

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, JUNE 3, 2019.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Knapp gave the 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 June 3, 2019.

PRESENT: Alderman Justin Grobe, Alderman Jim Busser, Alderman Keith Chesnut, Alderman DJ Sanders, Alderman Troy Boothe, and Alderman Randy Schoon. Also, present was Mayor Doug Knapp, Attorney Tom Suits and City Clerk Sydney Bartelt.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 5/20/2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Schoon made a motion to approve the May 20, 2019 minutes of the regular city council meeting, seconded by Alderman Sanders. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a letter from IEPA stating that the letter they received from the City of Polo outlining our course of action brings the City of Polo into compliance with the deficiency noted in the Evaluation Report. City Clerk Bartelt also received an email from Aqua Backflow on Tuesday that the postcards were sent to their mailing firm to be sent out shortly.

Mayor Knapp received a letter from Mike Davis about going out for quotes for our City insurance. City Clerk Bartelt received a letter from IMLRMA stating that they are not increasing their rates for the upcoming renewal year. Our rate will increase a little bit because we had to increase our bonding for the DCEO grant we will receive next year. If we wanted to seek a quote from another insurance provider, written notice of our intent would need to be received by September 3, 2019. It was the consensus of the City Council to not go out for quotes this year since they did last year. They would like to go out for insurance quotes every 3 years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

A building permits were issued for a fence and solar panels. There will be a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing on Monday June 10th at 7:00pm & 7:15 pm. One request is for a 6-foot fence on the property line and the other is for the Zoning Board to consider an ordinance change regarding accessory buildings.

Police:

Alderman Chesnut said thank you for Jon Mandrell's great start as Police Chief.

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

None.

Water & Sewer:

None.

City Clerk's Report:

None.

Police Chief's Report:

It has been a great last couple of weeks. The police department sent out 38 letters for inoperable cars. Chief Mandrell and Mayor made a couple of visits to residents in town. Chief Mandrell has applied for a grant to get security cameras for the squad cars. He has also started an educational Facebook page for the police department.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Dan Massey is having a problem with residents parking in front of his business. He is requesting 2-hour parking in front of his business. It was suggested to possibly do 30-minute parking limit. Attorney Suits will create an ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on Antennas on top of the City of Polo Water Tower.

City Clerk Bartelt stated that Rise Broadband usually does not put in a non-compete clause. The previous company that they acquired must have put that in the contract. They would be happy to renegotiate the terms of the contract to allow a competitor on top of the water tower if they are not on the same frequency. If this is something the City Council is interested in, City Clerk Bartelt will contact Rise Broadband to have the renegotiate the contract for the City of Polo to review. Doug from DC computers stated that he would like to expand to the City of Polo and towards Milledgeville. The consensus of the City Council is to renegotiate the terms of the lease to allow competitors and to make the lease 36 months vs. 60 months. Doug from DC computers suggested to have Rise Broadband put in the frequencies that they operate at in the lease to assist a potential competitor.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 19-05, an Amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinances to Chapter 50.16, Sanitation Fees. (first reading)

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of ordinance 19-05, an amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinances to chapter 50.16, sanitation fees, as presented.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on Amendments to the Polo Employee Handbook. (first reading)

Alderman Sanders suggested to remove the wording for 3 fire calls per month for volunteer firemen. Alderman Sanders feels that there are plenty of volunteers in town that the City does not need to provide their workers. He feels that tracking their fire calls each month will be cumbersome. He also suggested to remove the wording on unpaid leave for nursing mothers. He feels that this should be paid.

The Polo City Council accepted the amendments to the Polo employee handbook, as presented.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Hiring a Part-Time Police Officer.

Chief Mandrell reported that Samuel Gendusa is an Ogle County Sherriff and a fine young man.

Alderman Grobe made a motion to hire Mr. Gendusa as a part time police officer at \$20 an hour, seconded by Alderman Chesnut. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Grobe yes, Alderman Busser yes, Alderman Chesnut yes, Alderman Sanders yes, Alderman Boothe yes, and Alderman Schoon yes. The motion carried.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on the purchase of security cameras for the police department.

This will be tabled until the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There is a court date for July 3rd, 2019 for Mr. Richard Jeter regarding his non-compliance with his residence.

Alderman Grobe made a motion to adjourn from the regular City Council meeting at 8:14 pm, seconded by Alderman Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sydney Bartelt
City Clerk

ATTEST: _____

MAYOR: _____

CITY CLERK: _____

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