

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 6, 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 7:02p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2016.

PRESENT: Alderman Phillip Peterson, Alderman Jim Busser, 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 and Alderman Troy Boothe.

APPROVAL OF THE 5/16/16 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderperson Cheryl Galor made a motion to approve the May 16, 2016 minutes of the regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Jim Busser. Ayes 4, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Knapp reported he spoke with State Park Ranger Elmer Stauffer about how people felt concerning the pride of Polo and was informed the White Pines State Park was originally partly paid for by some Polo citizens. That time they planned to plant white pine trees along the corridor from Polo to the park. The logo of gateway to the pines is very appropriate, but he said do not leave out the surrounding communities who also assisted with the opening of the park. According to Mr. Stauffer any donations to the White Pines State park will be used for maintenance due to the State of Illinois pulling back on revenues, but currently has \$7,500.00 donated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Jim Busser reported building permits issued for a deck, cement slap, swimming pool & electrical and a house demolition.

Police:

Alderman Jim Busser reported that Chief Dennis Christen and Sergeant Shawn Knight completed the NARCAN “Train the Trainer” class put on by the Freeport Hospital through the State of Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

Alderman Cheryl Galor reported the swimming pool has been open for 9 days. 115 pool passes and 14 pool parties have been booked. Pool looks great and she thanked city employees Kendall Kyker and Tim Rockwood for all their help. Mayor Knapp also thanked city employees Mike Mumford and Cale Fry for getting benches out to Haldane Custom Paint & Body who painted all the benches at the swimming pool.

Water & Sewer:

None.

City Clerk’s Report:

City Clerk Corbitt gave a reminder for the Polo Town & Country Days parade on June 19, starting at 12:30am in front of the nursing home. All ordinances this evening are first readings.

Police Chief’s Report:

Sergeant Shawn Knight reported the new squad car arrived.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on the Location of the Sludge Drying Beds at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. (USDA Rural Development Project)

Engineer Matt Hansen was present explaining three different contracts; #1 sanitary sewer replacement, #2 sanitary sewer lining, #3 WWTP sludge drying beds and South Congress lift station rehabilitation. Two biggest differences is the size of the building and for the ramp going down into the drying beds that adds additional cost. Those increases in costs are \$37,000 for putting the sludge beds at the new plant site and \$20,000 at old plant. The difference in the costs at the old plant to the new plant for the beds is \$16,350.00. The site option with the original was to put sludge beds at the old plant. Water & Sewer Superintendent Mike Mumford had the ability to wet haul but if wanted to dry they could use the old beds for drying so all the piping is at that location. Mr. Mumford stated the current beds do not function correctly and one thing at this site is they need power at this location, and water would have to be brought to the site to do

the mixing. They looked at the layout and then looked at the new plant. Everything at a WWTP needs to be secure, so this would have to go on the outside of the new plants to make this secure with a fence installed.

Mr. Hansen stated the only question from the operational standpoint is which location do we need this at and is there any vision at the new site for long term. The excess flow pump station handles the excess flow for high flows and then goes to the lagoons. These two will be the only two items that will always remain there at the old plant. The large dome building or trickling filter system and the old digester brick building hopefully will be demolished at some point. Engineer Hansen explained the IEPA made us keep these systems on the property in order to build the new WWTP, but more than likely when we proceed with the new dry storing beds the city would be able to get rid of those two tanks. He went on stating the City Council needs to look at costs and their vision of what to use the property for in the future saying the city bought 23 acres but are currently only using eight or nine acres.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Mumford reported with putting the beds on the new facility property it gives them a better location to place them for better natural sun light and every part of the beds will be hit all day making for a better drying situation. The existing beds at the old location face to the east, but a portion does not ever see any sun, so the drying is not sufficient.

Alderman Schoon stated before we go any farther he and Alderman Dave Ackeberg need to meet with Mr. Mumford and that we need to stop anymore discussion now. Alderman Schoon stated we are already using the contingency money up. Mr. Mumford stated he would like the Council to give him the time to finish his job and present the figures to you. Alderman Schoon stated this is more work for the water and sewer employees with drying if these drying beds are installed. Alderman Schoon stated he wants to go behind closed doors before we proceed and we are way out of wack. Mayor Knapp stated we will not be the ones to reap the profits, but it is going to be the ones who live in Polo in the future. Alderman Schoon stated we were never told how much we would be producing in sludge and is concerned with this. Mr. Hansen replied the sludge generation does make a lot more sludge than a regular plant did. In the original design the preference was to do the sludge drying beds. When we went to the IEPA they shut us down and they would not give us credit so it triples the size of our plant and we decided to go with the liquid storage which made us haul it out. We had estimated if we had to contract a hauler the hauling cost was \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 for the hauling.

