

**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, OCTOBER 6, 2014.**

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, October 6, 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 9/15/14 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING:**

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to accept the minutes of the 9/15/14 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

Alderperson Louise Hall reported there will be an ordinance committee meeting on Wednesday, October 8th at 5:30pm in city hall to address Polo City Code of Ordinance, Chapter 92, Section 92.09, Restriction on Keeping Livestock within the City Limits.

Police:

Chief Christen stated his recommendation for the Trick or Treat Hours is October 31, 2014 from 5-8pm. Consensus of the City Council is to accept Chief Christen recommendation.

Sanitation:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Jim Busser reported building permits issued for an addition/storage building, an electrical service, fence, garage, sign, and moving of a door.

Also reported is there is a Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing set for October 14, 2014 at 7pm in City Hall to hear a request from Mr. Dan Massey for a change in zoning for a Special Use Permit for residential living quarters on the first floor of a business district. After this Hearing there will be a committee meeting held with the Zoning Board of Appeals for the recommendations from the Code Review Committee for possible changes to the Polo Code of Ordinance.

Parks & Pool:

None.

Water & Sewer:

Alderman Randy Schoon reported it was a nice open house that the city held yesterday at the new waste water treatment plant with approximately 60 people attending.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Corbitt reported she contacted American Legal Publishing to let them know that she has proofed the supplements they sent and to proceed with the publications of the new and amended ordinances from the 2013/14 year. She will also have the tax levy ready for the dollar amount for the next city council meeting. The dollar amount has to be announced twenty days before passage. The April 7, 2015 Consolidated Elections petition and informational packets are ready in city hall and can be circulated from now until December 22, 2014. The filing dates are December 15-22, 2014. Seats up for election are: Ward I; Alderperson Louise Hall 4- year term, Ward II; Alderman Troy Boothe 4-year term, Alderman Jim Busser, 2-year unexpired term, and Ward III; Alderman Randy Schoon 4-year term.

At this time Mayor Knapp reported five scores of brick's were laid at the bath house project to floor level, they will pour the floor next week, then the following week the plumbing will be done, after that the building is going up. Mayor Knapp thanked everyone who assisted.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Connie Simonnet expressed her concern about a lot of bees swarming on the empty lot south of her home recently. She stated Mr. Scholl was told not to do anything on that property with bees. She reported there is a bee nuc there, along with dumped wax behind the garage, also reported is that photographs have been taken. Alderperson Hall stated he did this on the weekend of the garage sales and this could have been a problem with all the people and Laurie Church had a rummage sale during this time. Ms. Church said Mr. Scholl has one hive and there are trays inside the garage that are full of bees along with a black angled table outside with a hole in the corner where the bees are going into and coming out. Connie Simonnet stated this has been

going on for three and a half years, stating he will not stop. She went on to state he is dumping the debris that attracts the bees on this property between she and Laurie Church properties. Mayor Knapp stated we as the council are not discussing this at this evening's council, but the ordinance committee will be meeting on Wednesday night at 5:30pm and everyone is welcome to attend. Mayor Knapp stated he appreciated their comments and concerns and thanked them for coming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on a Report on the Cost of Repairs of the Swimming Pool Main Drain and Baby Pool and Tile Work in the Polo Community Park.

Mayor Knapp stated they were looking into going an alternative route, but with all the additional costs for permits and engineer cost it would not have saved as much. He feels with getting this project done it makes more sense to go with Clearview Pools. Mayor Knapp asked Clearview Pools about concerns in excavating, and felt much better along with Mr. Ebert with all of their responses to the various concerns they had. It was proposed that clay would be removed and reused as fill. Mayor Knapp asked if they could bring in pea gravel. Clearview said if we could use city employees and have city truck haul along with a place to take the clay to dump Clearview could save us some money. Mayor Knapp reported that Clearview Pools said they would work with us, so these figures presented should be pretty close. The mayor reported that Mark Ebert did not have enough time to get close enough cost figures to us, that he is so busy and then he agreed that maybe this is our best route to go. Alderman Schoon stated we can haul the clay to Jason Byers or to the landfill.

Alderman Schoon asked if any of this has to do with the filter room, that he thought we were told the filter room for the baby pool was ok. Terry Jenkins replied that it runs, but he has to run water twenty four hours a day to keep it filled. Alderman Schoon feels the communications have been poor and feels like he is being forced to vote on this. Terry Jenkins replied that after this the swimming pool should last another 30 to 40 years. Mayor Knapp called the Illinois Department of Public Health in Springfield and was told if we did the projects as Mr. Ebert had proposed we would have to have permits and pay additional engineer fees. Discussion on if the city employees could do the tile work was held, but it will be their busy time with leaf clean up.

