

**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 JULY 6, 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, July 6, 2015.

**PRESENT:** Alderman David Ackeberg, 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 6/15/15 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING:**

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the minutes of the 6/15/15 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 6, 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 the city issued building permits for a swimming pool, a handicap ramp, shed and a fence.

**Police:**

Alderman Troy Boothe reported Police Officer Jon Mandrell completed the 2015 Firearms Training Qualification for handguns. Chief Christen had reported to Alderman Boothe that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend was uneventful and the Chester Puller's birthday celebration went well.

**Sanitation:**

None.

**Parks & Pool:**

Alderperson Cheryl Galor reported on the swimming pool with the handicap parking spot is painted, the flag pole and flag are ordered and three more tables for the concession area are ordered. Inspection for the Illinois State Health Department went well, soap dispensers are required and ordered, and part of a

fence needed to be built up and is done thanks to the street employees. There are 34 parties scheduled and 118 swim passes issued; a battery for the handicap lift was installed with all lifeguards trained on that. Tomorrow night the Lions Club and guests will take a tour of the bath house and wet pit.

**Water & Sewer:**

None.

**City Clerk's Report:**

None.

**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 a Request by Jim and Gina Cole/cf+Architecture for a Possible Amendment to the Zoning Code for an Additional Variance for Private Garage Height.**

A request from Jim and Gina Cole was received by the City to consider granting a height variance for a new carriage house at their residence, which is registered on the National Register of Historic Places. They plan on matching the pitch of the roof on the house. That pitch is 12/12 which added to the height of the garage places the ridge of the new structure at approximately 25 feet above the garage floor. Currently the maximum height is 14 feet as defined in the Polo Code of Ordinance, Chapter 150.057, Private Garage Height.

Discussion on currently this is not an allowed variance for the height of a garage. Attorney Tom Suits stated this will need to go in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) so it would be heard at a ZBA hearing as individual requests when the situation arises. Alderman Jim Busser feels a variance is the way to go and not to amend the height for garage heights because there are certain areas within the town that a higher height would be appropriate and some not so. Discussion held at length on which way to approach this with having the ZBA holding a hearing or just have the council change the code. Attorney Suits reported the Polo Code of Ordinance states the ZBA does have to hold a hearing to amend this, in which this one would be a request for consideration from the city council. Mr. and Mrs. Cole reported they are looking at doing this project next year so there is plenty of time for a hearing to be set. Attorney Suits explained after the code is amended to allow a variance, then Mr. and Mrs. Cole would have to request a Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing.

**B. Consideration & Possible Action on a Request from Moring Disposal for an Increase on Residential Garbage Pick Up.**

Mr. Larry Moring, owner of Moring Disposal is asking a \$.50 increase for residential pick up this year. There was a Sanitation Committee meeting with Moring Disposal representatives held on July 1, 2015 with the committee recommendation to increase this at \$.50 going to Moring Disposal for an increase on residential charges, but only add an additional \$.20 on the customers cost. Mr. Moring stated they would agree to no increase for Polo citizens on residential pick up next year or until 2017. After lengthy discussion at the committee meeting Mr. Moring stated the CPI is not truly a tool for this

type of service to use for an increase in fees. The CPI is used more for households and not any type of trucking business. Lengthy discussions on if the recyclable pick up is needed was held by the city council this evening.

City Attorney Suits will need to draft an ordinance for a first reading to change the residential charge from \$13.20 to \$13.40.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 15-10, the 2015/16 Appropriation Ordinance.

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of Ordinance 15-10, the 2015 Appropriation Ordinance.

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

Mayor Knapp stated we will be going into closed session to discuss this matter.

E. Consideration & Possible Action on Awarding the 2015 Seal Coating.

A bid opening for this year's seal coating was held on June 29<sup>th</sup> with bids opened from A.C. Pavement Striping Co. in the amount of \$93,151.43 and Civil Contractors in the amount of \$68,208.00.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to award the 2015 seal coating to Civil Constructors, Inc in the amount of \$68,208.00, contingent of the 8 calendar day waiting period as it relates to the Apprentice or Training Program Certifications, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes. The motion carried.

F. Consideration & Possible Action on a Quote from Stewart Spreading for the Cleaning of the WWTP Sludge Beds.

Alderman Randy Schoon reported approximately 220,000 gallons of sludge needs to be removed at the waste water treatment plant. He reported on the proposal from Stewart Spreading for the dewatering of the storage tanks/digester contents at the WWTP. The charges would be \$0.07 for the first 220,000 gallons at \$15,400.00 and anything after that would be \$0.055 in excess charges so probably \$19,000.00 to \$20,000.00 total if they go over the 220,000 gallons.

Water and Sewer Superintendent Mike Mumford feels we can make it without having to dewater again until the new sludge beds are put in. He reported currently they cannot dry the sludge fast enough. He feels at least ten months to a year, again stating we can make it to the time the new drying beds are in. Discussion held that Stewart Spreading has two jobs they are finishing up right now then they want to get to us next. Mr. Mumford reported there is a two month window until they will absolutely have to have this done.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion allow Mayor Doug Knapp to sign the contract between the City of Polo and Stewart Spreading for a minimum volume of 220,000 gallons for dewatering services at \$0.07 cents per gallon for the first 220,000 gallons and \$0.055 in excess of 220,000 gallons with payment due within 30 days, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. 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.

G. Consideration & Possible Action on the Hiring of a 5<sup>th</sup> Full Time Police Officer for the Polo PD.

Alderman Troy Boothe reported we will have a town hall meeting on 7/23/15 at 7:00pm at the fire station. Mr. Ahmad Farrj wants to hear from people if they want him to open a grocery store and discussion of the hiring of a 5<sup>th</sup> full time officer will be held. Mayor Knapp will be contacting the local radio stations concerning putting a public service notice announcement together.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Alderman Jim Busser was asked by a bar owner if the Chester Puller birthday celebration is going to be an annual event and if this bar owner wanted an event would that be possible in the fall maybe as a September event. Discussion was held that this business owner would have to come in front of the Council with their request.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to go into closed session at 7:40p.m. for Section 2 (C) (5), purchase or lease of real estate, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor.

At this time Alderman Jim Busser asked why the city is not considering charging the citizens with residential garbage pick up the entire \$0.50 increase that Moring Disposal is asking for instead of just \$0.20 of this. Discussion was held that there is money in the sanitation funds since an entire salary and health insurance was taken out and placed in the water and sewer budget. After lengthy discussion Attorney Suits stated he will put the ordinance together as recommended, but it can always be changed at the next meeting due to this will be a first reading of the ordinance.

At this time 7:44pm, Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion to go into closed session to discuss Section 2 (C) (5), purchase or lease of real estate; Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes. The motion carried.

The Polo City Council adjourned out of both closed and regular session while in closed session on July 6, 2015 at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susie Corbitt, MMC