

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, NOVEMBER 17, 2014.

INVOCATION:

Mayor 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 17, 2014.

PRESENT: Alderman David Aceberg, 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 11/03/14 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderperson Louise Hall made a motion to accept the minutes of the 11/03/14 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE 11/03/14 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the minutes of the 11/03/14 closed session meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE OCTOBER 2014 TREASURERS REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:

Alderman Dave Aceberg made a motion to accept the October 2104 treasurers report to file for audit as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. 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 with none added, Alderperson Louise Hall made a motion to accept the list of bills as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion: Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Aceberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

Alderperson Louise Hall reported CD # 17450 matured on 11/03/14 and was not automatically renewable. On 11/6/14 the city cashed in CD #17450 in the amount of \$182,026.30 and re-invested it into a new twenty four month CD at the First State Bank Shannon Polo.

Police:

Alderman Troy Boothe reported they met and discussed the use of UTV's and Golf Carts in the police meeting, but we will be discussing this later this evening in the meeting.

Sanitation:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Jim Busser reported a building permit was issued for a replacement of a porch.

Parks & Pool:

Alderman Cheryl Galor reported that Sydney Frano and Shelley Boelens passed the Illinois Open Meetings Act test.

Mayor Knapp reported on the work and progress done on the pool bathhouse with tresses going up this weekend and then the inside of the building will be able to be started.

Water & Sewer:

Alderman Randy Schoon reported the bid opening for the Aerobic digester covers will be held at 10am on November 20th in city hall, then the bid letting will be awarded at the 12/1/14 city council meeting.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Corbitt reported she has been working on the scanning of the infrastructure maps, but there is an intern hired by the Ogle County Board for the GIS Mapping Department who has done a great deal of the work. Hopefully we will be up and running by spring of 2015 if not sooner. Right now the Ogle County GIS Mapping is checking on what types of programs will work best and what kind of tablets that we will need to purchase.

Also reported is the 2014 audit has been posted on the EMMA website, which is the Electronic Municipal Market Access. This is mandated when the city has bonds that go for sale so the purchaser can review the city finances. A reminder to turn in code books so the codification updates can be inserted was given.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 14-13, the 2014 Tax Levy.

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to accept Ordinance 14-13, the 2014 tax levy in the amount of \$312,602.00, seconded by Alderman Cheryl Galor. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion: Alderman David Ackeborg yes, Alderman Louise Hall yes Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderman Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on a Request for the Use of UTV's and Golf Carts on City Streets Within the Polo Corporate Limits.

Mayor Knapp reported the Police Committee has had a change of heart for the use of UTV's and golf carts on our city streets. Alderman Boothe reported the overall feeling is to try this, with safety as an issue but not too much, so we are recommending giving this a try. There are regulations from the State of Illinois that we will need to abide by and will send this to the Ordinance Committee to look at and we will need to see what type of fee will be charges. Mayor Knapp stated they discussed maybe \$50 with a \$35 annual renewal fee. Qualifications for lights, safety equipment, and insurance will all have to be included in the ordinance. Alderman Ackeberg stated the way the state law reads is you have to have a valid driver's license and he feels we need to put the age up there high enough so it is not abused stating a 16 year old really is not responsible enough. Discussion on being specific on no ATV's at all will be allowed; Chief Christen stated he will review this. Mr. Vance Van Oosten was presented stating he has a \$500,000 liability on his UTV and that golf carts and a UTV can carry its own liability insurance. If tied to homeowners it is tied to and from golf courses, not for streets use, so we will need to have them covered as a separate liability.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on Recommendations from the Polo Zoning Board of Appeals for Possible Amendments to the Polo Code of Ordinance for Chapters 150, 151 and 152.

Mayor Knapp asked if we are in agreement to send this to Attorney Suits at this time. Consensus is to have Attorney Suits draft the ordinance changes with these recommendations from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Alderman Dave Ackeberg made a motion to adjourn out of the regular city council meeting at 7:28p.m., seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC
City Clerk