

**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 18, 2015.**

**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 18, 2015.

**PRESENT:** Alderman David Aceberg, Alderman Phillip Peterson, 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 5/04/15 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Alderman Dave Aceberg made a motion to accept the minutes of the 5/04/15 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:**

Alderman Dave Aceberg made a motion to accept the April 2015 treasurer's report as presented to file for audit, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 6, 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; Alderman Randy Schoon added a bill in the amount of \$619.75 to Sauk Valley Media and one to USA Bluebook in the amount of \$75.55 both for the water department.

Alderperson Cheryl Galor made a motion to accept the list of bills as amended, seconded by Alderman Dave Aceberg. 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 Aceberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Sidewalks:**

None.

### **Finance & Ordinances:**

Alderman Phillip Peterson reported on 5/18/15 the City cashed in Sewer Equipment Replacement CD 18196 in the amount of \$126,043.06, which was deposited into the Enterprise (Sewer) checking account for cash flow to pay Leander Construction for the digester covers. The annual TIF meeting will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in City Hall. The City Council and public are welcome to attend.

### **Buildings and Grounds:**

Alderman Jim Busser reported the city issued building permits for a fence, swimming pool and an addition to an existing shed.

### **Police:**

The PD meeting met and addressed TJ Graden concerns as to selling golf carts at his car lot. The Illinois Secretary of State does not recognize golf carts because they cannot be licensed according to Federal standards. Golf carts do not have an Illinois title with a VIN number and only have a serial number so dealer plates would not make any difference. Mr. Graden has dealership liability insurance and an umbrella policy so any test driving would be covered under his liability insurance to anyone who has a valid Illinois drivers license as long as the golf cart is being operated within the rules that the City of Polo has put into ordinance. This was verified by Auto Owners Insurance through Scholl Insurance who carries Mr. Graden insurance. As long as the City of Polo has a copy of his insurance and umbrella policy he would like to purchase one permit that could be carried while the test drive is being completed, then the City of Polo would have a copy of the certificate of insurance on file, which is good January 1 to December 31 each year. Chief Christen stated he is ok with this. Attorney Suits stated he should probably need to amend the ordinance, especially if they were driving outside the scope. He suggested a different colored sticker or put an x through the sticker. T.J. Graden has said no one will test drive without himself riding along. Chief Christen stated this is not a high volume item and that he is not too concerned about this. Consensus of the City Council is to go with Mr. Graden request without needing to amend the ordinance, and then mark an x through Haldane Custom Paint and Body's sticker.

### **Sanitation:**

None.

### **Parks & Pool:**

Alderman Galor reported the Park Board hopes to open the swimming pool on June 5th. The Park Board also accepted Mr. Larry Bittinger resignation from the Park Board Committee.

### **Water & Sewer:**

Alderman Randy Schoon reported the digester covers at the WWTP have been installed. The Jefferson Avenue project is very close to being done with only some asphalt work that needs to be done there.

### **City Clerk's Report:**

A reminder was given for the Memorial Day parade on May 25th starting at 9:30am up by the Pinecreeper Café. We also need to start looking for trucks or cars for the Polo Town & Country

Days Parade on June 21st. After discussion the Council decided we will all walk. Also reported is the auditors are here all of next week.

**Police Chief's Report:**

None.

**SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Consideration & Possible Action on the Consideration & Possible Action on Quotes for the Sale for the City Property with 2.59 Acre-Old Landfill West of Town.**

Two quotes were received for the purchase of the old landfill west of town. Mr. Marvin Bushman submitted a quote in the amount of \$900.00 for the land purchase and \$300.00 for the cost of the appraisal. Mr. Mike Scholl submitted a quote in the amount of \$950.00 for the purchase of the land and \$300.00 for the appraisal cost.

Attorney Suits will draft an ordinance for a first and second reading to approve the sale of city property. He went on to report a Corporate Deed will be done, but if Mr. Scholl wants a Title Deed he can obtain that from a title company. The final reading of this ordinance will be June 15, 2015.

**B. Consideration & Possible Action on Mayor Knapp's 2015/16 Park Board Committee Appointments.**

Mayor Knapp reported that the Polo Park Board recommendation is Mr. Mark Scholl for the Park Board Committee vacancy. Mayor Knapp presented his appointments with the addition of Mr. Mark Scholl on the Park Board Committee.

Alderperson Cheryl Galor made a motion to accept Mayor Knapp's appointment of Mr. Mark Scholl to the Polo Park Board Committee, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**C. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 15-07 Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement.**

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of Ordinance 15-07; the Illinois Public works Mutual Aid Agreement.

**D. Consideration & Possible Action on Possible Amendments to Ordinance 15-01, to add the Requirement of a Sticker to be placed on Qualified Golf Carts and UTV's While in Operation on City Streets.**

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of the amendment to Ordinance 15-01 to require stickers on qualified golf carts and UTV's while in operation on city streets.

E. Consideration & Possible Action on Hiring of the 2015Swimming Pool Additional Staff.

Alderson Cheryl Galor reported that Kayla Bergstrom completed her CPR/Life Savings and today is completing the Life Guard Management certification on line.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to hire Kayla Bergstrom as the Polo swimming pool manager at \$14.00 an hour, Alan McFalls as the assistant pool manager at \$12.00 an hour and Michael Fulton as an additional life guard at \$8.75 an hour, seconded by Alderson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Aceberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes. The motion carried.

F. Consideration & Possible Action on an Independent Review of the Polo Police Department.

Alderman Troy Boothe stated there have been some high speed chases and a couple of shootings just recently, waiting for input from the Council.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

Alderman Dave Aceberg made a motion to go into closed session to discuss Personnel-Section 2 (C) (1) Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance and also Purchase or Lease of Real Estate-Section 2 (c) (5) at 7:25pm, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Aceberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes. The motion carried.

The City Council adjourned out of both closed and regular session at 8:23pm on May 18, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susie Corbitt, MMC