

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 16, 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 16, 2015.

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

ABSENT: Alderman David Aceberg and Alderman Phillip Peterson.

APPROVAL OF THE 11/02/15 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the minutes of the 11/02/15 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 4, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:

Alderperson Cheryl Galor made a motion to accept the October 2015 treasurer's report to file for audit as presented, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 4, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF BILLS:

Mayor Knapp asked if there were anymore bills to add to the list of bills; Alderman Randy Schoon added bills to Martin & Company in the amount of \$232.96 for the MFT department and bills in the amount of \$54.12 and \$43.07 to Aramark for the street department and water/sewer departments and Alderperson Cheryl Galor added a bill in the amount of \$18.04 to Aramark for the park department.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Jim Busser reported building permits issued for a business sign and an addition to a house.

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.

There will also be a Building and Grounds Committee meeting held at 7:15pm right after the ZBA Hearing on 11/18/15 to look at the possible ICC Code amendments.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

None.

Water & Sewer:

Alderman Randy Schoon reported that Water & Sewer Superintendent Michael Mumford completed a six hour class presented by Fred Pryor Seminars for “Making the Transition from Staff to Supervisor.” Water & sewer employees Cale Fry and Tim Merrell completed training for “Wastewater Microscopy” put on by the Illinois Section American Water Works Association and were awarded 4 renewal training credit/professional development hours for attending.

City Clerk’s Report:

City Clerk Corbitt reported all the formal paperwork for the continuing disclosure for the bonds for the submission status for publishing the financial operating or EMMA has been completed through Bernardi Securities and Ice Miller Legal Council for the water tower bonds.

Also reported the codification came in from American Legal so the ordinance to accept this will be presented at the next city council meeting.

She also reported that House Bill 4305 - Release of Municipal Funds with an overwhelming, bipartisan vote (115 yea – 1 nay – 1 present) by the Illinois House of Representatives just passed, which authorizes the State to release specific funds (Motor Fuel Tax, video gaming fees, casino fees, 9-1-1 service fees) to local governments. This bill also addresses the distribution of Illinois lottery winnings. The Illinois Municipal League was actively involved in this effort. The bill will now move to the Illinois Senate. Immediately after the House vote, Brad Cole of the IML met with the Chief of Staff and Senate President John Cullerton and urged the Senate’s prompt and favorable consideration of the bill. The Senate must act on this before any funds will be released.

Eight different letters were sent from Mayor Knapp requesting this serious financial situation be resolved.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mrs. Billie Jo Quaco was present and asked if it is legal for a neighbor to place a video recording device on a house and film all that is going on in the next door neighbor's property. Attorney Tom Suits stated yes but you cannot use sound or zoom in. She stated this feels very creepy knowing they are being filmed. Attorney Suits replied that he does not want to give a blanket answer but possibly they could seek legal advice since this is a civil matter.

Mrs. Quaco reported an altercation happened with this person and her friend over the weekend. The neighbor made the statement that she has a camera on the Quaco property, along with three other people that she has cameras on the Quaco property. Mrs. Quaco stated she feels she will look at other legal avenues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Alderman Cheryl Galor made a motion to accept Ordinance 15-15, the 2015 tax levy as presented, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Phillip Peterson absent, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderman Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeborg absent. The motion carried.

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.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept 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 as presented, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderman Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeborg absent, Alderman Phillip Peterson absent. The motion carried.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on an Engineering Agreement between the City of Polo and Willett, Hofmann & Associates for the Possible Water Service Upgrade on the South Side of West Oregon Street.

Willett, Hofmann engineer Matt Hansen was present reporting the cost would be \$127,000 for line boring for this project, but we will leave this up to the contractor to decide which way they want to go. Alderman Schoon questioned did we not discuss this previously

and that he thought the boring should be done and was the cheapest route to go. He questioned would they not have to trench more of the street. Mr. Hansen responded yes there would be more patching due to this, but if it comes out to more of the street being opened then they would repair the entire street instead of just patching. This project for the water service on the south side of the street can be bid together with the USDA Rural Development project but paid out of water and sewer funds, but broke out for the USDA Rural Development for the loan purpose.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept an engineering agreement between the City of Polo and Willett, Hofmann & Associates for the possible water service upgrade on the south side of West Oregon Street as presented, 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 David Aceberg absent, Alderman Phillip Peterson absent, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes. The motion carried.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on an Amended 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 Randy Schoon made a motion to approve the amended agreement for legal services between the City of Polo and the Law Offices of Attorney M. Thomas Suits, P.C. for improvements to the wastewater system and the USDA Rural Development projects, 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 Aceberg absent, Alderman Phillip Peterson absent, Alderman Jim Busser yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Hansen stated once these documents go to USDA Rural Development we can get approval and get started. Once the bidding is done, then closing on the loan will be done.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on burning of leaves, with complaints coming into city hall asking to consider prohibiting burning within the corporate limits. Discussion held that maybe next year we advertize more about the city vacuuming leaves and Moring Disposals programs and encourage the citizens to utilize these programs.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to adjourn at 7:27pm from the regular city council meeting, seconded by Alderman Jim Busser . Ayes 4, nays 0. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC