

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, JANUARY 19, 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, January 19, 2015.

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 1/5/15 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1/5/15 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 5, 2015 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Alderman David Aceberg made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1/5/15 closed session meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE DECEMBER 2014 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:

Alderperson Louise Hall made a motion to accept the December 2104 treasurers report to file for audit as presented, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. 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: The following aldermen added bills all to Charley's Snyder Pharmacy; Alderman Aceberg in the amount of \$316.38 for the street department, Alderperson Hall added a bill in the amount of \$11.98 for the administration department, Alderman Boothe added a bill in the amount of \$38.75 for the Police Department, Alderperson Galor added a bill in the amount of \$17.78 for the Parks & Pool Department and Alderman Schoon added a bill in the amount of \$156.61 for the Water and Sewer Department. Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the list of bills as amended, seconded by Alderman Dave Aceberg. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion: Alderman David Aceberg yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, 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.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

None.

Parks & Pool:

None.

Water & Sewer:

Alderman Randy Schoon reported on January 22nd a Sewer Committee meeting will be held in city hall at 2:00pm to discuss the USDA Rural Development Grant and Loan Application for the South Congress Avenue lift station and the sanitary sewer lines.

January 27th a Pre-Construction meeting will be held in city hall at 1:30pm with Strand Associates and Leander Construction for the Aerobic digester covers at the waste water treatment plant.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Corbitt reported she has received notice from ComEd that customers have had individuals report impersonators stating they work for ComEd. They are informing ComEd customers that their service is going to be disconnected unless they make payment with a prepaid credit card and call back to a different phone number with the personal ID Pin number and other personal information. They use a tactic called "spoofing" to manipulate Caller ID displayed phone numbers so it appears as a ComEd number. ComEd Representatives will never call and ask for cash or request a purchase of a prepaid credit card to make a bill payment.

She also reported she recently released the lien on the old gas station building on South Division Avenue that belonged to Federal Petroleum in the amount of \$672.52. Since 2003 she has been filing liens for non-payment on for the city and we had \$9,655.17 in small liens filed with Ogle County. We currently only have \$2,344.58 not satisfied.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mike Scholl was present proposing keeping bees out west of Polo where the old dump was and would like to plant wildflowers out there and feels that is a great location. Mark Scholl was there and clarified that he is looking at whether the city would want to sell the property, stating it would make a good shooting range and a great place for keeping bees. He would have to contact the railroad to get permission for access on the road back to this property. Alderman Schoon stated it is a great idea. Discussion on keeping the wells that are capped according to IEPA specifications per their requirements in the closing document was brought up. Suggested that the Scholl's contact Steve Rypkema at Ogle County Solid Waste to check on requirements on a closed dump site with what needs to be handled if sold

to a private citizen. Attorney Suits explained there would have to be an appraisal and the city could not accept less than 80% of the appraisal. Mayor Knapp stated we will check into this for them after they research what they need to do.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on the Stopping Traffic 5K Run Request for the Use of City Property on April, 25, 2015, 2015 5K Run.

Mr. Kevin Allen was present presenting a map and request to close streets on April 25, 2015 for the Stopping Traffic 5K Run. The request for use of streets is the same as in the past in 2012 and 2013 in which they raised \$5,000 towards Human Trafficking. This is basically the same route as the Town & Country Days 5K run, but starts and ends at the Crossroads Church. Crossing guards at seventeen intersections will be present that day for the run. Consensus of the City Council is to allow this request.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on a Request for Proposals for the City of Polo Audit.

City Clerk Corbitt reported the last audit engagement letter approved by the city council was for the fiscal years ending in 2012, 2013 and 2014. She is asking if we should go out for an RFP for the city audit. Discussion on how many years to request with City Clerk Corbitt suggesting four years, with consensus of the Council to request an RFP audit for a four year time frame from CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP and Wipfli, LLP.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on a Petition Filed with the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department for an Amendment to the Text of the Ogle County Amendatory Zoning Ordinance.

The City Council received notice from the Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department for an amendment to the text of the Ogle County Amendatory Zoning ordinance to add to section 5.07 Business-1 District, (accessory land uses) and section 5.08 (B-2 Business Recreation District, Section D (Accessory land uses) The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing regarding this application on January 29, 2015 at 6p.m. in the Ogle County Board room at the old courthouse. No objections to this request were given from the city council.

D. Presentation of the Report on the 2014 MFT Materials Used for Street Maintenance.

The 2014 MFT materials used for street maintenance was presented with a total of \$21,758.53 presented for general maintenance for hot and cold patch, road rocks, chips and salt. This report has to be filed with I.D.O.T. yearly by the city clerk.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to adjourn out of the regular City Council meeting at 7:21p.m. into closed session to discuss Personnel-Section 2(c) (1) employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion: Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Jim Busser yes, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes. The motion carried.

The regular City Council meeting was re-opened by Mayor Doug Knapp at 7:51pm, with the City Clerk calling roll for those present.

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.

Alderman Schoon stated we will need to get the committee meeting going for the golf carts because he is being asked all the time about when we are going to start this. The Ordinance/PD Committee meeting is set for February 23, 2015 at 8am in city hall. Discussion held on having the age limit at 21 years old for a driver, with all councilmen's consensus on this age limit.

Discussion was held on the old hotel's condition at 208 E. Mason Street. Attorney Suits reported that Leo Hathaway and Brad Bartnick are the owners, but the Mr. Hathaway has filed bankruptcy so nothing can be done through them. Discussions on the estimates need to be obtained first if the city is to consider taking this building down and then Attorney Suits can file a lien on the property. After discussion Fischer and Civil Excavating will be asked for quotes for demolition.

Randy Schoon made a motion to adjourn out of the Regular City Council meeting, seconded by Dave Aceberg at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC
City Clerk