

# POLO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The September 17, 2020 meeting of the Polo Economic Development Corporation was held via zoom. President Dustin Vock opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. via zoom.

Members present were Greg Cross, Brad Ohlwine, Sydney Bartelt, Louise Hall, Mark Scholl, Dustin Vock, and Josh Faivre. Also, present was Mayor Douglas Knapp and Alderman Randy Schoon.

Absent: Mike Faivre, Don Vock, Andy Faivre, and Betty Obendorf.

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTORS:**

Discussion was held regarding Craig Bauling joining. Mark Scholl had stated that Susie had talked to him before but maybe things have changed since then and he would be interested.

Don Vock and Mike Faivre were not present to give an update on Chris Rademacher and Dan Lawton.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 20, 2020 MEETING MINUTES:**

Josh Faivre made a motion to accept the August 20, 2020 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Loise Hall. Carried by voice vote without dissent.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2020 TREASURER'S REPORTS:**

Mark Scholl made a motion to accept the August 2020 treasurer's report as presented and the revolving fund account as presented, seconded by Josh Faivre. Carried by voice vote without dissent.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **A. Report of Chamber of Commerce September Board Meeting.**

The car show, chili cook off and breakfast with Santa have been cancelled. There is a Jeep Gymboree with Jeff Grobe and Joe Wilson the last weekend in September. They will be selling the Chamber 50/50 Raffle tickets. Applications are being accepted for the Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. Josh Faivre mentioned that the Chamber Board is short 3 directors. Sydney commented that Tammy had approached her back in February that she was interested in seeing if PEDC would combine with the Chamber of Commerce. Josh will bring this up at the September Chamber of Commerce meeting. Mike Faivre will speak with Tom Suits about the procedures of dissolution. We will look to have a joint meeting in November to discuss the possibility of combining.

### **B. Discussion on Succession Planning.**

Don Vock was not present to see if there was any information about Dan Lawton and PNC. Concerns about Country Floral were brought up. Dustin Vock suggested that Lighthouse Sweets should talk to Country Floral since they have some similar events that they both cater to. Louise will talk to Cranston and Jessica Sturrup to see if they would be interested in meeting the Trotters.

### **C. Discussion on High Speed Internet.**

Sydney Bartelt reported that Doug Carlson from DC Computers plans on getting his equipment up on the Polo water tower next week.

### **D. Discussion on Economic Growth Corporation for Possible Grants.**

The City of Polo was awarded a 2-million-dollar Fast Track DCEO grant to assist with the storm sewer drainage project. The City of Polo had a meeting with Willett Hofmann & Associates to see about changing the scope of the project to get the cost down. They will decide at the next council meeting what their local contribution will be.

### **E. Discussion on Buffalo Creek Subdivision.**

Several members of PEDC met with Mark Ebert and Jim Busser. The builders liked Larry Moring's property the best. They said that the land drains well and doesn't appear to have any standing water issues. They would like to extend

Oriole Lane to the West and connect it with Lincoln Ave. They could build 10-12 lots on each side of the road. That would be about 10 acres of land they would use. Dustin stated that they could give an investment group to purchase the land and the City would need to fund the infrastructure. Greg Cross met with an engineer at Fehr Graham. The engineer provided a lot of insight and comparisons from other cities that they have assisted with. Larry Moring's field is in the TIF district. Should the City of Polo extend their current TIF or should they have these fields put into a separate TIF district? There are several TIF questions that need to be answered. Several members of the PEDC would like to ask the TIF representatives questions. Sydney will get this meeting set up and let the PEDC members know.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Discussion on combining Chamber of Commerce & Polo Economic Development Corporation Committee.**

The Polo Chamber of Commerce is open to the idea of combining or making PEDC a subcommittee of them. They are not willing to give up their meeting dates and times and neither is PEDC. The members do not want to take the identity of either one of their groups. The Chamber is great at their cohesiveness, fundraising, welcoming people to town, and organizing events. The Polo Economic Development needs to choose goals that they would like to achieve in a year. Dustin will speak to Tom Suits to see what it would take to combine the committees.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Louise Hall made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm, seconded by Mark Scholl. The motion carried without dissent.

**The next meeting of the PEDC will be held October 15, 2020 at 7:00pm.**

Sydney Bartelt  
Secretary/Treasurer