/15 City of Polo Appointments.

Mayor Knapp stated the only changes are Sidney Frano as secretary and Ben Katner as new appointments on the Park Board. Ben Katner was a guidance counselor and camp advisor along with being a past Park Ranger.

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to accept Mayor Knapp's 2014/15 City of Polo appointments as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried.

B. Presentation of the 2014 City of Polo Liquor Licenses Issued by Liquor Commissioner, Mayor Doug Knapp.

Mayor Knapp reported the 2014 City of Polo Liquor Licenses were issued and delivered to the proper establishments on April 30th, which are good from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Hiring of Life Guards for the 2014 Swimming Pool Season.

Alderperson Cheryl Galor made a motion to hire; Brian Cavanaugh, Kevin Cheeseman, Kelli Gorski, Ivan Grogan, Casandra Kurschner, Morgan Lawler, Madison Merdian, Kristin Powell, Allison Reeder, Lana Scholl, Kelsey Taylor, Rebecca Wakenight, Taylor Woodin and Tristin Woodin for the 2014 swimming pool season at the Polo Public Pool, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. 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 yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes. The motion carried.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on a Revised Quote from American Fence & Pool for the Repair of the Fence at the Loomis Field Girls Softball Diamond Right & Left Lines.

Park Board President Larry Loomis was present reporting a \$1,000 discount from American Fence and Pool was give before at the previous meeting for the repair of the girls softball diamond fence, but to meet the prevailing Wages requirement of the city it will be an additional \$1,000 cost.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept a revised quote from American Fence & Pool in the amount of \$7,858.24 for the repair of the fence at the Loomis Field girl's softball diamond right and left lines, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. 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 Ackeberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Matt MeKeel yes. The motion carried.

E. Consideration & Possible Action on a Recommendation from the Polo Park Board for an Increase in the Polo Swimming Pool Life Guards Hourly Pay Rates from \$8.25 to \$8.50 an Hour.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to accept the Polo Park Board recommendation to increase the life guards pay from \$8.25 to \$8.50 an hour, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe.

Alderperson Louise Hall stated that there have been problems with certain duties being done over there and she feels that we should not have teens making more than minimum wages. Discussion was held that most of the kids worked around 150 hours, which would be approximately a \$500 to \$700 increase for the year. Mr. Ted Boddiger was present stating he feels this is an awesome responsibility that these kids hold, that they may save a life someday, and he feels they deserve every penny they get. Mr. Kurt Cavanaugh was present stating right out of the box the life guards have to pay \$100 to become certified, then \$50 each year to keep their license up, which the city does not pay for and feels there is a great responsibility with being a life guard.

Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall no, Alderman Matt MeKeel yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes. The motion carried.

F. Consideration & Possible Action to Raise Admission Prices at the Polo Swimming Pool for Out of the Polo Community Unit School District #222 by \$.50 for: Children to \$2.00, High School Students to \$2.50 and Adults to \$3.00.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to raise admission prices at the Polo swimming pool for out of the Polo Community Unit School District #222 by \$.50 for Children to \$2.00, high school students to \$2.50 and adults to \$3.00, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Matt MeKeel yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

G. Consideration & Possible Action on the City of Polo 2014/15 Service Rates.

City Clerk Corbitt reported we will have to amend this again after a decision is made on the proposal for rate increases for possible building permits and then after the ordinance for garbage rates is amended.

Alderman Matt MeKeel made a motion to accept the City of Polo 2014/15 Service rates as

presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried.

H. Consideration & Possible Action on Moring Disposal's Proposal for a 1.5 % Rate Increase for both Residential and Commercial Garbage Services.

Mayor Knapp reported that Morning Disposal initially wanted to increase their service rates by 5% due to the 2014 CPI rate increase, which was only 1.5%. After several committee meetings Moring Disposal has agreed to a 1.5% increase this year for garbage services.

Consensus of the city council is to raise the rates by 1.5% and allow Attorney Suits to draft an ordinance for a first reading to be presented at the next meeting.

I. Consideration & Possible Action on the Recent Purchase of Arshem Data Service by Hometown Tech Solutions for the City of Polo Software Books.

Arshem Data Service, which is the provider of the city software programming, has been purchased by Hometown Tech Solutions out of Stockton, Illinois. City Clerk Corbitt reported there will be a meeting held in Oregon on May 15th with Hometown Tech Solutions which she will be attending and asking about some concerns she has for increased costs with Hometown Tech Solutions. Originally the city thought we were going to have to purchase complete upgraded software for the general ledger, water & sewer and payroll for approximately \$20,000.00.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion held on the property with the exposed open back of the house located at 501 East Buffalo Street, with the responsible realtor reporting they have selected a company to demolish the building, but are waiting on Nicor Gas to cap the service and remove the meter.

Discussion was held on the building just east of Dad's Bar & Grill and where the city is with demolition of that building. Last week Attorney Suits asked for an update from the attorney representing the owner of the building. The Asbestos inspector went in and took samples for the owner of the building. We have to wait for the sample results to come back before anymore can be done.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to adjourn out of the regular City Council meeting at 7:56p.m., seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC
City Clerk