

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 19, 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 Monday, September 19, 2016.

PRESENT: Alderman Jim Busser, Alderman Phillip Peterson, 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: Alderman Justin Grobe.

APPROVAL OF THE 9/06/16 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to approve the September 6, 2016 minutes of the regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 9/06/16 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to approve the 9/06/16 closed session minutes as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUGUST 2016 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to approve the August 2016 treasurers report to file for audit as presented, seconded by Alderman Jim Busser. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2015/16 ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT:

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to accept the 2015/16 annual treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Aye 5, 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 Jim Busser added a bill to Pines Automotive in the amount of \$671.70 for the street department, Alderman Phil Peterson added a bill to Humana Insurance in the amount of \$13,638.64 for all departments and Alderman Troy Boothe added a bill to Pines Automotive in the amount of \$46.50 for the PD.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to approve the list of bills as amended, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Justin Grobe absent, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Phil Peterson reported building permits were issued for; a house demolition and a new shed.

Police:

Alderman Troy Boothe reported Chief Dennis Christen and City Clerk Susie Corbitt attended a session put on by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standard Board on an Officer Involved Documentary: "Reality of Use of Force in Law Enforcement."

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

Alderperson Cheryl Galor reported the pool is almost winterized and Vern is still mowing.

Water & Sewer:

Alderman Randy Schoon reported a committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29th at 4:00pm in city hall to discuss the progress of the City of Polo/USDA Rural Development sewer project to rehabilitate the South Congress Avenue lift station, replacement of sanitary sewers on South Maple Avenue, West Oregon Street and South Division Avenue, new sludge drying beds at the WWTP and sanitary sewer lining.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Corbitt reported tomorrow is the first day to pick up petitions for the April 4, 2017 consolidated election. A new account for 113 E Colden is being set up with ComEd and they are asking for a \$250 deposit, but City Clerk will attempt to get a free service account as we have in some other municipal buildings, but it will depend on how the franchise agreement is written.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:**A. Consideration & Possible Action on Electrical Upgrades needed at Polo Community Park and Repairs to Light Poles at Millard Death Park.**

When Mike Bowman was over looking at the electrical at the pool park he determined our service is not up to code. Mayor Knapp feels we need to take quotes to see what that will cost. At Millard Death Park the wooden brackets that hold all four lights is rotted out and the nuts and bolts need to be repaired, but our boom truck does not go high enough. Mayor Knapp feels we repair the worst first, but start with the electrical at Community Park and we need to get quotes. Alderperson Galor feels we need to go to Mike Bowman first to get a quote since it does not need to be done this fall. Discussion held on contacting Complete Electric Company, Bowman Electric & Don Knight Electric. Alderperson Galor will get this started by speaking with Mr. Bowman for the exact work that needs to be done and inform Mr. Bowman that we will use his recommendation to go out for quotes, stating this is not something that needs to be done before spring.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Alderperson Galor asked about the continual rummage sales going on at the house at 903 South Division Avenue. Chief Christen gave notice to abate, with seven days as of the date he was served. If he has not complied with the notice the Chief gave him within the seven days then he can issue a citation.

Mr. Marv Bushman was present and asked about him tearing refrigerator apart and a car engine out in the yard with oil on the street. Alderman Schoon stated that is illegal and we need to talk to Steve Rypkema with the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department and possibly call the EPA for Freon issues. Alderman Schoon will contact Mr. Rypkema. Discussion held that if he takes them to junk yard they will not accept them with the Freon still in them.

Mr. Bushman questioned the two trucks abandoned at 903 S. Division Avenue that have not been moved for a very long time. Discussion was held on the Polo Code of Ordinance, which states they have to be moved every 48 hours if sitting on a public street, and they have to be currently registered and insured. Mr. Bushman stated this one vehicle blocks the stop sign at the intersection.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to go into closed session to discuss employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline 2 (c) (1) at 7:22pm, seconded by Alderman

Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion: Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Justin Grobe absent, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes. The motion carried.

The City Council adjourned out of the regular session meeting while in closed session at 7:41pm on September 19, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC
City Clerk