

**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 7, 2017.**

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor Brian LeBaron from Faith United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

City Clerk Bartelt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

City Clerk Bartelt called the regular meeting of the Polo City Council to order at 7:00p.m. on Monday August 7, 2017.

**PRESENT:** Alderman Jim Busser, Alderman Phillip Peterson, Alderman Justin Grobe, Alderman Troy Boothe, Alderman Keith Chesnut and Alderman Randy Schoon. Also present was Attorney Tom Suits and City Clerk Sydney Bartelt.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Doug Knapp

Alderman Busser made a motion to appoint Alderman Schoon as Mayor Pro Tem for tonight's meeting, seconded by Alderman Peterson. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 07/17/2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Alderman Boothe made a motion to approve the July 17, 2017 minutes of the regular city council meeting, seconded by Alderman Chesnut. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 07/31/17 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Alderman Busser made a motion to approve the July 31, 2017 minutes of the special city council meeting, seconded by Alderman Grobe. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Sidewalks:**

None.

**Finance & Ordinances:**

None.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Alderman Peterson reported building permits were issued for; two sheds, an electrical upgrade, a fence, and replacing stairs.

**Police:**

None.

**Sanitation:**

None.

**Parks & Pool:**

None.

**Water & Sewer:**

Fischer Excavating has started their work. They had to reorder parts due to the hook ups being 6in hook ups instead of 4in hook ups. They have now resumed their work.

**City Clerk's Report:**

City Clerk Bartelt reported the health, dental and life insurance coverage for the city employees will be presented at the August 21<sup>st</sup> council meeting.

**Police Chief's Report:**

The City sent out three letters about scrap metal not being allowed within the city limits. These citizens must stop scrapping metal immediately.

**SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Tim Kyker had some back issues that had to heal. He will be resuming cleaning out the basement in a week or two.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 17-09, an Ordinance Vacating Former Railroad Property Easterly of And Contiguous To 506 North Adams Avenue, 508 North Adams Avenue, 512 North Adams Avenue & 604 North Adams Avenue in the City of Polo.**

Alderman Busser made a motion to approve ordinance 17-09, an ordinance vacating former railroad property easterly of and contiguous to 506 North Adams Avenue, 508 North Adams Avenue, 512 North Adams Avenue & 604 North Adams Avenue, seconded by Alderman Boothe. Mayor Pro Tem Schoon requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Justin Grobe yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderman Keith Chesnut yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes. The motion carried.

**B. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 17-07A an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Polo and Polo Community Unit School District No. 222.**

The Polo Community Unit School District would like the City to contribute \$50,000 to the refurbishing the tennis courts. In the intergovernmental agreement, it only states \$25,000. The City would like it stated in the agreement that the City will be contributing \$50,000. This ordinance will be tabled until the provisions have been made.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Consideration & Possible Action on a Project From Jim O'Connor Regarding 116 E. Mason Street.**

McCloud & Associates presented a plan for a skate park and possible plans for 112 E. Mason Street building. The skate park plans are currently being engineered. The plans for the skate park and 112 E. Mason Street building are on a 3-5 year timeline as of right now. Geothermal EcoOptions discussed a vertical closed loop system with food grade propylene glycol (25%) that Jim would like to put in at 118 N. Franklin Ave. Jim is looking to provide heating and cooling to his buildings that he owns on Mason Street. He would eventually like to provide service for Town Hall and the Aplington House. Jim O'Conner has received a permit from Ogle County to drill the wells needed for geothermal heating. Jim is looking for approval from the City Council to put wells into the City of Polo. The City Council will table this until the next city council meeting.

**B. Consideration & Possible Action on a Gaming Parlor Request From Teresa Blackburn.**

Teresa Blackburn was not present so discussion was not held.

**C. Consideration & Possible Action on An Increase in Sanitary Rates from Moring Disposal.**

After much discussion. Alderman Busser made a motion to give Moring Disposal a \$0.50 increase this year and \$0.25 every year following for residential customers until the contract is done, which would be 2021. Commercial accounts will also have a 5% increase. Alderman Chesnut seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Schoon requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Grobe yes, Alderman Booth no, Alderman Chesnut yes, Alderman Busser yes, and Alderman Peterson yes.

**D. Consideration & Possible Action on a Request From Joe Wilson for Street Closures for a Fundraiser to benefit the Polo Community School District on August 26, 2017.**

Joe Wilson came up with an idea to provide Polo students with book bags. Joe spoke with Andy Faivre and Mark Downey about this fundraiser. There will be a bus that will be going to three locations. For anyone who would like to ride the bus they are required to donate a new book bag with school supplies. Joe would like to close off the alleys and a portion of Franklin Ave from 2:30PM-6:30PM for parking for motorcycles. The consensus from the City is that this is okay.

**E. Consideration & Possible Action on Mr. Cale Fry's Resignation from the Water and Sewer Department.**

Mayor Pro Tem Schoon read a resignation letter from Mr. Cale Fry from the water and sewer department.

Alderman Chesnut made a motion to accept Mr. Cale Fry's resignation from the water and sewer department, seconded by Alderman Boothe. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote. Kendall Kyker mentioned that he would like the City Council to inform Cale that he is welcome to come back if there ever is an opening.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Alderman Boothe made a motion to adjourn at 8:06pm to go into closed session to discuss Personnel- Section 2(c)(1) Employee hiring, Firing, Compensation (Clerical, Police,

Streets, Parks/ Pools and Water/Sewer), Discipline and Performance, seconded by Alderman Busser. Mayor Pro Tem Schoon requested the City Clerk to call roll on the motion: Alderman Boothe yes, Alderman Chesnut yes, Alderman Busser yes, Alderman Peterson yes, and Alderman Grobe yes. The motion carried.

The Polo City Council adjourned out of closed session and regular session at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sydney Bartelt  
City Clerk

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

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

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

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