

**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 20, 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, June 20, 2016.

**PRESENT:** Alderman David Aceberg, 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:** None.

**APPROVAL OF THE 6/6/16 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to approve the June 6, 2016 minutes of the regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAY 2016 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:**

Alderperson Cheryl Galor made a motion to accept the May 2016 Treasurer's Report to file for audit, seconded by Alderman David Aceberg. 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 for approval; Alderman Peterson added a bill to Humana in the amount of \$13,194.26 for all departments, Alderman Aceberg added bills in the amount of \$656.00 and to Legacy Prints in the amount of \$150.00 all for the street department, Alderman Boothe added bills to Dennis Christen in the amount of \$56.32, Pines Automotive in the amount of \$156.95, and R & R Computer Repair in the amount of \$85.00 for the Police Department, Alderperson Cheryl Galor added a bill to Clearview Pools in the amount of \$65.31 for the pool department and Alderman Schoon added bills to USA Blue Book in the amount of \$268.30 for the sewer department and HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$593.29 for the water department.

Alderman David Aceberg made a motion to accept the list of bills as amended seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Aceberg yes. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

City Clerk Corbitt reported that according to the ordinance passed for the Chesty Puller celebration last year that a map of the street closures is to be provided and Mr. Joe Wilson brought that in last week. Everyone has a copy in their mailboxes. Mr. Wilson was present stating the street closures have not changed from last year's request.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Streets and Sidewalks:**

None.

**Finance & Ordinances:**

Alderman Phil Peterson reported interest on the water tower bonds in the amount of \$5,167.50 was paid to UMB bank on June 15<sup>th</sup>. In order to pay this bill and the bond payments for the rest of the fiscal year a onetime deposit was made transferring money from the water funds (Enterprise Funds) into the Bonds and Interest Water Tower account in the amount of \$53,000.00 at the First State Bank Shannon-Polo-Lake Carroll Bank.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Alderman Jim Busser reported building permits issued for a gazebo, remodel and a demolition for a house and garage.

**Police:**

None.

**Sanitation:**

None.

**Parks & Pool:**

Alderman Cheryl Galor reported there will be a park board meeting held on Wednesday at the west side park at 7:00pm. Pool doing great with attendance way up and three sessions of swim lessons right now and then more in July.

**Water & Sewer:**

Alderman Schoon reported there will be a sewer committee meeting held on Thursday, June 23rd in city hall at 4:00pm for the progress of the City of Polo sewer project to rehabilitate the South Congress Avenue lift station, replacement of sanitary sewers on South Maple Avenue, west Oregon Street and South Division Avenue, new sludge drying beds at the WWTP and sanitary sewer lining.

**City Clerk's Report:**

City Clerk Corbitt reported she sent an email to the Illinois local tax authority back on March 30, 2016. The simplified municipal tax checks dropped anywhere from approximately \$5,000.00 to \$720.00 to \$1,100.00 a month. She requested a reason for this, questioning if it was a mistake. On Friday a reply was received with an apology for taking so long to answer. In January 2003 there was a reported error in gross receipts which caused a tax overstatement and continued until it was discovered in November of 2005 on the telecommunication tax return. The total amount of

erroneous telecommunications tax the City of Polo received was \$148,155.31. Instead of taking the entire amount in one lump sum, the department started deducting \$500 each month, but the repayment period would have been 25 years to satisfy. It was decided to take \$1,000.00 or more per month in distributions until the balance was paid, which it is estimated will be completed in 18 months or approximately December of 2017.

The Ogle County engineer stopped in city hall to inform us they will not start their summer project until after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July when they will need to have road detours on the Milledgeville blacktop.

**Police Chief's Report:**

Chief Christen reported at the Police Committee meeting they discussed looking at an ordinance prohibiting skateboards and other types of equipment on sidewalks in the business district. Discussion held on a situation that occurred involving juveniles in the downtown area with citizens and the police department being treated with disrespect.

**SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to approve ordinance 16-04, an amendment to Chapter 112, section 112.16 limitation of number of liquor licenses, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderman Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Aceberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes. The motion carried.

**B. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 16-05, Fund Raiser for Scotty Powell on 7/16/16.**

Alderman David Aceberg made a motion to approve ordinance 16-05, fund raiser for Scotty Powell on 7/16/16, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderman Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Aceberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes. The motion carried.

