

**CITY OF POLO PUBLIC HEARING, HELD IN THE POLO CITY HALL CHAMBER  
115 S. FRANKLIN AVE., POLO, ILLINOIS  
OCTOBER 29, 2018.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Doug Knapp called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 29, 2018 for the

**Present:** Alderman Jim Busser, Alderman Phillip Peterson, Alderman Justin Grobe, Alderman Troy Boothe, and Alderman Keith Chesnut. Also, present was Mayor Doug Knapp and City Clerk Sydney Bartelt.

**Absent:** Alderman Randy Schoon.

Matt Hansen, from Willett Hofmann & Associates, introduced Ellen Burgeson and Geoff Smith who would be presenting to the council tonight.

Ellen informed the council that that State of Illinois receives an appropriation of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program. The funds can be used for economic development, public infrastructure, housing rehabilitation, and disaster response. The City of Polo is applying for a public infrastructure grant. The application is due November 2<sup>nd</sup> by 5pm in Springfield, IL. The City of Polo is applying for the maximum request of \$500,000 grant funds. These funds will help construct storm sewer improvements. These improvements will include new drainage elements as well as upgrades to the basin's existing storm sewer system.

Geoff Smith presented the proposed project about putting in 50-year and 100-year storm sewer system. The City of Polo will still utilize the old system but add this new system to balance out the water flow. To alleviate the back-ups and surface flooding the project engineers propose two improvements. The first is to construct a new storm sewer line along Maple Avenue from the discharge north of Buffalo Street south to Buffalo Street; then running easterly on Buffalo Street three blocks to Congress Avenue, then north one block along Congress Avenue to Colden Street, then east three blocks along Colden Street to Green Avenue. Additionally, a new storm sewer will be constructed on Franklin Avenue from Colden Street one block north to Mason Street and one block south to Buffalo Street. The second improvement is to construct a second new storm sewer line from the new storm sewer described above at the alley on Colden Street between Congress Avenue and Division Ave./Illinois Rte. 26; then north along the alley one plus blocks to the east-west alley north of mason Street; then east along the alley one and one-half blocks to Franklin Street. At the point that this new storm sewer crosses Division/Illinois Rte. 26, it will intercept the existing storm sewer along Division Street that runs to the intersection of Colden Street and Division/Illinois Rte. 26. Projections show that upgrade the system to accommodate a 50-year event, flooding will be reduced to a 2% chance. The project would take place in our easements, so we would not need to get any easement permissions from citizens which would take time. The construction cost for this project is \$1,153,380. If Polo receives the \$500,000 grant, \$653,380 will be provided by bonds.

Mayor Knapp asked if there were any questions or remarks regarding the community development block grant project from the public. None were given.

Alderman Chesnut made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. seconded by Alderman Boothe. Ayes 5, nays 0.

The motion carried by voice vote.

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Mayor

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Clerk

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