

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 20, 2017.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Doug Knapp gave the 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 20, 2017.

PRESENT: Alderman Jim Busser, Alderman Phillip Peterson, Alderman Justin Grobe, Alderman Troy Boothe, Alderman Keith Chesnut and Alderman Randy Schoon. Also present was Attorney Tom Suits, Mayor Doug Knapp and City Clerk Sydney Bartelt.

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 11/06/2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Busser made a motion to approve the November 6, 2017 minutes of the regular city council meeting, seconded by Alderman Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE OCTOBER 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:

Alderman Schoon made a motion to accept the October 2017 treasurer's report to file for audit, seconded by Alderman 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 for Midwest Truckers for \$65.30 for the Street Department, Alderman Boothe added a bill for Pines Automotive for \$46.50 for the Police Department, and Alderman Schoon added a bill for Viking Chemical for \$2,638.54 for the Water & Sewer Department. Alderman Schoon made a motion to approve the list of bills as corrected, seconded by Alderman Grobe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Busser yes, Alderman Peterson yes, Alderman Grobe yes, Alderman Boothe yes, Alderman Chesnut yes, Alderman Schoon yes. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

Casper Manheim sent out three letters regarding homes in Polo. 2 homes are in need of repair and one house is to be demolished.

Finance & Ordinances:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

A building permit was issued for general remodel for a Habitat for Humanity house.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

None.

Parks & Pool:

None.

Water & Sewer:

None.

City Clerk's Report:

None.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

David Spaine wanted to say thank you to Chief Cavanaugh and policemen, water and sewer department, street department, Willett Hoffmann, Moring Disposal, USPS, and Fischer Excavating for all the excellent work that everyone has done on West Oregon Street Project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 17-15, the 2017 Tax Levy. (Second Reading)

Alderman Boothe made a motion to approve ordinance 17-15, the 2017 Tax Levy, seconded by Alderman Grobe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Peterson yes, Alderman Grobe yes, Alderman Boothe yes, Alderman Chesnut yes, Alderman Schoon yes, and Alderman Busser yes. The motion carried.

NEW BUSSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on a Decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals on a Text Amendment to Ordinance Code 152.086 B-2 Service District Concerning An Allowance of Scrap Metal in the Corporate Limits of Polo For A Request Filed by Mr. Michael Dearborn located at 601 North Union Avenue, Polo, Illinois.

Alderman Schoon made a motion to approve the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals on the hearing for Mr. Michael Dearborn for an amendment to Ordinance Code 152.086 B-2 Service District concerning an allowance of scrap metal in the corporate limits of Polo located at 601 North Union Avenue, Polo, IL, seconded by Alderman Chesnut. The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on a Self-Canceling Note Between the City of Polo and Tushar Patel For Purchase of 205 S. Division Ave., Polo, IL.

The city funds will go to Kinzley Title Group to go toward the purchase of the grocery store. Tushar Patel will have to pay the balance of the purchase.

Alderman Schoon made a motion to accept the self-canceling note between the City of Polo and Tushar Patel for the purchase of 205 S. Division Ave., Polo, IL, seconded by Alderman Busser. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Grobe yes, Alderman Boothe yes, Alderman Chesnut yes, Alderman Schoon yes, Alderman Busser yes, and Alderman Peterson yes. The motion carried.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Loan Resolution 17-10, A Resolution Authorizing Loan To Tushar Patel.

Alderman Schoon made a motion to accept resolution 17-10, a loan resolution for authorizing a loan to Tushar Patel, seconded by Alderman Busser. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Grobe yes, Alderman Boothe yes, Alderman Chesnut yes, Alderman Schoon yes, Alderman Busser yes, and Alderman Peterson yes. The motion carried.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on Ogle County Economic Development Meeting.

Polo, Mount Morris and Stillman valley have agreed to the intergovernmental agreements so far. Susie has recommended that Polo focus on a grocery store, enterprise zone and senior housing as Polo's needs. Susie will report again in January 2018 after the next Ogle County Economic Development meeting.

E. Consideration & Possible Action on the City of Polo Gas Renewal Provider.

Rock River Energy Services has submitted fixed bids and also index bids for the city gas renewal. The City has been on the index program for NGI +\$.04 for a few years and the program has done well according to Rock River Energy Services. It currently has the largest savings over Nicor Gas. The program rate changes each month just like Nicor Gas, but historically offers the lower price. If the City does nothing, then our current rate with Constellation Energy Services will renew at that rate.

Alderman Boothe made a motion to continue with Constellation Energy for the gas provider for the city buildings, seconded by Alderman Chesnut. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion: Alderman Boothe yes, Alderman Chesnut yes, Alderman

Schoon yes, Alderman Busser yes, Alderman Peterson yes, and Alderman Grobe yes. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Alderman Boothe made a motion to adjourn the regular City Council meeting at 7:38 pm, seconded by Alderman Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried.

ATTEST: _____

MAYOR: _____

CITY CLERK: _____

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