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

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to approve ordinance 16-06, the 2016/17 prevailing wages, seconded by Alderman Cheryl Galor. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman 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.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### A. Consideration & Possible Action on a Request from Vacation Bible School for a Street Closure.

A letter was received from Pastor Luke Schier on behalf of the Open Bible Church for closing off Buffalo Street from Green Avenue to Franklin Avenue from June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30am to 12:30pm for vacation bible school to be held at the church.

Consensus of the City Council is to allow this request from the Open Bible Church.

### B. Consideration & Possible Action on UTV's & Golf Carts being Allowed Year Round on City Streets and More than a 2 Seat Type of Vehicle.

Mayor Knapp reported that he has been approached by an individual who would like these types of vehicles allowed year round. Discussion held that people have doors and a heated cab with doors on them and also use these for snow plowing with the factory equipped with four seat's being very safe. Attorney Suits will draft an ordinance for the next meeting

### C. Consideration & Possible Action on ComEd Electrical Supply Rates versus Constellation for Electrical Aggregation.

Mike Mudge was present representing Rock River Energy with ComEd Electrical supply costs versus Constellation's. A correspondence was received from Mr. Mike Mudge explaining that concerns with the ComEd energy average for the next 12 month which is 6.27 cents. Mr. Mudge thinks they are supposed to raise it to 6.37 cents because of an adjustment to the transmission rate. This rate is effective until the end of next May. Then, ComEd prices are expected to bounce back because of the capacity rate that is already established and adds to their costs. Meanwhile, the Polo community rate with Constellation is 6.791 cents until the contract ends in July 2017.

Community residents and small business options for electrical choices are:

A.) stay with the current plan and see what the new rate will be next June as we expect it to move up by at least \$.5 cents/kwh due to the increase in capacity costs that have already been established 3 years out.

B.) move back to Com Ed at the new lower rate and we will review next May as then they could move back to their Community Aggregation plan. If customers go back to ComEd, they have to stay there for a minimum of 6 months before they could re-enroll into the community program.

C.) select their own supplier from the ICC listing at:

<https://www.pluginillinois.org/offers.aspx?said=1&ob=3>

It is up to each resident and small business to make their choice individually and neither the community nor Rock River Energy Services by contract law should advise or recommend to them what choice to make. It is the resident's final decision.

Mr. Mudge went on to say we have saved money on the program, but now we don't want to slowly lose what we have gained. They will send out a supplier approved letter at Rock River Energy's expense to the members of the community aggregation program if the Mayor or Council wants to consider this as an option. They can leave the Constellation program without any penalty. Mr. Mudge stated we have had savings so far, but it will not for the next year or so. Rock River Energy has already sent out letters for other municipalities that they have had approval by the legal divisions with the energy suppliers.

Mr. Mudge reminded the Council that he said if we ever got into this situation with ComEd having lower rates then he would be back to alert us of the situation. After discussion the City Council agreed to allow Rock River Energy to send letters at their cost out to all City of Polo customers on the electrical aggregation plan.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on a Letter of Intent between the City of Polo and Nicor Gas on a Franchise Ordinance for Annual Gas Therm Allocation.

Effective January 1, 2016 Nicor Gas revised its policy regarding the annual amount of gas without charge supplied to the city since we have an adopted franchise ordinance entitling Nicor Gas to utilize public right-of-ways. Under the revised policy, the City of Polo qualifies for an increased annual amount of gas without charge ("Therm Allocation"). A new letter of agreement signed by Nicor Gas was presented and will replace the previous letter of agreement. Since the letter of intent increases the allocation Nicor is assuming the City of Polo will find this acceptable.

At this time Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the letter of agreement regarding the Nicor Gas franchise ordinance and therm allocation with the City of Polo dated May 31, 2016, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried.

E. Consideration & Possible Action on a Possible Purchase of a 2004 International 4200 w/Altec TA 14M-Bucket Truck in the Amount of \$27,500.00 from I-80 Equipment.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg reported we need this truck badly for not only employee safety, but also work we can do with baseball diamond replacement of light bulbs, tree trimming etc. Street Superintendent Kendall Kyker reported they put brand new tires and recaps on the back which is a \$1,500.00 value, with not increasing the cost after he requested that I 80 Equipment consider this.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to purchase a 2004 International 42 w/Altec TA41M bucket truck from I-80 Equipment in the amount of \$27,500.00, which includes new steer tires and recaps on the rear, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm, seconded by Alderman David Ackeberg. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susie Corbitt, MMC