

**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, DECEMBER 17, 2018.**

**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 December 17, 2018.

**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 11/19/2018 PUBLIC HEARING:**

Alderman Boothe made a motion to approve the November 19, 2018 minutes of the public hearing, seconded by Alderman Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 11/19/2018 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Alderman Chesnut made a motion to approve the November 19, 2018 minutes of the regular city council meeting, seconded by Alderman Schoon. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOVEMBER 2018 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:**

Alderman Busser made a motion to accept the November 2018 treasurer's report to file for audit, seconded by Alderman 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; Alderman Busser added bills to be paid to Constellation for \$253.97 and Bergy's Automotive for \$9.00 for the street department, Alderman Grobe added bills for Mike's Repair for \$21.79 and Constellation for \$143.62 for the parks and pool department, Alderman Chesnut added a bill for Bocker's Excavating, Inc. for \$1,795.00 for the administration/clerical department, and Alderman Schoon added bills for Constellation for \$2,340.30, City of Dekalb for \$105.00, Flow- Technic, Inc. for \$495.00, and Hach for \$2,134.68 for the water and sewer department.

Alderman Boothe made a motion to accept the list of bills as amended, seconded by Alderman Chesnut. 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, and Alderman Schoon yes. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Sidewalks:**

None.

**Finance & Ordinances:**

Alderman Chesnut reported on 12/10/18 the City transferred \$54,000.00 from the Enterprise Fund Account into the Water Tower Bond Account. A check was issued to UMB Bank out of the Water Tower Bond Account in the amount of \$54,035.00 to pay the principle and interest on the water tower bonds.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Building permits were issued for a sign and a roof over an existing porch.

**Police:**

None.

**Sanitation:**

None.

**Parks & Pool:**

Engel Electric has finished the electrical work at Millard Deuth Park. ComEd needs to turn the electricity at the park then the project will be finished.

**Water & Sewer:**

None.

**City Clerk's Report:**

None.

**Police Chief's Report:**

None.

**SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:**

While Kendall was snowplowing, he slid into a parked car. This has been submitted to IMLRMA. They are in the process of processing the claim.

**COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Consideration & Possible Action on the 2018 Polo Dollars for City Employees.**

Alderman Boothe made a motion to approve the 2018 Polo Dollars for City Employees in the amount of \$2,075.00, seconded by Alderman Busser. 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, and Alderman Schoon yes. The motion carried.

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

Rock River Energy Services has submitted fixed bids and 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 so far. Rock River Energy Services is now recommending switching from an index program rate to a fixed rate because rates are still down. We can lock in for less than the average market rate over the past year and this will give the city the highest level of budget certainty. Santanna is offering the lowest fixed price for 34 months at \$0.3149.

Alderman Busser made a motion switch to Santanna Energy Services on the fixed rate program for the gas provider for the city buildings, seconded by Alderman Schoon. 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.

**C. Consideration & Possible Action on Pay Request #1 from Engel Electric.**

Alderman Schoon made a motion to approve pay request #1 for Engel Electric Co., seconded by Alderman Boothe. 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.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Alderman Schoon stated that our employees had a hard time snowplowing after we received that heavy snow in November. Mark Bocker has offered his equipment and his men to assist in future snow storms. This is something for us to consider. City Clerk Bartelt will talk to the City insurance to see what the cost would be to have them covered.

Alderman Busser questioned the status of Johnson Oil. He was wondering if Matt Hansen from Willett Hofmann & Associates had gotten back to anyone regarding the core samples of Buffalo Street. That street had been sampled before. Mayor Knapp will follow up with Matt Hansen regarding the core sample.

Alderman Schoon made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm to go into closed session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) Discussion of minutes lawfully closed under this act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06., 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Employee Hiring (Police), Firing, Compensation, Discipline and Performance, and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Employee Hiring, Firing, Compensation, Discipline and Performance, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) Purchase or Lease of Real Estate, seconded by Alderman Boothe. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk to 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.

Alderman Boothe made motion to adjourn from closed and regular City Council meeting at 8:07 pm, seconded by Alderman Busser. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAYOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY CLERK:** \_\_\_\_\_

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