MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF POLO HELD IN THE CITY CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 115 S. FRANKLIN AVE., POLO, ILLINOIS, JULY 19, 2010.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
City Clerk Susie Corbitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:
Reverend Chuck Babler gave invocation. A moment of silence was given in honor of USMC, SSGT Justus Bartelt who lost his life in the line of duty.

CALL TO ORDER:
In the absence of Mayor Mark Scholl, City Clerk Corbitt called the regular meeting of the Polo City Council to order at 7:00p.m. on Monday, July 19, 2010.

PRESENT: Alderman Norm Carroll, Alderperson Louise Hall, Alderman Matt MeKeel, Alderman Doug Knapp, Alderperson Cheryl Galor, Alderman Brenden Velez. Also present was City Attorney Tom Suits and City Clerk Susie Corbitt.
ABSENT: Mayor Mark Scholl.

At this time Alderperson Cheryl Galor made a motion to appoint Alderman Norm Carroll as Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of Mayor Mark Scholl, seconded by Alderperson Louise Hall. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 7/6/10 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
Alderman Doug Knapp made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2010 City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Matt MeKeel. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 6/10 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:
Alderperson Louise Hall made a motion to accept the June 2010 treasurer's report to file for audit as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF BILLS:
Mayor Pro Tem Carroll asked if there were any bills to add to the list of bills; Alderperson Cheryl Galor added a bill in the amount of $540.61 to Recreation Creation, Inc. for the park department. Alderman Doug Knapp made a motion to accept the list of bills as corrected, seconded by Alderperson Louise Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Carroll requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Matt MeKeel yes, Alderman Doug Knapp yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Brenden Velez yes, Alderman Norm Carroll yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:
None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Streets & Sidewalks:
None.

Finance & Ordinance:
Alderperson Louise Hall reported the City invested a twelve month CD at the First State Bank Shannon-Polo-Lake Carroll in the amount of $40,000 for the general fund, with the rest of the CD's rolling over for the month.

Police:
Alderman Matt MeKeel reported Chief Dennis Christen, Sergeant Shawn Knight and Officer Jon Mandrell all successfully completed the Federal Railroad Administration Roll Call Training sponsored by the Byron Police Department and the Federal Railroad Administration United States Department of Transportation.

Sanitation:
Alderman Doug Knapp reported the city's equipment shed at Polo Community Park needs a new roof. Cliff Bardell and Daryl Beers have volunteered to do this with the city purchasing the shingles. It was recommended to Alderman Knapp that this be placed on the Park Board agenda for their next meeting.

Building & Grounds:
Alderman Doug Knapp reported building permits issued for a deck, shed and remodeling of windows.

Parks & Pool:
None.

Water & Sewer:
Alderman Brenden Velez reported that Mike Mumford has passed the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Class C Public Water Supply Operators Certification. This entitles Mr. Mumford to a $1.50 increase per hour, which was approved when he was hired.

City Clerks Report:
City Clerk Corbitt reported she has been working on getting any information from Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance as to what our insurance renewal rate in October is going to be.

Police Chief's Report:
None.

SAFETY & ACCIDENT REPORTS:
Alderman Norm Carroll reported a city employee from the street department was trimming trees on 7/1/10 when a limb came down hitting the pavement, striking him in the chest area causing bruising to his lungs and ribs. This injury did place the employee in the hospital overnight, he has not been released from the doctor to return back to work yet.
Alderperson Cheryl Galor reported a park employee hurt his lower back on 7/12/10 while mowing, requiring to be seen at a Chiropractors office, but no work loss occurred.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:
The Polo Women's Garden Club would like to display some sort of hanging flower pots from the double lighted old fashion streetlights. Representing the Polo Women's Garden Club, Alderperson Louise Hall asked if the City Council would allow placing artificial plants in hanging pots. The club would like to hang one pot on each of the four old fashion streetlights at the corner of Division Avenue and West Mason Street along with the corner of Franklin and Mason Street. This would be a project for next year. Consensus of the City Council was to allow this request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
A. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 10-14, a Pre-Annexation Agreement for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Alderman Doug Knapp made a motion to accept Ordinance 10-14, a Pre-Annexation Agreement for the new Waste Water Treatment Plant as presented, seconded by Alderman Matt MeKeel. Mayor Pro Tem Carroll requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Doug Knapp yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Brenden Velez yes, Alderman Norm Carroll yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Matt MeKeel yes. The motion carried.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 10-15, the 2010/2011 Appropriation Ordinance.

Alderperson Louise Hall made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-15, the 2010/2011 Appropriation Ordinance as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Pro Tem Carroll requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Brenden Velez yes, Alderman Norm Carroll yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Matt MeKeel yes, Alderman Doug Knapp yes. The motion carried.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on a Quote from Civil Constructors for Removal & Replacement of a Storm Sewer on Wilson Street.

Alderman Carroll reported he looked into the cost of the pipe for the replacement of the storm sewer on Wilson Street, getting a cost of $600 and $200 for the end pieces. He reported this was for a 28 X 20 pipe. Alderman Carroll stated he feels the city employees can do this project in order to save the city thousands of dollars. Alderman Carroll wants to get together with Mayor Scholl,

Mike Gauthier and Craig Telschaw to see if they can complete this work. Discussion was held that a committee meeting would need to be set with the proper public notice given.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on a Proposal from Moring Disposal for a New Agreement for the Collection of Residential & Commercial Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials.

Discussion was held on Moring Disposal's proposal for the collection of residential and commercial solid waste and recyclable materials. Moring Disposal owner, Larry Moring was present for the discussions. He stated this would change the regular garbage pickup for all of the city to Mondays, with recyclable pick up done every other week on Mondays, with no Thursday garbage pickup. Two 65 gallon toter's will be delivered by Moring Disposal to each household. Each toter will have numbers to correspond to the house it is left at, then registered at Morning Disposal. Moring Disposal will take care of all the transaction along with press releases for getting through this new process.

Alderman Carroll brought up the possibility of no more alley pick-ups for residential customers. Discussion was held at length on alley pickups being discontinued except for some alley's with commercial dumpsters due to the garbage trucks are tearing the city alleys up, with the Council appearing to agree on this.

Moring Disposals proposal is for a $1 increase for residential and 5% increase on commercial pick up per month. Moring Disposal will be investing $80,000 for the totes for the residential homes and apartments in Polo. Discussion was held that stickers would need to be purchases for $1 each to be placed on anything over what fits in the one toter for the garbage pickup. Bulky items such as furniture, appliances, electronic and other miscellaneous items too big to fit in a container will be collected on a call in basis to Moring Disposal to arrange for collections of these items. An additional cost to the customer will be charged for these additional pick up as follows; $35 for white goods, furniture, large electronic items and miscellaneous bulky items will cost $11. All refrigeration items must have a certification verifying that Freon has been removed. Gas grills with no propane tanks and push mowers with no gas or oil will also cost $11.

Alderman Doug Knapp thanked Moring Disposal for the professional manner in which they conduct business in Polo. Consensus of the Polo City Council is to proceed with a new contract with Moring Disposal and to have Attorney Suits draft an ordinance for a first reading for the next City Council meeting. Mr. Moring will get a proposed contract to the City Clerk and City Attorney.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on the Purchase of Four Neighborhood Watch Signs.

Mr. Larry Loomis has requested the city possibly purchase four signs for the Neighborhood Watch Program to be posted at the outskirts to Polo. His request is for $50 for five prints to cover the cost of the signs. The committee is

also asking to purchase 500 decals at $195.05 for a total cost of approximately $250. Consensus of the Council was to allow this $250 expenditure to assist the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Mr. Loomis also wanted the Council to know a public meeting will be held for the Neighborhood Watch at the Polo Fire Station on July 27th at 7pm.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on a Possible Amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 96.007, Payment for Sidewalks, Curb and Gutter.

Discussion was held on the City's assistance in the cost of the handicap panels that the ADA requires in handicap ramps at corners, which currently cost $100 per panel. City of Polo ordinance requires if a resident replaces a sidewalk within 25 feet from a corner or to the edge of the street if there is no curb that they have to put at least one handicap ramp in with these panels. Alderperson Louise Hall stated we need to adhere to the ADA laws and should pay the total cost of the panels when sidewalk replacements require a handicap ramp be constructed requiring these panels.

Attorney Suits recommended the wording should state not to exceed $100 per panel that is required to be placed in the handicap ramp at the corner. Consensus of the City Council was to have City Attorney Suits draft an ordinance for the next City Council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Alderperson Hall questioned the handicap parking stalls in the downtown area that have not been adapted yet. Street Superintendent Telschaw had stated he would need to sandblast the areas and wanted to wait until after the Town & County Days Festivals due to the grease on the streets from the carnival rides. Mr. Telschaw will be informed of this discussion.

Alderman Brenden Velez made a motion to adjourn out of the regular city council meeting at 7:51pm, seconded by Alderman Matt MeKeel. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVED BY THE POLO CITY COUNCIL ON 08/02/10

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Corbitt, MMC
City Clerk
City of Polo