

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 18, 2017.

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 September 18, 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 09/05/2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Boothe made a motion to approve the September 5th, 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 AUGUST 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:

Alderman Schoon made a motion to accept the September 2017 treasurer's report to file for audit, seconded by Alderman Boothe. Ayes 6, 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 Chesnut added bills for Humana for \$14,227.05, Chamber of Commerce for \$310, and Blain's Farm & Fleet for \$29.97 for administration, Alderman Grobe added bills for Nicor for \$981.09, Sherwin Williams for \$277.60, Sauk Valley Media for \$218.40, and Aramark for \$22.55 for the Park and Pool Department, Alderman Busser added bills for Pines Automotive for \$1,189.00, Blaine's Farm & Fleet for \$7.99, Milburn's Tree Service for \$1,200, and Aramark for \$22.60, and Linda Currens for \$315.00 for the Street Department, Alderman Schoon added a bill in the amount of \$31.57 for Aramark. Alderman Schoon made a motion to approve the list of bills as corrected, seconded by Alderman Boothe. 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:

2 demolition houses.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

The Lion's Club painted part of fence by the baby pool and concession stand.

Water & Sewer:

Fischer started hooking up the water connections for all the residents on W. Oregon Street. Fischer is looking to start paving before Thanksgiving.

City Clerk's Report:

The city will be looking to cash in a CD for around \$40,000 and placed in the general checking account to cover bills. A bid opening for the electrical project at the parks will be held on September 28th at 11:00 AM.

Police Chief's Report:

Chief Cavanaugh met with Fire Chief Karrow to review the City's emergency plan. They will hopefully go forward with this soon.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Tim Kyker was over at the property on Friday with a back hoe. He has a guy coming over with a quote to tear down the house. Mr. Andrew Bartelt presented a letter to the City Council from a plumber regarding the sewer back up in his basement. Mayor Knapp stated that we would submit the letter to the City insurance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSSINESS:

- A. **Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 17-14, an Amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 51.104, Basic User Rate. (First Reading)**

The City Council accepted the first reading of Ordinance 17-4, an Amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 51.104, Basic User Rate.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on the Possible Hiring of a 5th Full Time Officer.

The City of Polo will be opening a position for a 5th Full-Time Officer. There are two officers who will be retiring soon. The police officers are not having enough time to do additional training past their basic training. Chief Cavanaugh needs to go through the policies and to go through the evidence room.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on the Possible Hiring of an Employee for the Water/Sewer Department.

Alderman Schoon made a motion to hire Brenden Kane as an employee for the water/sewer department at \$15.00 an hour to be effective September 25, 2017, seconded by Alderman Chesnut. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Peterson yes, Alderman Grobe yes, Alderman Boothe yes, Alderman Chesnut yes, Alderman Schoon yes, and Alderman Busser yes. The motion carried.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on a Full-Time Deputy Clerk.

Alderman Boothe made a motion to make Deputy Clerk Sue Waszak a full-time employee, seconded by Alderman Busser. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Grobe yes, Alderman Boothe yes, Alderman Chesnut yes, Alderman Schoon yes, Alderman Busser yes, and Alderman Peterson yes. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

David Spaine has concerns about the public using West Oregon Street and going too fast. There is a lot of dust from the construction and when people speed down that road it causes a dust cloud. David Spaine is concerned about the workers getting dust on their machines and not being able to see what they are doing. He is wondering what could be done to stop the people speeding on that road. Alderman Schoon spoke with Luke Dixon from Willett Hoffman about completely closing off Oregon Street. Unfortunately, West Oregon Street cannot be completely closed off because emergency vehicles may need access to that road in the event of an emergency. Chief Cavanaugh had not been aware this was a problem and will have more police patrol in that area.

Alderman Schoon made a motion to adjourn the regular City Council meeting at 7:45 pm, seconded by Alderman Busser. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried.

ATTEST: _____

MAYOR: _____

CITY CLERK: _____

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