

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, NOVEMBER 2, 2015.

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, November 2, 2015.

PRESENT: Alderman David Ackeberg, Alderman Phillip Peterson, Alderman Jim Busser, Alderman Troy Boothe, Alderperson Cheryl Galor and 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 10/19/15 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the minutes of the 10/19/15 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE 10/19/15 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the October 19, 2015 closed session minutes as presented, seconded by Alderperson Troy Boothe. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

At this time City Clerk Susie Corbitt arrived at 7:03pm.

At this time City Clerk Corbitt presented Deputy Clerk Susan Waszak with an engraved watch for her twenty five years of service with the City of Polo.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

Alderman Dave Ackeberg reported there will be a committee meeting held on Thursday, November 5th at 6pm in the street department for the streets, water & sewer departments.

Finance & Ordinances:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Jim Busser reported a building permits issued for a garage and an electrical upgrade. Also reported is there will be a Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing held on November 18th at 7:00pm in City Hall to hear a request from Mr. Jim Cole for a variance to the height restriction for a residential garage.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

Alderman Cheryl Galor reported Vern Shetler and Judy Shipman are done for the season. She also reported a door was kicked in at the concession stand at the pool park and will be replaced. The Park Board received quotes for sealing and stripe of the basketball courts at Polo Community Park. The Park Board decided to go with Herbig Blacktop Construction, Inc out of Bryon in the amount of \$2,899.00. Mayor Knapp has signed the quote with Herbig Blacktop Construction. Work to be done in the spring of 2016.

Water & Sewer:

Alderman Randy Schoon reported the City of Polo Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout town on Tuesday, November 3, and Wednesday, November 4, 2015. All areas of the City may be affected by rusty water and low pressure on both days.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Corbitt reported; The Illinois Municipal League (IML) has been actively working to gain the release of funds being withheld by the State of Illinois during this lengthy budget impasse. As our advocate in Springfield, the Illinois Municipal League has had numerous meetings and discussions centered on the importance of releasing local funds that are critical to municipal operations, programs and services.

Various forms of legislation have been introduced that would authorize the State to release specific funds (Motor Fuel Tax, Use Tax, video gaming fees, casino fees, 9-1-1 service fees) and/or all non-general revenue funds that are otherwise distributed to local governments. The next scheduled session date for the General Assembly is November 10. There is also a meeting with the Governor and legislative leaders scheduled for November 18. The IML is hopeful that these issues can be resolved as soon as possible, but certainly prior to the end of this calendar year.

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 the Engineering Agreement Between the City of Polo and Willett, Hofmann & Associates for the USDA Rural Development Projects, Congress Ave. Lift Station, Sanitary Sewer and Sludge Beds Project.

No discussion was held.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on an Agreement for Legal Services between the City of Polo & the Law Offices of Attorney M. Thomas Suits, P.C. for Improvements of the Wastewater System & USDA Rural Development Projects.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to approve the agreement for legal services between the City of Polo and the Law Offices of Attorney M. Thomas Suits, P.C. for improvement to the Wastewater System and USDA Rural Development Projects, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes. The motion carried.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 15-14 an Amendment to the Polo Liquor Code in Connection with the Celebration of Lieutenant General Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller's Birthday.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept Ordinance 15-14 an Amendment to the Polo Liquor Code in Connection with the Celebration of Lieutenant General Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller's Birthday as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. 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, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes. The motion carried.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 15-15, the 2015 Tax Levy.

Discussion was held on the dollar amount for the liability and workmen's compensation insurance and if the levy needs to be increased more. Currently this year our costs for the various liabilities, workmen's compensation bill came in at \$64,509.39. We only raised the budget for this insurance portion to \$64,000.00 for the FYI 2015/16 year and there will be a freeze on the property tax levy for the year's 2016 and 2017. Discussion held at length with consensus to raise the 2015 levy just below the 105%. The City Council accepted the first reading of ordinance 15-15, the 2015 tax levy as presented.

E. Consideration & Possible Action on a Quote from O'Brien Civil Works for Drainage Improvements to the Alley Behind 118 & 122 West Mason Street.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg stated this has been an ongoing issue with the restaurant in the 100 block of West Mason Street with flooding when there are heavy rains. The city has worked on this issue with the street department and engineers coming in with a raised speed bump off the

highway but that did not work. Since the car wash went in it has gotten worse with their water runoff.

Alderman Ackeberg reported we need to tear this out and do it right and that this is in the budget to do this year. He went on to report the City is going to do part of the removal, supply rock, permits and use our trucks to offset some of these costs. The pavement from behind Mason to the highway will come out then the approach and some of the alley will be new. Alderman Ackeberg reported this project will not go over \$19,360.00.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the quote from O'Brien Civil Works for drainage improvements to the alley behind 118 & 122 West Mason Street in the amount not to exceed \$19,360.00, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes. The motion carried.

Alderman Jim Busser questioned the situation with the water drainage on North Green Avenue with discussion held at this time. Alderman Dave Ackeberg reported the engineers are working on several options, but this will be a spring project. Alderman Troy Boothe brought up questions asking if this is really a city issue. Alderman Ackeberg replied it is a matter of not having any curb and gutter in this location, but after all the years we now have a crown on the surface from resurfacing over and over the years so the water cannot get to Dixon Street. He went on to say we want to take our time to do our due diligence for this business.

F. Consideration & Possible Action on the 2016 Renewal Coverage with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association Early Payment.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to pay the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management the amount of \$64,509.39 as an early pay with a 1% discount, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to adjourn at 7:35pm from the regular city council meeting, seconded by Alderman Jim Busser. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC