

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, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016.

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 Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

PRESENT: Alderman Jim Busser, Alderman Phillip Peterson, Alderman Justin Grobe, Alderman Troy Boothe, Alderperson Cheryl Galor, Alderman Randy Schoon. Also present was Mayor Doug Knapp and City Clerk Susie Corbitt.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF THE 8/15/16 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to approve the August 15, 2016 minutes of the regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 8/15/16 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Alderman Phil Peterson made a motion to approve the 8/15/16 closed session minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

Alderman Phil Peterson reported the City cashed in CD# 18090 in the amount of \$100,985.02 on August 16, 2016 and deposited into the sewer checking account (Enterprise Funds) to assist paying the IEPA loan payment on 8/15/16.

The city also cashed in CD # 18017 in the amount of \$50,582.63 and placed in the General checking account to cover bills.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Justin Grobe reported building permits were issued for; a remodel & electrical upgrade, two fences and removal and replace of a shed.

Police:

Alderman Troy Boothe reported that Officer Christopher Thiel completed a 40 hour training course for police firearms through the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He will be able to certify our officers due to this certification.

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

Alderman Cheryl Galor reported the employees are trying to paint all the play equipment. Lions Club will be placing a new roof on the shelter at Polo Community Park, there has been up to 13,000 patrons at the swimming pool, 150 pool passes, 61 pool parties. Some of the life guards participated with Centennial School for a special reading program titled Ocean Water Theme; they went over in their suits and attire.

Water & Sewer:

None.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Corbitt reported the Polo Chamber of Commerce 50th annual dinner and meeting will be held on September 26 at the Polo Room, cocktails at 6:00pm and dinner at 6:30pm.

Police Chief's Report:

Chief Christen reported he and City Clerk Corbitt attended a meeting at the Sterling theatre for an officer involvement documentary: reality of use of force in law enforcement. He also reported that September 1st an email went out from the Ogle County Board with a resolution the Ogle County Board passed recognizing all police officers, firemen and ambulance personnel.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

Alderman Troy Boothe reported an officer hit a guide wire from a utility pole with the 2016 Dodge Charger. Haldane Custom Paint & Body has repaired the damage.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on the Presentation of the 2015-16 City Audit by CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP.

Sandy Cook, CPA, Engagement Director and Stacey Dunphy, Senior Associate were present from CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP. A financial report presentation was given by Ms. Cook.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the 2015-16 city audit presented by CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderman Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Justin Grobe yes. The motion carried.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on 2016-17 Humana Health, Life & Dental Insurance Rates by Stephen Lafferty of Dimond Bros. Insurance

Mr. Stephen Lafferty of Dimond Bros. Insurance Agency was present and explained the rates started at over 13%, but he was able to get it down to a 9.7% increase for this year just on the medical, there was no increase for dental or the life insurance portion. 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 with on January 1, 2018. We will have to look very carefully next year with the employee's co-insurance anywhere from \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00. Our rate increase average the last four years has been under 4% over those years; Dimond Bros. has been able to keep a handle on that. As of 1/1/18 everyone is consolidated and eventually we will end up with only three or four carriers to choose from. Each year they go out to market, but next year the ACA plans will not math up with fewer choices. In 2020 the Cadillac Tax for any group that is paying over \$10,200.00 per individual or \$22,500.00 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 \$7,500.00 savings per spouse. He would like to hold on with our current benefits, but next year we will have to move over to ACA, or possible partial employee payments, where the city could give each employee a certain amount and they would go and get their own insurance. Mr. Lafferty would like to re-group next April or May to get dialog started for our next renewal.

Alderman Jim Busser made a motion to accept the renewal rate of \$12,573.00 per month from Humana Insurance Company from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion: Alderman Justin Grobe yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderman Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes. The motion carried.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on the Purchase of a New Police 2017 Fleet/Non-Rental Ram 1500 from Barkau Automotive in the Amount of \$29,287.19.

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to purchase a 2017 Ram 1500 truck from Barkau Automotive in the amount of \$26,412.19 which include the 2010 Chevy Impala \$3,000.00 trade in, seconded by Alderman Jim Busser. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion: Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderman Cheryl Galor no, Alderman Randy Schoon yes,

Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Justin Grobe yes. The motion carried.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on a Request from the Polo Chamber of Commerce for the Use of the Louise D. Quick Park and Street Closures for the 2016 Chamber of Commerce Chili Cook Off on 9/24/16.

The Polo Chamber of Commerce is requesting the use of the Louise D. Quick Park and closing Franklin Avenue from the intersection at Mason north to the alley. The Rock River Valley Blood Center mobile will run east and west at the intersection of Mason Street and Franklin Avenue. Consensus of the Polo City Council is to allow this request.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Alderman Jim Busser reported a sink hole from a collapsed storm sewer at the corner of South Franklin Avenue and Colden Street occurred. This is a partial cave in along with the manhole bricks originally were not put in correctly. O'Brien Civil Works estimates \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00 to repair one section, but to correctly fix this with the tile, two storm sewers and a manhole that should be repaired the cost will be approximately \$20,000.00. This is an emergency situation that is all storm sewers. Alderman Busser went on to say; eventually they will need to do from South Franklin Avenue to South Division Avenue with replacing the clay tile. Alderman Busser stated due to the urgent nature of this situation he gave permission to go ahead with fixing this in its entirety with O'Brien Civil Works, stating over the next 20 years most storm sewers in town will need to be repaired.

Alderman Randy Schoon reported a gentleman spoke to him for a half hour concerning an unlicensed vehicle at 901 S. Division Avenue, fires from an entire tree that are coming from out of town that he was burning, along with a continual garage sale every day of the week going on. Alderman Schoon stated we need to have the police enforce this person to clean up and give him notice for a nuisance or ordinance violation. Alderman Boothe stated maybe we need to limit the garage sales; maybe anything outside of the all town rummage sales could be limited. Attorney Suits will review the city ordinances to see if anything can be done concerning the garage sales.

Alderman Jim Busser made a motion to go into closed session to discuss employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline 2 (c) (1), at 8:16 pm, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion: Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Justin Grobe yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes. The motion carried.

The City Council adjourned out of the regular session meeting while in closed session at 7:56pm on August 15, 2016.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC
City Clerk**