Mike Mumford stated Alderman Schoon is right, hauling sludge by liquid hauling is easier, but 95% is water and 5% is sludge, which is a waste of water and you are paying to haul that high percentage of water. In the long run it is more cost effective to dry sludge. Alderman Busser recommended that Alderman Schoon and Alderman Ackeberg should meet and come back to the council with their recommendation.

Mr. Hansen reported the other two contracts are ready, but this one for the sludge bed has to be decided before the bids will be ready. Alderman Schoon stated he does not feel the location is a big deal and if we told Mr. Hansen to place them on the new site hopefully this will be helpful so he can proceed with his part. Mr. Hansen reported \$1,680,000.00, plus the grant of \$297,000.00 was set by Rural Development and they want you to spend this amount, first you spend the loan money and then the grant money is spent last. If you do not spend \$297,000.00 of the grant money it goes back to them. We will get a 2.5% interest loan, but if the interest is lower we may get that.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on a City of Polo Dog Park.

Alderson Cheryl Galor reported they are looking at a location. Mayor Knapp requested this be placed on the next agenda.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Street Route for the Polo Fire Department 3 Mile Run on 6/17/16.

The race will start in front of the fire station with a map of the route provided and then ending at the festival tent. Registration starts at 5:00pm with the race starting at 6:00pm.

Consensus of the Polo City Council is to allow this request for a 3 mile run on June 17, 2016.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 16-04 an Amendment to Chapter 112, Section 112.16 Limitation of Number of Liquor Licenses.

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of Ordinance 16-04, an Amendment to Chapter 112, section 112.16 to add a Class C License.

E. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 16-05, Fundraiser for Scotty Powell on 7/16/16.

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of ordinance 16-05, amending the Polo liquor code in connection with a fund raiser for Scott J. Powell as presented.

F. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 16-06, 2016/17 Prevailing Wage.

City Clerk Corbitt reported the State of Illinois no longer changes the monthly prevailing wages, but does so once a year now.

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of ordinance 16-06, 2016/17 prevailing wage as presented.

G. Consideration & Possible Action on the Condition of the City of Polo Welcome Sign at the N/E Corner of Wilson Road and South Division Avenue.

Mayor Knapp spoke with Dale Gardner since the city welcome sign is located at the north east corner of Wilson Road and South Division on his property. Mr. Gardner is fine with the city repairing this sign and continuing having it at this location. Mayor Knapp reported a \$2,460.00 quote from Mr. Bob Mitchell would take care of the old bricks; we would haul bricks out and also supply the water.

Alderman Phil Peterson made a motion to accept Bob Mitchell's quote of \$2,460.00 to repair the brick foundation of the city of Polo welcome sign located at the N/E corner of Wilson Road and South Division Avenue, seconded by Alderson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeborg absent, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe absent, Alderson Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

H. Consideration & Possible Action on an IEPA Non Compliance Advisory for the Community Water Supply.

Water and Sewer Superintendent Mumford reported this letter came after a field inspection was done by an IEPA engineer. This was conducted as an evaluation to determine if the

community water supply meets the requirements of the Illinois Pollution Control Board's public water supply rules, regulations and related standards. A written response to correct the deficiencies has to be received by the IEPA within 45 days. This was a noncompliance advisory, not a violation.

Water and Sewer Superintendent Mike Mumford reported we have to start complying with a cross connection program with the EPA and a survey has to be sent out to every water connection within the corporate limits every two years. The City does have a cross connection program, but we do not do the survey. The IEPA engineer recommended Mr. Mumford call a company that assisted with this process in Princeton and they take care of doing it all. He went on to say she said you have to have 100% response, which is impossible. Mr. Hansen stated this is really geared to the commercial customers not the residential, but it is mandated by the EPA to do the survey. Mr. Mumford stated they said they will work with us. Another thing that has to be corrected is the Chlorine and Fluoride is not vented at well 4 and the water plant, but this is a real simple fix which should take them all of two hours to fix.

I. Consideration & Possible Action on the Possible Hiring of Braxton Stamm as a Part Time Seasonal Employee for the City Street Department.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to approve the hiring of Braxton Stamm as a part time seasonal employee in the street department at \$9.00 an hour, seconded by Alderman Jim Busser. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman David Aceberg absent, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe absent, Alderperson Cheryl Galor abstain, Alderman Randy Schoon yes. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to adjourn at 8:11pm, seconded by Alderman Jim Busser. Ayes 4, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC