

**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, JULY 5, 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 Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

PRESENT: Alderman Phillip Peterson, Alderman Jim Busser, Alderman Troy Boothe, Alderperson Cheryl Galor, Alderman Randy Schoon. Also present was Mayor Doug Knapp and City Clerk Susie Corbitt.

ABSENT: Alderman David Ackeberg.

**APPROVAL OF THE 6/20/16 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING:**

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to approve the May 20, 2016 minutes of the regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Jim Busser reported building permits issued for a deck, repair of a porch and a remodel.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

Alderson Galor reported that Kayla Bergstrom has attained her certified pool/spa operator's certifications on May 13, 2016, which expires on May 31, 2021. Alderson Cheryl Galor reported everything at the parks are doing well, at the swimming pool there has been over 6,000 admissions so far, 36 pool parties and one for next year already scheduled, 124 kids signed up for swim lessons, sold 146 pool passes and have had a few minor incidents with just the need for band aids.

At this time discussion was held on the purchase of new poles for the flags, US, Illinois and City flag, 3 needed at west side park, two at pool and three at city hall. Kendall Kyker was present reporting that he has looked at the cost for new flag poles at approximately \$1,000.00 per pole. Mayor Knapp stated we will invite Lana Scholl to do the presentation for the winner of the City of Polo flag design contest to our next city council meeting.

Water & Sewer:

None.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Corbitt reported she had the initial meeting for the health, dental and life insurance coverage for the city employees. At the current time it looks like we will have a 6.5% increase for the first three months, however with the Affordable Care Act everyone is going to have to change their renewal date to January 1st. So we will have an option to do a three months renewal and then renew again on January 1, 2017 or keep our renewal until October 1, 2017, but next year we would then be mandated to renew again on January 1, 2018 when everyone has to have the first of the new year as their renewal dates. Hopefully we will possibly address this at our next meeting if Diamond Brothers has the renewal confirmation from Humana Insurance Company.

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 Ordinance 16-07, an Amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 71-Rules of Operation.

After discussion by the city council the City Clerk will ask Attorney Suits to prohibit skateboards and other devices in the 100 blocks of East & West Mason and 100 blocks of North and South Franklin Avenue instead of the entire business district.

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of Ordinance 16-07, an amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 71, Rules of Operation, Section 71.102 to add Skateboards & Other devices with this evening's suggested changes to be presented at the next meeting.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 16-08, an Amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 80, Golf Carts and Utility Task Vehicles, Section 80.05-Permits, (C).

Alderman Galor received an email from Jamie Gorzny asking for the age permitted to drive golf carts on city streets lowered to 16 years old. Consensus of the Council is to leave the age at 18 year olds. Also asked was the sunrise to sunset being lifted since lights need to be on these carts. After discussion City Clerk Corbitt will ask Attorney Suits to make the change to allow golf carts from 6:00am to 11:00pm and change the dates for permitted use to May 1 – April 30.

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of Ordinance 16-08, an Amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 80, Golf Carts and Utility Task Vehicles, Section 80.05-Permits, (C), with this evening's suggested changes to be presented at the next meeting.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 16-09, the 2016 Appropriation Ordinance.

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of Ordinance 16-09, the 2016 Appropriation Ordinance.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on the USDA Rural Development Costs for Construction of the New Sludge Drying Beds.

No Discussion held.

E. Consideration & Possible Action on a Request to Allow Parking in the 100 Block of North Division Avenue on the East Side of the Street.

Mayor Knapp reported he had a request to allow parking in the 100 block of North Division Avenue on the east side by the old pizza place. This would give two or three more parking places from West Mason on Division north to the alley on the east side. Discussion held that this request came to the mayor during the Town & Country Days Festival when Mason Street was closed. Discussion on Street Superintendent Kendall Kyker and Chief Christen looking at the entire city for allowing parking in more areas or ones that no parking should be.

F. Consideration & Possible Action on the Possibility of the Purchase of 113 E. Colden Street by the City of Polo.

Mayor Knapp stated we will be going into closed session to discuss the purchase of 113 E. Colden Avenue.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Alderman Randy Schoon reported we lost the Dixon Lab for doing our testing. Our choice is PDC, but we would have to rely on the mail, which could be an issue or we can drive to DeKalb. The Dixon lab office is open only Mondays and Tuesdays, so we could use them on those days at a steep increase in their charges. \$350.00 per month for routine samples with Dixon Labs, PDC and \$17.25 per Coli form / E. Coli samples or \$1,449.00 for 84 samples with DeKalb

at \$105.00 a month, plus gas and an employee being gone an hour one way. Consensus of the City Council is to start using the lab in DeKalb.

City Clerk Corbitt reported she has had numerous citizens in lately complaining of burn pits and homemade burn areas, one being an old bathtub. The major complaint is people burning plastic or building materials along with cutting limbs off a tree and burning the greens from the trees. Some have reported that burning is going on throughout the night. One house had flames as high as the house. The Polo Fire Department and PD were called to this one, with burning of furniture occurring at this location.

City Clerk Corbitt has also received complaints on the yard sale that is ongoing every day of the week on South Division Avenue and that pickup trucks are bringing items into the garage at this location to be sold. These citizens wanted the City Council informed of this happening.

At this time City Clerk Susie Corbitt gave her official notice of her retirement on May 1, 2017.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to adjourn and go into closed session at 7:45pm, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. 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 absent.

The City Council adjourned out of the regular session while in closed session at 8:30pm on July 5, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC