

**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, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014.**

**INVOCATION:**

Reverend Greg Downs 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 Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

**PRESENT:** Alderman David Ackeberg, Alderperson Louise Hall, Alderman Jim Busser, 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 8/18/14 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Alderman David Ackeberg made a motion to accept the minutes of the 8/18/14 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE 8/18/14 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:**

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the August 18, 2014 closed session minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman David Ackeberg. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Sidewalks:**

Alderman Dave Ackeberg reported the City received the joint purchasing approval from Illinois CMS for our bulk salt, which will be \$106.62 a ton this year. Last year the cost was \$57.77 a ton. This will mean a \$7,327.50 increase in salt cost for the year if we utilize all 150 tons that was bid for the year.

**Finance & Ordinances:**

None.

**Police:**

None.

**Sanitation:**

None.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Alderman Jim Busser reported a building permit issued for a remodel and an electrical upgrade service.

**Parks & Pool:**

None.

**Water & Sewer:**

Alderman Randy Schoon reported we have tentative dates for the waste water treatment plant open house; September 28, October 5 and October 12<sup>th</sup>. Discussion held on making sure Mark Scholl and Brenden Velez who were both involved in the beginning stages and through the construction process get an invitation. Mayor Knapp wants Mark Scholl to be there due to all the hard work he did in getting this project off the ground. Consensus of the city council was to hold this on October 5, with the time of the open house to be determined at a later date.

**City Clerk's Report:**

City Clerk Corbitt reported we received a second Capital Bill Program distribution from Judy Baar Topinka in the amount of \$10,757.00 for the MFT Fund. The previous distribution came in May 2014, but was issued for the State of Illinois distribution FY 2013/14 and this check is for FY 2014/15.

The Polo Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting dinner will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the LaBranche with registration & cocktails at 6pm and the dinner at 6:30pm. RSVP is September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Police Chief's Report:**

None.

**SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**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.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to accept Ordinance 14-12 as presented, 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, seconded by Alderperson Louise Hall.

Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman

Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Consideration & Possible Action on a Request from the Polo Chamber of Commerce for the Use of the City Lot Located at 212 S. Division Avenue and a Street Closure on West Buffalo Street for the 2014 Polo Chili Cook Off.**

At this time Mayor Knapp read a letter from the Polo Chamber of Commerce President Robin Duncan requesting the use of the City's empty lot located at 212 S. Division Avenue from Wednesday, September 24 to Saturday, September 27, 2014 for closure of West Buffalo Street from South Franklin Avenue west to South Division Avenue from 8:00am to 4:00pm on the day of the event, 9/27/14. The Chamber also requested the use of twelve (12) picnic tables and five (5) garbage receptacles that belong to the city, and an application for the 50/50 raffle permit has been approved for this event.

Consensus of the Polo City Council is to allow this request from the Polo Chamber of Commerce for the 2014 Polo Chamber of Commerce Chili Cook Off.

**B. Consideration & Possible Action on FUM Church Services at Polo Community Park on September 7, 2014 and Allowing a Bouncy House and Dunk Tank on the Property.**

Discussion was held that City Clerk Corbitt contacted the IMLMRA, city liability carriers concerning this request. She was informed that the dunk tank is not an issue, but the liability insurance for the bouncy house has to be through the company that the house is rented from not the renter or FUM Church. She spoke with Park Board President Larry Loomis this morning and explained the insurance with his response that he feels neither should be allowed as it may open up a can of worms.

After lengthy discussion the consensus of the Polo City Council is to allow church services and the dunk tank, but not the bouncy house at Polo Community Park on September 7, 2014.

**C. Consideration & Possible Action on the Resignation of Officer Chris Scott.**

Mayor Knapp reported that Polo Police Officer Chris Scott has submitted a resignation as of September 7, 2014. Mayor Knapp reported that Mr. Scott thanked the City Council for everything the city has done for him, but he has an advancement opportunity with the city of Byron he just cannot turn down.

Alderman David Ackeberg made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Chris Scott effective September 8, 2014, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**D. Consideration & Possible Action Hiring of Part-Time Officers, Mr. Chris Scott and Mr. Ross Dillon.**

Chief Christen reported Mr. Ross Dillon is currently an Ogle County Sherriff Deputy and has been employed with them for eight years. He was approved by the Ogle County Sheriff to take this part time position. He also reported we are currently down two part time officers.

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to hire Mr. Chris Scott and Mr. Ross Dillon effective 9/8/14 as part time police officers, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. 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 Ackeberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes. The motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Discussion on golf carts was held with Alderman Boothe reporting this will be addressed at the next Police committee meeting on September 15; stating but it will just be a review and please do not expect a recommendation at that time.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to adjourn out of the regular City Council meeting at 7:35 p.m. into closed session to discuss Personnel Section 2 (c) (1) employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline & performance, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes. The motion carried.

The City Council adjourned out of the 9/02/14 regular city council meeting at 8:06pm while in closed session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susie Corbitt, MMC