

**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 21, 2017.**

**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 21, 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, Mayor Doug Knapp and City Clerk Sydney Bartelt.

**ABSENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 08/07/2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Alderman Schoon made a motion to approve the August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes of the regular city council meeting, seconded by Alderman Chesnut. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE JULY 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:**

Alderman Boothe made a motion to accept the July 2017 treasurer's report to file for audit, seconded by Alderman Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2016/17 ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Polo City Council was presented with the 2016/17 annual treasurer's report.

**APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF BILLS:**

Mayor Knapp asked if there were any bills to add to the list of bills; Alderman Schoon added bills for PDC Lab for \$712.95 and Birkey's for \$38.15 for the water and sewer departments, Alderman Busser added bills for \$133.46 for Birkey's and \$755.18 for Willett, Hoffman & Associates for the streets department. Alderman Busser made a motion to approve the list of bills as corrected, seconded by Alderman Schoon. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Busser yes, Alderman Peterson yes, Alderman Grobe yes, Alderman Boothe yes, Alderman Chesnut yes, Alderman Schoon yes. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Sidewalks:**

None.

**Finance & Ordinances:**

None.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

A permit for cement flooring was issued.

**Police:**

None.

**Sanitation:**

None.

**Parks & Pool:**

None.

**Water & Sewer:**

None.

**City Clerk's Report:**

Sydney received a letter from the Polo Chamber of Commerce 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. They would also like use of 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. For any City Council member that will be attending the 104<sup>th</sup> annual Illinois Municipal League Conference, we have been invited to two dinners. If anyone is interested in attending the conference and the dinners please let City Clerk know.

**Police Chief's Report:**

15 vehicles were broken into this past weekend. The cars were all cars that were left unlocked. The culprit(s) took mostly cash. The following night the Polo Police did extensive patrol with Ogle County cops.

**SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Resident Andrew Bartelt is concerned with plumbing issues that have possibly effected his house. Andrew stated that he had sewer back up into his house from a drain and toilet which caused extensive damage after the massive rainfall in July 2017. He stated that this was

not the first time this has happened but this time it was worse. Andrew was wondering if the City could reimburse him to help cover some of the costs. Andrew stated that he has had several plumbers come out to assess his problem and they have all stated that it was the City's problem. Alderman Troy Boothe asked Andrew if he could get the plumbers opinions in writing so the City Council could address this issue further.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Consideration & Possible Action on a Proposal From Jim O'Connor Regarding 112 E. Mason Street.

Alderman Schoon made a motion to allow Jim O'Connor to boar one hole under the alley between his two properties to install geothermal heating, seconded by Alderman Boothe. The motion carried by voice vote. Ayes 6, nays 0.

**NEW BUSSINESS:**

- A. Consideration & Possible Action on the 2017-18 Humana Health, Life, Dental & Short-Term Disability Insurance Rates by Stephen Lafferty of Diamond Bros. Insurance.

Mr. Stephen Lafferty of Dimond Bros. Insurance Agency was present and explained the rates started at an overall 10.73% increase; a 11.25% increase for medical, 2.71% increase for dental, and a 9.52% 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. In a year the city will have to go with ACA plans which we will be mandated to start on January 1, of that next year. In 2020 the Cadillac Tax for any group that is paying over \$10,800.00 per individual or \$29,500 a year for a family will have a 40% tax on the premiums. There are those who are currently working to have this tax ruling taken off the books, but we need to keep an eye on this law. Mr. Lafferty will continue to go out to market, but we could look at a working spouse carve out, where if the spouse is working and has insurance where they work then they cannot stay on the plan, which will help manage the city cost. Right now, spousal insurance is about \$4,000.00 savings per spouse. We will make an appointment with Diamond Bros. Insurance Agency to get projections and to discuss options in the Spring of 2018. Alderman Boothe made a motion to accept the renewal rate of \$15,597.04 per month from Humana Insurance Company from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018, seconded by Alderman Busser. Mayor Knapp 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 Randy Schoon no, and Alderman Jim Busser yes. The motion carried.

- B. Consideration & Possible Action on A Possible Increase in Garbage Rates for Residents.

The City Council elects to leave the residents rates alone and will revisit this at budget time next year.

- C. Consideration & Possible Action on Enforcing Code of Ordinance Chapter 51.065 Storm And Unpolluted Waters Prohibited.

Alderman Schoon states that there are numerous houses in town that have illegal hook ups into the sanitary sewer system with their sump pumps. Tom Suits stated that some municipalities have a requirement to have a certificate to prove that there are no illegal hook ups prior to a sale. City Clerk Bartelt has contacted the City of Sterling to inquire about their grant program where they reimburse a portion of cost back to the citizens.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Alderman Schoon made a motion to adjourn at 8:09pm 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 Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk to call roll on the motion: Alderman Boothe yes, Alderman Chesnut yes, Alderman Schoon 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 8:24pm.

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

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

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

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