

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 20, 2018.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Doug 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 20, 2018.

PRESENT: Alderman Phillip Peterson, Alderman Justin Grobe, Alderman Troy Boothe and Alderman Randy Schoon. Also present was Attorney Tom Suits, Mayor Doug Knapp and Deputy Clerk Sue Waszak.
ABSENT: City Clerk Sydney Bartelt, Alderman Jim Busser and Alderman Keith Chesnut

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 08/06/2018 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Boothe made a motion to approve the August 6, 2018 minutes of the regular city council meeting, seconded by Alderman Schoon. Ayes 4, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE JULY 2018 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:

Alderman Schoon made a motion to accept the July 2018 treasurer's report to file for audit, seconded by Alderman Peterson Ayes 4, 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 Schoon added a bill for \$1,688.82 from West Side Tractor Sales for the street department. Mayor Knapp requested the Deputy Clerk call roll on the motion; Aldermen Busser absent, Alderman Peterson yes, Alderman Grobe yes, Alderman Boothe yes, Alderman Chesnut absent and Alderman Schoon yes. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

None.

Police:

Chief Cavanaugh stated the car show went well with no problems. He also stated the HBO series being filmed outside of town along IL Highway 52 will be continuing for this next week.

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

None.

Water & Sewer:

Alderman Schoon stated that on August 27th, Civil's grinding machine will be freed up and they will be finishing up the project on West Oregon St and South Maple Ave along with the landscaping.

City Clerk's Report:

None.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on the Cable Television Franchise Agreement By and Between The City of Polo and Comcast of Illinois/Indiana/Ohio, LLC

Alderman Schoon made a motion to accept the cable television franchise agreement by and between the City of Polo and Comcast of Illinois/Indiana/Ohio, LLC, seconded by Alderman Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the Deputy Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Peterson yes, Alderman Grobe yes, Alderman Boothe yes, Alderman Chesnut absent, Alderman Schoon yes, and Alderman Busser absent. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on the 2018-19 Humana Health, Life, & Dental Insurance Rates by Diamond Bros. Insurance.

Jenna Alderks of Diamond Bros. Insurance Agency was present and explained the rates started at an overall 14.37% increase; a 15% increase for medical, 4.17% increase for dental, and a 13.04% increase for life insurance. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) for the transitional plan is grandfathered in for this year, so we can keep our renewal date as October 1st. No changes except the rates will take place if we stay with the current Humana plan. Alderman Schoon stated that since he was Alderman the health insurance rates have increased over 100% in the last 8 plus years. Alderman Schoon stated the City was paying around \$8,000.00 a month, now the rates are \$17,000.00 a month for the same basic coverage. Discussion was held at length. It was discussed as an option to go line for line to see if there could be any savings to the City. Dee Mumford stated she has worked with patients and with health care companies, she offered some great insight. Mayor Knapp then decided it would be worth the City looking into this further and asked Mrs. Mumford if she could steer up a committee reviewing the options the City could have. Mayor Knapp stated he would like at least one Alderman on that committee, Alderman Schoon stated he was available and would meet with Mrs. Mumford. Mrs. Mumford stated she would gather the needed information and work with City Clerk Sydney Bartelt. The renewal of the Health Insurance plan is tabled until the committee has met. Jenna Alderks stated that there was still plenty of time, with the renewal date being October 1st.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on Bid Awarding of Electrical Upgrades at Millard Deuth Park.

The bid opening for the electrical upgrades at Millard Deuth Park was held on August 14, with the city receiving the following sealed bids from United Electric in the amount of \$25,521.21 and Engel Electric in the amount of \$23,643.00. Willett Hofmann & Associates recommendation is to accept the low bid of Engel Electric in the amount of \$23,643.00. Alderman Grobe made a motion to accept the lowest bid received for the electrical upgrades at Millard Deuth Park in the amount of \$23,643.00 from Engel Electric, seconded by Alderman Peterson. Mayor Knapp requested the Deputy Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Boothe yes, Alderman Chesnut absent, Alderman Schoon yes, Alderman Busser absent, Alderman Peterson yes, and Alderman Grobe yes. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Alderman Peterson made motion to adjourn the regular City Council meeting at 8:05 pm, seconded by Alderman Grobe. Ayes 4, nays 0. The motion carried.

ATTEST: _____

MAYOR: _____

DEPUTY CITY CLERK: _____

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