Mayor Knapp reported he spoke with Clearview Pools several time this weekend. The proposal is for the replacement of the main pipe in the city swimming pool. This would include removal and disposal of approximately 480 square feet of pool deck at the deep end with and replacement with SC. 80 P.V.C. from the pool to the sump pit where the new pipe goes to the pump room. Backfill with dirt that was excavated earlier. Pour new cement where it is removed. From the pool sump pit install a new 2 inch drain pipe to the drain tile. Removal and reinstallation of the pool floor is not included in this bid. Remove baby pool equipment from the old pump room and relocate to new pump room. Install one new sand filter. Dig a trench from pump room to baby pool, install all new SCH 80 plumbing to connect the baby pool to the pump room. Install one new erosion feeder chlorinator, install pipe to the baby pool for a fill line. The electric for the baby pool is not included in the price.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to bypass the bidding process in the best interest of the city for the swimming pool work required at this time, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion: Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes. The motion carried.

Alderson Louise Hall made a motion to accept the proposal from Clearview Pools in the amount of \$67,753.00 for the swimming & baby pool and one for the tile work in the amount of \$3,295.00, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes. The motion carried.

Mayor Doug Knapp reported the proposal from Chester Pools is for removal of the floor plate in order to access the main drain lines and to inspect the pool tank for any cracks and or imperfections that would affect operations. This quote is in the amount of \$6,650.00, which also covers travel from New Albany, Indiana to the project location, grind and prep all areas to be welded, repair and replace pool floor as needed to the original Chester specifications and grind and smooth welds as needed.

Alderman Randy made a motion to accept the proposal from Chester Pools System in the amount of \$6,650.00, seconded by Alderson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on the 2013/14 City Financial Audit.

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to accept the 2013/14 City Financial Audit as presented, seconded by Alderman David Ackeberg. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderson Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on Crossroad Community Church's Request for a Street Closure on North Green Avenue and Police Present for the Third Annual Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat Event on October 29, 2014.

Crossroads Community Church will be holding their annual fall festival and trunk or treat event on October 29th. Last year they had eight hundred attend and expect approximately one thousand so that is the reason to ask for police presence and to close Green Avenue from the alley behind the Pinecricker Café north to East Dixon Avenue. They are also asking for police presence from 5:30pm to 8:00pm that evening.

Discussion was held by the Council to not bring in any additional police staff, but the officer on duty that evening will be present and if he is called away he can return to the church location when he is done with the call. It was also discussed that the street closure on North Green Avenue at the north should only be to the entrance to the Blackhawk Credit Union drive through, not all the way to the stop sign at East Dixon Street. This will allow patrons of the Dollar General to still utilize the parking off of Green Avenue and to exit from the east part of the main parking lot. Consensus of the Polo City Council is to allow the request with the two changes as stated above.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Approval of the City of Polo Application to the IEPA for the Construction of the Digester Cover at the new Waste Water Treatment Plant.

At this time Alderman Randy Schoon reported the USA Rural Development has grants for the lift station and our current water and sewer rates meet their requirements. He reported that

in discussion with Matt Hansen at the wastewater treatment plant on Sunday that Willett, Hofmann Engineer's is willing to apply for a grant for the lift station and sewer lines on South Congress Avenue and West Oregon Street. They are also willing to include the cost of the digester covers.

Alderson Louise Hall made a motion to approve Mayor Knapp to sign the paperwork from the IEPA for construction of the digester cover at the new waste water treatment plant, seconded by Alderson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes. The motion carried.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on a Community Burn Site for the Citizens of Polo at 2186 S. Galena Trail Road, Polo, Illinois.

Mayor Knapp reported that Alderman Schoon originally suggested a burn site be available to our citizens. Mayor Knapp reported discussions have been held to place a fence from Sterling Fence at a cost of \$3,628.38, with three gates, which the cost will be split between the streets and sewer department at the old sewer plant, which he just signed the proposal for. This would be for a community burn site with the hours of 8am to 4pm Monday through Saturday. Only brush and tree waste will be allowed at this point. Alderman Ackeberg stated if the burn site is abused then it will be discontinued. The city will be the only ones doing the burning. Mayor Knapp commended the street, water & sewer departments for the amazing job they are doing.

The street department has a new vacuum to pick up leaves with. Tim Merrell, employee for the street department was present and reported they have a skid mounted unit for the back of the truck, and then a tarp will be placed in it. The leaves will go into the tarp for an easier system to dump them. He went on to say ideally you need two people to run this, and it has enough suction to pick up without touching the hose. This will be used for cleaning the city street gutters up, not for the purpose of individuals raking their leaves to the curb.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to adjourn out of the regular City Council meeting at 8:01 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 Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderson Louise Hall yes. The motion carried.

The City Council returned into the regular city council meeting at 8:41pm from closed session. Mayor Doug Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll for those present.

PRESENT: Alderman David Ackeberg, Alderson Louise Hall, Alderman Jim Busser, Alderman Troy Boothe, Alderson Cheryl Galor, Alderman Randy Schoon. Also present was Mayor Doug Knapp, City Attorney Tom Suits and City Clerk Susie Corbitt.

ABSENT: None.

Discussion was held on a retirement party for Water & Sewer Superintendent Mike Gauthier. The retirement party will be held on October 22nd from 6-8pm in the street department.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to adjourn at 8:49pm, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC
City Clerk