

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, AUGUST 17, 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, August 17, 2015.

PRESENT: Alderman David Aceberg, 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 8/03/15 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the minutes of the 8/03/15 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:

Alderman David Aceberg made a motion to accept the July 2015 treasurer's report as presented to file for audit, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. 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; Alderman Dave Aceberg added bills in the amount of \$1,680.00 to Snook Construction for the street department and one to Conmat in the amount of \$572.90 for the MFT department, Alderperson Cheryl Galor added a bill to Nicor in the amount of \$434.01 for the pool department and Alderman Randy Schoon added bills in the amount of \$109.27 to BNSF Railway Company for the water department and one to Evoqua in the amount of \$2,823.00 for the sewer department.

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

A second list of bills was submitted with a bill from Alderman Schoon from Stewart Spreading in the amount of \$19,329.59 for the dewatering of liquid biosolids for the wastewater sewer plant and Alderperson Galor reporting one to Sisson Lawn and Landscape for the application of the broadleaf weed control and fertilizer in the amount of \$528.00 for the parks department.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

Alderman Phillip Peterson reported CD #18428 for the IEPA Loan Reserve in the amount of \$188,041.87 was cashed in today, August 17, 2015 and deposited into the Enterprise checking fund to pay for repayment of the waste water treatment plant construction, which was in tonight's list of bills to pay to the IEPA.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Jim Busser reported building permits issued for an electrical permit & to install a doorway between two rooms.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

Alderperson Cheryl Galor reported there will be a Park Board meeting held this Wednesday, August 19.

Water & Sewer:

None.

City Clerk's Report:

The Polo Chamber of Commerce After Hours will be held on August 31st from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Attorney Tom Suits office with the Polo City Council invited to attend. Attorney Suits is celebrating 25 years of service in Polo this year.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on the Option Choice for the USDA Rural Development Project Scope. (Lift Station, Sanitary Sewer, Sludge Beds)

Alderman Randy Schoon spoke concerning this item, suggesting we reconnect the water service on the south side of the road into the 6 inch service across the street on the north side of West Oregon Street. Alderman Schoon stated it would make more sense to do this now when the area is torn up than to wait several years when there is an issue and then forced to do so at a much higher cost. Mr. Matt Hansen from Willett, Hofmann & Associates was present stating we can coordinate this with the current proposed plan, but the funding might not work. Mr. Hansen said we could eliminate the three inch water service on the south side and replace it or hook up everyone with the six inch main that runs on the north side of West Oregon Street, and then vacate the 3 inch water main on the south. There are approximately thirteen or fourteen houses that may be hooked up to the three inch water main in this area. Mr. Hansen will need to look at the footage to estimate the cost to put in the water service line, but it would probably be at \$40 to \$50 a foot for the line (versus a cost of \$60.00 to \$65.00 if done when not torn up), along with the tap cost also and all new shut off boxes. It might run \$4,000.00 per house along with pavement restoration that comes into play. They have to dig up anyway due to the work on the other side, with Mr. Hanson stating this would be a good time to do this along with the proposed project. Water & Sewer Superintendent Mike Mumford reported there are only approximately five 3 inch water lines left in the city. Mr. Hanson reported typically they abandon the lines and do not pull them out but remove any hydrants and old valve boxes. He said once they have this open for the sanitary sewer it would be ideal to do this also.

Mr. Hansen reported that the IEPA is recommending not anything less than a 4 inch service as long as there is no hydrant on the main but if so it has to be a 6 inch main, so 3 inch mains are no longer approved at all. Discussions held on having Lorali Heintzelman from USDA Rural Development see if we can add this to the funding. Mr. Hanson stated they possibly could add this as an alternate bid if it cannot be funded through USDA Rural Development.

