

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, OCTOBER 17, 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, October 17, 2016.

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

ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF THE 10/03/16 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to approve the October 3, 2016 regular minutes of the city council meeting, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 10/03/16 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Alderman Jim Busser made a motion to approve the 10/03/16 closed session minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

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

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the September 2016 treasurer's report to file for audit as presented, seconded by Alderman Jim Busser. 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 Busser added a bill in the amount of \$6,181.40 for the streets, water & sewer departments, Alderman Peterson added a bill to Humana Insurance for all departments in the amount of \$11,038.30 for health, dental and life insurance, Alderman Grobe added a bill to Moring Disposal in the amount of \$16,315.42 for the sanitation department, Alderman Troy Boothe added a bill to Pines Automotive for the PD in the amount of \$110.00 and Alderman Randy Schoon added bills to Saunders Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$31.25 and Viking Chemical Company in the amount of \$2,763.04.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

Alderman Phil Peterson reported on 10/04/16 the City issued a check in the amount of \$6,555.15 from the PNC, Inc. Special Account to PNC for 60% of the property tax they paid this year on their property located at 201 E. Oregon Street according to the TIF agreement between the City of Polo and PNC, Inc.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Justin Grobe reported building permits issued for an electrical remodel, a shed, two fences, a garage and a screened in porch.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

Alderperson Cheryl Galor reported the Park Board will meet this Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00pm in city hall. She went on to say everyone has a report from Kayla for year-end totals with comparisons, and we did well this year.

Water & Sewer:

None.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Corbitt reported she has been able to get a free service at 113 E. Colden Street with ComEd, which places this building into our franchise agreement between the City of Polo and ComEd. She has also filled the paperwork out with Nicor Gas to get service at this building, but was told it would be six to eight weeks before that would occur. Clerk Corbitt was informed that the gas lines had been removed.

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 a Request from 4U Charities to Hold their Annual 5K Run for Requests for Street Closure's and Registration at the Millard Death Park on November 5, 2016.**

Mrs. Sara Thorngren on behalf of 4U Charities is requesting the use of Millard Death Park and the closure of one block on W. North Street and N. Maple Avenue, and then West Dixon Street to Galena Trail on November 5, 2016 for 4U Charities to hold their 5k Run. Bathrooms will be open per Alderperson Galor. Consensus of the Polo City Council is to allow this request.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 16-09, an Amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinances to Chapter 112; 112.01 Definitions, 112.15 Classifications of License & Fees, 112.16, Limitation on Numbers.

Attorney Suits explained no one mentioned what the cost for this type of liquor license would be. After discussion was held consensus of the City Council is the fee of \$25 annually will be required for this Class I liquor license. This liquor license classification would permit the license holder, subject to specific restrictions to sell and deliver alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the sale and delivery of food by a licensee engaged in catering of food.

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of Ordinance 16-09, an amendment to Chapter 112.01, 112.15 and 112.15 with the change proposed for the annual fee of \$25.00.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Two Quotes for the Repair of the Smatic Panel Control at the Waste Water Treatment Plant from Evoque Water Technologies and Gasvoda.

Alderman Schoon reported these quotes are for a control panel that is junk that needs to be replaced, with Mr. Mumford having no control at this time. Alderman Peterson asked Mr. Mumford which of these two companies does a better job. Water and Sewer Superintendent Michael Mumford responded that Evoqua is part of the Semen Company who did the original work at the plant, but they split in ownership, with his choice to go with Evoqua. Attorney Suits asked if there is a warranty with this. Mr. Mumford replied that he does not know, but the original one was for only one year with the current system lasting for only three years. Alderman Schoon stated he feels the company should stand behind this, with Alderman Grobe stating if it is an electrical unit they will not stand behind them, which he has learned from his business experiences.

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to accept the quote from Evoqua Water Technologies in the amount of \$6,655.00, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. 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 yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

D. Announcement of the Proposed 2016 Tax Levy Amount.

City Clerk Corbitt reported the tax levy amount of \$333,603.00. The levy amount has to be announced 20 days before passage of the Tax Levy Ordinance, in which the first reading will be done at the November 7, 2016 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Marv Bushman questioned the vehicle he spoke of at the last meeting was moved then put in back, then moved the other vehicle to 901 S. Division Avenue. There is a vehicle covered with tarp, and Mr. Jetter is still putting his junk all around the garage. At 902 S. Provost Street there still is an unlicensed vehicle and a couch. Mr. Bushman stated we have to do something and why do we have laws that have no meat to them. He questioned abandon vehicles with Attorney Suits stating there is a fine line on what an abandoned vehicle is. Mr. Bushman reported there are vehicles up on S. Congress Avenue and W. Wayne Street that have been sitting there for ten days without being moved. He asked when we are going to make these new rules to abide with. Alderman Peterson stated the city of Dixon just passed an ordinance that you cannot park your car in the front yard and reported he has received numerous ordinances from various municipalities that address nuisances, which the committee will review. Mr. Bushman stated when it snowed the plows went around vehicles that sit on Division Avenue, questioning the police not giving a citation with our odd even ordinance. He said if the Chief is not doing his job then get someone who will.

He went on to report a vehicle that has been parked for a long time on the street that does not even have tail lights. Alderman Boothe stated when we put the nuisance ordinance together then we will have a policy we can go forward with and make sure it covers these types of issues. Mr. Bushman said he is just trying to get things right and wants these issues taken care of.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to go into closed session to discuss Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline-Section 2 (c) (1) at 7:30pm, 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 yes, 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 7:58pm on October 17, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC