

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, DECEMBER 1, 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, December 1, 2014.

PRESENT: Alderman David Ackeberg, 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 11/17/14 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the minutes of the 11/17/14 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

Alderperson Louise Hall reported that on 12/1/14 the city issued a check to the Polo Community Unit School District #222 in the amount of \$7,242.26. This was for the intergovernmental agreement between the school district and the City of Polo for the 2013 TIF property taxes reimbursement at 19.946% of the TIF taxes received.

Attorney Suits reported he went to court for the City with Midwest Tulsa properties concerning the property located at 120 E. Mason Street that was falling down. The building has been demolished and on behalf of the City, Attorney Suits asked for a penalty in which the Judge ruled on and we did receive \$9,000.00 in which the check was presented this evening.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

None.

Parks & Pool:

None.

Water & Sewer:

None.

City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Corbitt reported the city will be hosting the Ogle County GIS Mapping meeting here in city hall next Thursday, December 11th at 1pm.

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 a Request from Mr. Ahmad Farraj for an Economic Development Incentive for a Developers Share of Municipal Sales Tax Increment for a Grocery Store.

Mr. Ahmad Farraj was not present this evening for this discussion. Mayor Knapp and Don Vock met with Mr. Farraj stating they want to see a clean grocery store with good produce and meat and felt local help should be hired. From what Mr. Farraj's response was is he intends to hire locally according to the Mayor, and agreed and felt the meat would be outstanding along with the can goods will be competitive with Wal-Mart. Mr. Vock told Mr. Farraj to do the things that Wal-Mart does not do and then compliment that. Mayor Knapp stated that Mr. Farraj is pretty well versed with refrigeration and feels this is a pretty good fit.

Mayor Knapp called Mr. Farraj to explain the prevailing wages requirement if the City were to give any financial incentive. Discussion on prevailing wages was held and would have to be paid for this project if the city was to assist financially. Any fixed work constructed by any public body or paid in whole or in part with public funds, including all projects funded or financed in whole or part with bonds, grants, loans or those funds made available by or through the State or any political subdivisions, or undertaken by any institution supported in whole or in part by public funds must pay prevailing wages on the development of the project and submit certified prevailing wages. Landscape or modifications to real estate are included within the definition of fixed work.

PEDC Vice President Mike Faivre reported a grocery store has been the major project to obtain with the Polo Economic Development Committee working on this for years. Discussion was held at length on this is the one thing we do not have and need so badly in Polo. Mr. Faivre reported that Save-a-Lot and Sullivan's grocery stores did look at Polo and felt Polo would not be a good fit for them. Discussion was held on how serious this man is since he is not present tonight.

Mayor Knapp reported the Economic Development Group/ Jacobs and Kline have provided a summary of municipal sales tax projects for a possible produce and food project for Mr. Ahmad Farraj for a ten, fifteen and twenty year estimated for a developer's share of municipal sales tax. The city can use municipal sales tax incentives anywhere within the corporate limits and the project does not have to be within a TIF District.

Discussion was held at length on the projections presented this evening with all of the City Council expressing willingness to assist, along with Alderman Schoon stating he would be willing to possibly give 100% of the municipal sales tax back that the City receives. The sales tax is at 6.25% that businesses pay to the State of Illinois, with the city receiving 1% of that.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on the Bid Awarding for the Digester Covers.

Alderman Randy Schoon reported there were two bids opened on November 20, 2014 for the digester covers at the waste water treatment plant. Leander Construction submitted a bid in the amount of \$178,200.00 and Staab Construction Corporation in the amount of \$214,300.00. Strand Engineer estimate for this project was \$190,000.00.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the bid from the low bidder Leander Construction in the amount of \$178,200.00 for the Aerobic digester covers at the new waste water treatment plant, 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.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Polo Dollars for City Employees.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to approve the Polo Chamber of Commerce Polo Dollars to the City of Polo employees and Park Board members in appreciation of their services for the year in the amount of \$1,950.00, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. 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, Alderperson Louise Hall yes. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to adjourn out of the regular City Council meeting at 7:37p.m., seconded by Alderperson Louise Hall. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC
City Clerk