

POLO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The July 16, 2020 meeting of the Polo Economic Development Corporation was held via zoom. Vice President Dustin Vock opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. via zoom.

Members present were Sydney Bartelt, Louise Hall, Don Vock, Dustin Vock, Betty Obendorf, Greg Cross, and Mark Scholl. Also, present was Mayor Douglas Knapp and Alderman Randy Schoon.

Absent: Andy Faivre, Mike Faivre, Josh Faivre, Susie Corbitt, Brad Ohlwine.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTORS:

None.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 18, 2020 MEETING MINUTES:

Betty Obendorf made a motion to accept the June 18, 2020 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Louise Hall. Carried by voice vote without dissent.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2020 TREASURER'S REPORTS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Report of Chamber of Commerce June Board Meeting.

None.

B. Discussion on Succession Planning.

Don Vock will contact Dan Lawton to see about succession planning for PNC. Mark Scholl and Don Vock will meet with Dan Lawton. PNC is one of the City's biggest employers. It would hurt the City if this business closed.

C. Discussion on City of Polo Marketing Strategies.

None.

D. Discussion on A Possible Dog Park.

Dustin Vock would like this removed from the agenda. He is planning on approaching the Polo Park Board again about the possibility of a dog park in one of the City Parks.

E. Discussion on High Speed Internet.

Sydney Bartelt reported that Doug Carlson from DC Computers has submitted a lease agreement to the City. It is currently being reviewed by Attorney Tom Suits. It will be placed on the August 3rd agenda for the City Council to approve. Doug would like to start implementing 5G internet in this area.

F. Discussion on Kate O'Connor's Possible PCHS Volunteer Program.

None.

G. Discussion on Economic Growth Corporation for Possible Grants.

Sydney Bartelt will reach out to James Jones from the Economic Growth Corporation to check on the status of applicants for the Home Accessibility Grant and Single-Family Grant.

H. Discussion on Buffalo Creek Subdivision.

Greg Cross met with Wendler Engineering about the costs to add curb and gutter to the Buffalo Creek Subdivision. Wendler Engineering said to budget for \$7,500 for the engineering costs. This will need to be approved by the City of Polo. The Sherrick's would like to sell their land by November 1st. Greg spoke with the developer of the recent subdivision in Pearl City. He said that they put the subdivision in a TIF district to help sell the lots at a reasonable price.

Could the City put the Buffalo Creek Subdivision in a TIF district? Sydney will look into this and see how long it will take to create a new TIF district. Mayor Knapp would like the Wendler Engineering fees put on the next City Council agenda. Vice President Dustin Vock asked if members of PEDC could come for support to get the ball rolling on their subdivision.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Louise Hall made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm, seconded by Betty Obendorf. The motion carried without dissent.

The next meeting of the PEDC will be held August 20, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Sydney Bartelt
Secretary/Treasurer