

**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, AUGUST 5, 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 August 5, 2019.

**PRESENT:** 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:** Alderman Justin Grobe and Alderman Jim Busser.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 07/15/2019 APPROPRIATION BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:**

Alderman Schoon made a motion to approve the July 15, 2019 minutes of the appropriation budget public hearing, seconded by Alderman Boothe. Ayes 4, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 07/15/2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Alderman Sanders made a motion to approve the July 15, 2019 minutes of the regular city council meeting, seconded by Alderman Chesnut. Ayes 4, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Sidewalks:**

None.

**Finance & Ordinances:**

None.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Building permits were issued for a porch repair, enclosed breezeway, shed, cement slab, garage demo, and a deck. There is a zoning board meeting this Wednesday at 7:00 PM for a request in zoning from zoning from B2 to R1 at 308 N. Jefferson Ave.

**Police:**

None.

**Sanitation:**

None.

**Parks & Pool:**

None.

**Water & Sewer:**

None.

### **City Clerk's Report:**

City Clerk Bartelt attended the Summer MCI Seminar in Rockford 2 weeks ago. At the seminar there were attorneys from Ancel Glink who discussed the new law change regarding marijuana. It was recommended by the Attorneys that if our municipality did not have an ordinance for the new law change that we need to create on as soon as possible. If our municipality decides that we do not want marijuana businesses opening within our City Limits; we can restrict them only by the zoning codes. If we did allow marijuana businesses to open within our City Limits, we could impose an additional sales tax on their business that would come to the City. This is something our City Council needs to decide what they would like to do.

### **Police Chief's Report:**

National Night Out is tomorrow at 5PM. Everyone is invited to come check out this event. Last October our laundry mat was broken into. They have found the individuals who did this. Tomorrow the Polo Police Chief is getting together with school officials to talk about active shooters and procedures. The Police Department have removed over 40 inoperable vehicles within the City limits.

### **SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:**

None.

### **COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **A. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 19-07, Chapter 79 Handicap Parking. (Second Reading)**

Alderman Schoon made a motion to accept Ordinance 19-07, Chapter 79 handicap parking, seconded by Alderman Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Chesnut yes, Alderman Sanders yes, Alderman Boothe yes, and Alderman Schoon yes. The motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **A. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 19-10, an Ordinance to change the Polo Code of Ordinances Chapter 152: Zoning. (first reading)**

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of ordinance 19-10, an ordinance to change the Polo Code of Ordinances Chapter 152: Zoning.

#### **B. Consideration & Possible Action on A Decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals on a Request from Mr. & Mrs. Ellis for a Variance To The Side Yard Setback to Place A Deck Within Five Feet Of the Lot Line at 209 N. Barber Ave.**

Alderman Boothe made a motion to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation on a variance to the side yard setback to place a deck within five feet of the lot line at 209 N. Barber Ave. pending the signature of Harlan Netz, seconded by Alderman Sanders. Ayes 4, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

#### **C. Consideration & Possible Action on A Request from The Polo Chamber of Commerce For The Use of Louise D. Quick Park on September 28<sup>th</sup> For The Annual Chili Cook Off.**

The Polo Chamber of Commerce is requesting use of the Louise D. Quick Park as well as Franklin St from Mason St and north to the alley by the post office for their annual Chili Cook Off on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. They would also like to use the intersection at Mason and Franklin on the North side for a mobile blood drive. They would like the streets to be blocked off from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm. The consensus of the City Council is to allow this.

#### **D. Consideration & Possible Action on A Possible Increase in Garbage Rates for Residents and Businesses From Moring Disposal.**

Steve Moring stated that their company is being slammed with the cost of recycling. They are running 1-2 trucks to Whitewater, WI daily with recyclable materials. The cost is about \$70 per ton for them. They are asking for municipalities to help them with this cost by asking for \$0.95 per residential house for recycling. They are also asking for a 5% commercial increase. Alderman Randy Schoon said that the City of Polo can not afford this. He suggested taking away the recycling program all together to cut costs. Steve Moring would also like to discuss the recycling center by our Town Hall. He said they are doing that at no charge for the City of Polo and it is costing Moring a lot to maintain that. It was suggested to have a meeting with the sanitation committee, Steve Moring, and Larry Moring. City Clerk Bartelt will get this meeting set up.

**E. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 19-11, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 112, § 112.16 Of the City Code of the City of Polo, Illinois {Class D Liquor License} (first reading)**

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of ordinance 19-11, an ordinance amending chapter 112, §112.16 of City Code of the City of Polo, Illinois {Class D Liquor License}.

**F. Consideration & Possible Action on Appointment(s) of Zoning Board of Appeals Board Members.**

Mayor Knapp recommends appointing Byron Bowers and Tim Gipe to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The State Statute states that there shall be 7 members on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Polo Zoning Board currently has 5 members.

Alderman Schoon made a motion to accept Mayor Knapp's appointment recommendation of Byron Bowers and Tim Gipe to the Polo Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Alderman Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Sanders yes, Alderman Boothe yes, Alderman Schoon yes, and Alderman Chesnut yes. The motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Alderman Schoon made a motion to adjourn from regular City Council meeting at 7:41 pm, seconded by Alderman Boothe. Ayes 4, nays 0. The motion carried.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY CLERK: \_\_\_\_\_

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