Mr. Hansen spoke with Ms. Heintzelman concerning a draft of a public notice for a required public meeting for this USDA Rural Development project. He questioned holding the meeting here before the council meeting in September to give the general public time to comment. Mrs. Heintzelman is still working on the grant aspect of this, but waiting until after October 1st to submit which is when the new Federal money comes into their program to see if maybe we can get some new money. Mr. Hansen stated as far as the water service goes he will speak with Ms. Heintzelman concerning additional funding, but if she cannot get funds then the City will have to fund this if they decide to proceed.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on a Purchase from Holland & Sons, Inc for a John Deere Z950R Commercial Zero Turn Mower, with a Trade In of the 2011 John Deere Z950A Mower.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg looked at the 2011 mower going over the old mower and he feels it is time to purchase a more current mower. Alderman Randy Schoon stated if this is going to get beat up in four years with only 1,500 miles on it then maybe we should go with the diesel. Alderman Ackeberg stated it is not the matter of being beat up, but the wear and tear with

the almost daily use and that the warranty is up on the 2011 mower. Alderman Aceberg stated you would pay \$9,000.00 more for a diesel and the warranty is for three years on the new mower. Discussion was held at length. Alderman Aceberg stated once you get 2,000 hours customers get concerned about even purchasing a used mower.

Alderman Dave Aceberg made a motion to purchase a John Deere Z950R Commercial Zero Turn Mower, with a Trade In of the 2011 John Deere Z950A mower in the amount of \$6,500.00, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon no, Alderman David Aceberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on the Electrical Power Supply Contract for Eleven City Accounts at Various City Owned Properties.

Mr. Mike Mudge, owner of Rock River Energy was present to explain the eleven city accounts at various location of city owned properties on this electrical plan. Rock River Energy has been helping the city buy the electrical energy since 2006, with three energy contracts so far. This year eight suppliers with Constellation being the most competitive pricing were presented to the council. The city's current rate is \$0.05166, but could lock in with Constellation for 3 years at a lower rate than our current contract rate is at 0.04839, which would mean an estimated annual fixed energy cost of \$29,016.24. We currently save about \$13,000 a year by doing this. By going with Constellation we will be saving and Mr. Mudge feels we need to secure the third year as in the third year he feels coal supply will be going down due to the sites are not keeping up. The more electrical supply and demand then the costs will go up. He feels we will be getting higher rates and that the coal will be gone. The biggest part of the total cost to the city is the waste water treatment plant costs as our largest user.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to allow Mayor Knapp to sign a proposal with Constellation for 3 years for the 11 city energy accounts at a supplier rate of 0.04839, , seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Aceberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on the Zoning Board of Appeals Decision from the Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing held on August 11, 2011 for Consideration of a Text Amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 152.140, Variations, Section (D) Authorized Variations.

Consensus of the City Council is to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals decision for the variance change to the Polo Code Book of Ordinance text to add a variance for garage heights. Attorney Suits will draft an ordinance for this change for the presentation of a first reading at the next City Council meeting.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on a Request from the Polo Chamber of Commerce for a Street Closure and Use of City Property for the 2015 Polo Chamber of Commerce Chili Cook Off on September 26, 2015.

Consensus is to accept the request of the Polo Chamber of Commerce for the street closure of West Buffalo Street from South Franklin Avenue west to South Division Avenue and the use of the empty lot owned by the City at the corner of South Division Avenue and West Buffalo Street during the 2015 Chili Cook Off on September 26, 2015.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 15-12, a Possible Amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 51.104, Basic User Rate.

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of Ordinance 15-12, a possible amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 51.104, basic user rate. This would be a flat \$0.50 increase on the sewer basic rate for a ten year period of time, starting October 1, 2015 and then on May 1, 2016 for a total of ten years.

E. Consideration & Possible Action on the Possible Hiring of a 5th Full Time Officer.

No discussion held.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to adjourn at 7:52pm from the regular city council meeting to go into closed session to discuss Personnel-Section 2 (C) (1) – employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; 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 City Council adjourned at 8:32pm out of regular City Council meeting and closed session at the same time on August 17, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC