

**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, FEBRUARY 1, 2016.**

**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, February 1, 2016.

**PRESENT:** Alderman David Ackeberg, Alderman Phillip Peterson, Alderman Troy Boothe, Alderperson Cheryl Galor and Alderman Randy Schoon. Also present was Mayor Doug Knapp, City Attorney Tom Suits and City Clerk Susie Corbitt.

**ABSENT:** Alderman Jim Busser.

**APPROVAL OF THE 1/18/16 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING:**

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1/18/16 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Troy Boothe. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE 1/18/16 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:**

Alderman Troy Boothe made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1/18/16 regular city council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Sidewalks:**

Alderman Dave Ackeberg reported that Kendall Kyker and Tim Rockwood received their flagger certification through I.D.O.T., which is good until 5/12/18.

**Finance & Ordinances:**

None.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

None.

**Police:**

None.

**Sanitation:**

None.

**Parks & Pool:**

None.

**Water & Sewer:**

Alderman Randy Schoon reported the City was approved for the financial assistance from USDA Rural Development for the water/waste disposal loan in the amount of \$1,680,000.00 and will receive \$297,000.00 grant money effective as of 1/19/16. This is for the lift station, drying beds and West Oregon Street work. There will be a committee meeting held on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in city hall for this USDA Rural Development project.

Alderman Randy Schoon thanked and praised the city employees who worked for 10 ½ to 11 hours this last Saturday on one water main break. Kendall Kyker, Mike Mumford and Cale Fry all worked to repair the main this last weekend.

Alderman Schoon reported that Mike Mumford and Cale Fry received their flagger certification through I.D.O.T., which is good until 5/12/18.

**City Clerk's Report:**

City Clerk Corbitt reported the next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> due to the President's Day holiday. The Gas Energy Contract will be on the agenda. The market is down and Constellation New Energy is the lowest rates according to Marni Henert the energy consultant with Rock River Energy Service. We will just need a motion to stay with Constellation New Energy, but no paperwork has to be done if we stay with Constellation.

**Police Chief's Report:**

Police Chief Dennis Christen reported taser training was done today so they are all trained for the year. The \$2,000.00 anonymous donation for the Police Department is being used to purchase three new radios along with approximately \$1,000.00 from the city to cover the remainder of the cost, so all full time officers will have new radios.

**SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Consideration & Possible Action on a Request for the Possible Permission of Out of Town UVT's, CUV's, Golf Cart, etc. Traveling the Polo Bike Trail to Use City Streets without the City of Polo required Permit.

Mr. Mark Imfeld was present asking if the city would consider allowing CUV's and UTV's traveling on the Dixon bike trail into town to get off the trail without the city golf cart

permit so to stop at restaurants and gas stations. The CUV (Compact Utility Vehicle) riders that ride up north started to look at the Dixon bike trail and feel they can make use of our trails in this area like Wisconsin does. He went on to say how much it benefits the local businesses. He reported that the Dixon Park Board has accumulated a lot of property along the trail. In the last month the Dixon Park Board has agreed to allow CUV's to ride on the trail, with a \$100.00 fee as a pilot program. The goal of this program is to connect the trail with neighboring towns to eventually connect to multi-use trails in Wisconsin.

CUV is a term the DNR recognizes up north and they usually ride in groups of 30 plus and sometimes over 60, this would bring a lot of revenue to cities they travel through. May – September 2016 from 8am to 11pm at night will be allowed on the Dixon trail. They have to post signs and cannot deter off the trail and there is a user fee of \$100.00 with a waiver signed with each vehicle registration. They have to carry the permit at all times along with a valid driver's license with a minimum age of 18 years, proof of insurance, no firearms or weapons and no alcohol. Any permit holder violating anything of the requirements will lose their use of the trail and the DNR can impound the vehicle. Speed will be 30 miles an hour, unless there is a walker or bicyclists.

Mr. Imfeld questioned that since the city has an ordinance in place would they allow them to travel off the trail for food, gas etc without getting a city permit. If this flies here they will go to the Ogle County Board for their permission on a continued trail in Ogle County. Mr. Imfeld explained that this is a pilot program which will start at the end of May until September of this year. Discussion held that the requirements are in place for the Joe Stengel trail and that this request is just for two large blocks of trail left from Judson Road north on the city trail.

Alderman Ackeberg suggested the City Council allow the pilot program and see how it flies. Alderman Boothe stated he feels it needs to have a limit of dusk, not 11:00pm due to his and others small children, but does not feel there needs to be a fee. Alderman Schoon feels we limit them to this area within a few blocks of the trail without our permit. Discussion was held that the snowmobile trail is marked and they could park at the parking lot near Dad's Bar & Grill or the municipal lot off of South Franklin Avenue.

Mr. Imfeld reported the Lee County Sherriff is totally supporting this use for the pilot program, along with the Dixon Police Chief along with the 18 year age limit. Attorney Suits reported the city permit requires that one has to be 21 years old. Mr. Imfeld replied that he cannot go back to the Park District since they have finalized their ordinance and have them change the age limit of 18, then thanked the City Council for their time. Alderman Ackeberg explained the reason the City Council went with the age of 21 was they did not want high school students driving them to the schools with all the traffic there before and after school. Alderman Schoon stated he would like to see this proceed and what if we went to the high school and the high school made the rule that these vehicles are not allowed on school property. Alderman Ackeberg stated he does not want to change our ordinance for the age of 21 years old since we are still in the learning stages with having less than one season ourselves under our belts.

Alderman Boothe stated that all UTV riders are expected to abide to the city's rules when within the corporate limits even if the fee is waived. Mr. Imfeld replied that he cannot enforce this and asked if it could be changed. Alderman Boothe replied you do not have to enforce it, our police will. Alderman Ackeberg stated maybe at a later date we could tweak this as the trail is developed. He went on to say ideally a set of rules for all might be developed so it is the same throughout our area.

Mr. Imfeld reported that none of their vehicles have turn signals, but this does work all over the State of Wisconsin and the DNR does not require them. Mr. Imfeld asked the council to talk about this because he can see the issue with the high school students. He understands everyone has to follow all the rules, but reiterated the money brought into this town allowing this would be such an asset for this community.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on Compensation to Mr. Cale Fry for Receiving the Class C Public Water Supply Operator Certification.

Mayor Knapp stated we will go into closed session to discuss this matter then return into open session if any action is to be taken.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held concerning Mr. Mike Witmer garage that has fallen down and the notices he has received. Alderman Boothe asked for Building Inspector Manheim to him to get this done. Discussion also was held on Mr. Jim O'Connor property not having a fence around it in the downtown area and that he has left town to go south.

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to go into closed session at 7:54pm to discuss personnel, section 2 (C), (1) employee hiring, firing, compensation and discipline and litigation-Section 2 (c) (11) pending, probable or imminent litigation, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser absent, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderman Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes. The motion carried.

The Polo City Council returned from closed session back into regular session at 8:08pm. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk to call roll for those present;  
Present: Alderman David Ackeberg, Alderman Phillip Peterson, Alderman Troy Boothe, Alderman Cheryl Galor, Alderman Randy Schoon. Also present was Mayor Doug Knapp, City Attorney Tom Suits and City Clerk Susie Corbitt.  
Absent: Alderman Jim Busser,

Alderman Randy Schoon made a motion to give Mr. Cale Fry a raise of \$1.50 an hour effective on the February 12, 2016 payroll for receiving the Class C Public Water Supply Operators certification, seconded by Alderman Dave Ackeberg. Mayor Knapp requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Randy Schoon yes, Alderman David Ackeberg yes, Alderman Phillip Peterson yes, Alderman Jim Busser absent, Alderman Troy Boothe yes, Alderman Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

Alderman Ackeberg made a motion to adjourn out of regular session at 8:11pm, seconded by Alderman Randy Schoon. Ayes 5, nays 0. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susie Corbitt, MMC  
City Clerk