

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 15, 2014.

INVOCATION:

Mayor 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, September 15, 2014.

PRESENT: Alderman David Aceberg, 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 Deputy Clerk Sue Waszak.

ABSENT: City Clerk Susie Corbitt.

APPROVAL OF THE 9/02/14 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Dave Aceberg made a motion to accept the minutes of the 9/02/14 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Louise Hall. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE 9/02/14 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Alderperson Cheryl Galor made a motion to accept the minutes of the 9/02/14 closed session meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

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

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the August 2014 treasurer's report to file for audit as presented, seconded by Alderman Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2013/14 ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Polo City Council was presented with the 2013/14 annual treasurer's report.

APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF BILLS:

Alderman Dave Aceberg made a motion to approve the list of bills as presented, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the Deputy Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Aceberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Knapp stated that he received a call regarding the music at Chesty P's bar. He asked if anyone else received any calls. The mayor stated he does not believe the music will be happening all that often, he also stated with all the buildings being torn down behind the bar the noise tends to carry farther. For now Mayor Knapp feels this is not an issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

Aldersperson Louise Hall reported CD # 17449 at the First State Bank Shannon Polo Lake Carroll was cashed in, in the amount of \$383,109.87. \$195,500 of that was deposited into the Enterprise/Sewer checking account to pay the IEPA's first loan payment for the new waste water treatment plant. The rest of the money was reinvested for the IEPA loan repayment in a 12 month in the amount of \$187,609.87.

Police:

Chief Dennis Christen reported that the Police Committee met. Alderman Troy Boothe stated it was requested that they review the allowance of electric vehicles on the roadway. Discussion was held within the committee and it was decided they were not in favor; safety was one of their biggest concerns as well as it being unlawful on certain streets and/or highways. Further discussion was held among the city council with consensus to not allow it. If a citizen wants to bring it to the council, they will revisit the request as long as they can provide it being reasonable with above concerns addressed. Chief Dennis Christen stated the way it works right now is that golf carts are not allowed on the roadways, with exception of having an ordinance to state otherwise. The State of Illinois passed a law 5 years ago allowing municipalities to create an ordinance to allow golf carts in particular areas. ATV's, gators and the other vehicles of that type with certain amounts of power and speed are not permitted on roadways and are governed by state law.

Sanitation:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Jim Busser reported building permits issued for two fences, four electrical, a front deck and one plumbing.

Parks & Pool:

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

Water & Sewer:

Alderman Randy Schoon reported the date for the open house at the new waste water treatment plant is set for October 5th. He asked the council what time would work for the hours. Discussion was held and it was agreed upon to have the open house from 2:00 to 4:00 in the

afternoon. The engineers have invited the City Council for dinner following the open house. Attorney Tom Suits stated this would not be a violation of the Gift Ban Act, due to the fact it is such a minimal amount per person.

City Clerk's Report:

None.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Attorney Tom Suits reported the old bath house has been demolished.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on a Report on the Condition of the Swimming Pool

Main Drain and Baby Pool.

Swimming pool manager Terry Jenkins was present to report on repairs needed at the Polo swimming pool. Mr. Jenkins also reported that the old bath house has been demolished, ten volunteers helped out with the demo. Mr. Jenkins went on to explain that he has four major concerns regarding the pool which is in need of immediate attention. He also strongly feels with the bathhouse being torn down and the new one in the process of being constructed this is the time to do it.

1. Baby Pool:

The sand filter for the baby pool is the same age of the filters that were in the main pool.

It is time to install new filters. The baby pool also has a leak in the pipes. Mr. Jenkins suggestion is to locate the old filter system to the new filter room. That puts everything into one building and one drainage system for the pool. His suggestion is to use Mike Vanderheyde of Clearview Pools to complete the work.

2. Main Pool:

The main drain has been the biggest concern for Mr. Jenkins. He has reported his concerns over this issue since the 1990's. With the last 2 summers leaking. The main drain is the only original piping left in the filtration system. It is located from the middle of the deep end to the sump pump tank. The shallow end of the pool has buckled and needs to be leveled as well. The sidewalls behind the ladders have pitted and need new aluminum on the walls. Mr. Jenkins has been working with Greg Carnforth from Chester Pool and Mike Vankderhyde of Clearview Pools to resolve these issues. Chester Pools is the company that built the original pool and did some of the main pool work about 25 years ago. If the work is completed on the main drain, the entire filtration system will have new pipes.

3. Drainage System in the Polo Community Park:

The main drain in the park cannot hold the water that comes from the swimming pool and the groundwater in the park. It has been fixed over the years but yet it has deteriorated to

the point that it needs to be replaced. The portion from the swimming pool to the basketball court is the section that needs to be replaced. Alderman Randy Schoon also mentioned that part of the problem is the collection system by the basketball courts. Mr. Jenkins suggestion was to have Clearview Pools do the work as they will be there with the equipment to do the main drain work at the pool. Clearveiw Pools met with Street Superintendent Kendall Kyker and Water/Sewer Superintendent Mike Gauthier to discuss the issue as well.

4. Electrical Power for Pool Area:

The electrical power for the pool area is from one breaker. With the work being done, Mr. Jenkins suggest to have a multiple breaker box, which would include the pool and filter room. The concession stand has an electrical line that is above ground. Mr. Jenkins believes for safety purposes the wire needs to be relocated underground as well. The wood structure that supports all the breakers have deteriorated. With the ground being torn up for the other projects this is the time to make the area safer for all parks patrons.

5. Costs of the Projects:

Mr. Jenkins did not have dollar figures available at the meeting for the projects. His discussion with the contractors said this would be the general idea of what he thought it would cost; main drain and moving the baby pool filter room under \$75,000, drain system in the park under \$5,000, main pool aluminum will be under \$10,000. Mr. Jenkins also mentioned his guess for the total cost of all projects for the new filter room, new bathhouse, fixing the drainage system in the pool, moving the baby pool system, drainage system in the park and the electrical system being upgraded would be under \$300,000. He said that for \$300,000 the city of Polo would have a brand new swimming pool. He commended the committee from the 1960's for doing such an excellent job in building the pool originally. He said it's our generation time to fix the pool so our children and grandchildren can worry about upgrading the pool in another 50 years.

Mr. Jenkins went on to say the original filter room is now being used for storage. Mr. Jenkins will have a quote from both Clearview Pools and Chester Pools for the next City council meeting. He would like the work to be started and completed in October if possible. Discussion was held that with the total cost that the City would be required to go out for bids. Attorney Suits will look into the bid process and report back.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to adjourn out of the regular City Council meeting at 7:45p.m., seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC
City Clerk