

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 18, 2014.

INVOCATION:

Reverend Monte Cox 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 18, 2014.

PRESENT: Alderman David Ackeberg, Alderperson Louise Hall, Alderman Troy Boothe, Alderperson Cheryl Galor, Alderman Randy Schoon. Also present was Mayor Doug Knapp, City Attorney Tom Suits and City Clerk Susie Corbitt.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF THE 8/04/14 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the minutes of the 8/04/14 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE JULY 2014 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:

Alderperson Louise Hall made a motion to accept the July 2014 treasurer's report to file for audit as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 5, 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 Ackeberg added a bill to Chris Stauffer in the amount of \$375.00 for the street department and Alderman Randy Schoon added a bill to USA Bluebook in the amount of \$111.20 for the sewer department. Alderman David Ackeberg made a motion to approve the list of bills as amended, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. 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, Alderperson Louise Hall yes. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

Aldersperson Louise Hall reported two investments were made at the First State Bank Shannon Polo Lake Carroll. A 12 month CD for the General Department in the amount of \$50,000.00 and another 12 month CD for the Water & Sewer Department in the amount of \$75,000.00 were invested on 8/14/14.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Troy Boothe reported building permits issued for an electrical upgrade, demolition of a house, a shed and two concrete slabs.

Parks & Pool:

Aldersperson Cheryl Galor reported the Park Board meeting will be held this Wednesday in city hall.

Water & Sewer:

Alderman Randy Schoon reported everyone has a copy of the punch list for the WWTP and we are getting very close to completion on this list.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Corbitt reported she is just waiting for this evening's alderman appointment to send off the code book codifications to American Legal Publishing. This will include an updated Officials page to the code book. Another mailing will be done for additional codification after the recommendations from the Code Review Committee are submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a ZBA committee meeting for review, and then presented to the city council for possible approval. A reminder was given for the TIF work session that Jacob & Kline and Associates will be presenting at 6pm before the next city council meeting on September 2nd.

At this time Mayor Knapp thanked all those who were on the Code Review Committee, which included Chairman Mark Ebert, Bryon Bowers, Wade Corbitt, Karen Bumsted, Jim Busser and Casper Manheim.

At this time Alderman Schoon stated we have not moved on the golf cart issue, questioning where we are at. Alderman Boothe reported they have discussed this in the Police Committee but still need to get copies of other community codes to review. He reported tonight committee meeting was cancelled. He also said that Chief Christen wanted to speak with the Mayor before they make a decision.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

At this time Alderman Troy Boothe stated on behalf of himself and his family he thanked the Mayor, Council, City Clerk and City employees for sending the plant for the funeral of his mother stating it was extremely appreciated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 14-12, an Ordinance for a City Vacation of the Old Railroad Property East of 706 N. Adams Avenue and 206 E. Elkhorn Street, Polo IL.

The City Council accepted the first reading of Ordinance 14-12, an ordinance for a City vacation of the old Railroad Property East of 706 N. Adams Avenue and 206 E. Elkhorn Street to Mr. Tommy Blake, Mr. Charlie Schmidt, Martin J. DeCrane and Tracey R. DeCrane.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on Mayor Doug Knapp's Appointment for the Vacancy of an Aldermen's Unexpired Term in Ward II.

At this time Mayor Knapp stated his recommendation for the vacancy in Ward II is Mr. Jim Busser as alderman to fill the vacancy by Matt MeKeel.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept Mayor Knapp's recommendation of Mr. Jim Busser to fill the vacancy in Ward II as Alderman, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes. The motion carried.

At this time City Clerk Susie Corbitt gave the oath of office to Mr. Jim Busser as Alderman of Ward II.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on an Amendment to Mayor Doug Knapp's 2014/15 City Appointments.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to accept the amendment to Mayor Doug Knapp's 2014/15 appointments as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on the Possible Renewal of Humana Health Plan for the City of Polo Employees Health, Dental and Life Insurance.

Mr. Stephen Lafferty was present explaining that the original renewal rate from Humana came in at a 16.53% increase or \$12, 977.69 a month, but he was able to get that renewal cost down to a net increase of 4.66% for the health portion. This saved over \$15,000.00 for the year.

Mr. Lafferty reported we are moving into a different environment that is still in the transitional stage with the Affordable Healthcare Plan, so we were able to renew with the same plan, but next year will have to take the Affordable Healthcare plan, which is much more in premiums. He went on to say this new environment next year will have much more difficult decisions that will have to be made.

Mr. Lafferty spoke of the Humana Health Vitality plan, with wellness benefits if an employee enrolls. Depending on how active the employees are you as the city could receive a 10% discount on the renewal rates.

Alderson Hall commended Mr. Lafferty for the work he has done to keep the employers cost so low.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the renewal packet for the 2014/15 health, dental and life insurance as presented, seconded by Alderson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeborg yes, Alderson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderson Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on the Zoning Board of Appeals Decision from the ZBA Hearing held on August 6, 2014 for a Request for a Variance to a Front Setback Requirement at 425 E. Dixon Street.

Alderman Dave Ackeborg made a motion to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation to approve Mrs. Irene Short's request for a variance to the front setback requirement at 425 E. Dixon Street, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

E. Consideration & Possible Action between the City of Polo and Strand Associates, Inc. for an Agreement for Design Services, Bidding Related Services, and Construction Related Services for Digester Covers at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Alderman Dave Ackeborg made a motion to accept an agreement for design services, bidding related services and construction related services for digester covers at the waste water treatment plant between the City of Polo and Strand Associates Inc, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman David Ackeborg yes, Alderson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to adjourn out of the regular City Council meeting at 7:29p.m. into closed session to discuss Personnel Section 2 (c) (1) employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline & performance and Litigation-Section 2 (c) (11) pending probable or imminent litigation for discussion of pending litigation-Midwest Tulsa Property, Inc., seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeborg. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeborg yes. The motion carried.

The City Council adjourned out of the 8/18/14 regular city council meeting at 8:08pm while in closed session.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC