

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF POLO HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 115 S. FRANKLIN AVE., POLO, ILLINOIS, MAY 3, 2010.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Mark Scholl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: Alderman Doug Knapp gave invocation.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Mark Scholl called the regular meeting of the Polo City Council meeting to order at 7pm on Monday, May 3, 2010.

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

ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF THE 4/19/10MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Doug Knapp made a motion to accept the minutes of the 4/19/10 meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Louise Hall. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

None.

Finance & Ordinances:

None.

Police:

None.

Sanitation:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Doug Knapp reported building permits issued for: two four foot fences and one six foot fence. Also reported is a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing will be held on May 5th at 7pm in city hall to hear a request from Mr. Brian Person to change the zoning from Manufacturing 1 to Residential 1 at 301 East Oregon Street.

Parks & Pools:

None.

Water & Sewer:

None.

City Clerks Report:

City Auditors will be in the clerk's office tomorrow, then the full audit will start the first week of June. City Clerk Corbitt and Chief Christen will be attending a meeting in Thompson put on by Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development group. This is a meeting titled Bracing for Impact. There will be a group of individuals from Florence, CO from the Federal Super-Max Facility along with individuals from their community to report on how this Federal prison affected their local communities fifteen years ago when they opened a new prison. City Clerk Corbitt attended a brief meeting put on by the Department of Revenue on how new laws will affect municipalities with public funds paid and the new prevailing wage laws. She will be attending another meeting concerning this next week along with a half day session put on by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan for the new FOIA laws. The city is going to have to seriously re-evaluate how some work is done, the proper paperwork and follow up that the Clerk will have to do. City Clerk Corbitt reported she recently received the Rosemary Coughlin, Clerk of the Year Award from the Northwestern Illinois Municipal Clerks Association.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**A. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 10-02, 2010/2011 Working Budget.**

Mayor Scholl commended the committees and department heads for presenting a balanced budget for the 2010/1011 fiscal year. Alderman Norm Carroll made a motion to accept Ordinance 10-02, the 2010/2011 working budget as presented, seconded by Alderman Doug Knapp. Mayor Scholl requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Matt McKeel yes, Alderman Doug Knapp yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Brenden Velez yes, Alderman Norm Carroll yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:**A. Consideration & Possible Action on the Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing Decision for Mr. Dan Sigwards to Change the Zoning From Residential 1 (R-1) to Business 3 (B-3) at 701 S. Division Avenue.**

The Zoning Board of Appeals held a hearing for a request from Mr. Dan Sigwards, in which the Board is recommending to allow the change in zoning from Residential 1 to Business 3 at 701 S. Division Avenue. Mr. Sigwards wishes to build a Subway Restaurant, which would seat 50 people at this location.

Mr. Bill Pilling who resides at 209 W. Oregon Street was present stating he feels Polo could use a Subway, but not where Mr. Sigwards wants to build. He feels traffic and litter will be awful, and feels property values will drop. He suggests the council vote against this location. Mr. Don Engelbarts stated

we have a Sub Shop downtown that will have to close and then other downtown businesses will close. He stated Mr. Harlem Horton has to live next to this and does not want to. Mr. Horton was present responding that he has a doctor's office on one side, Knie TV and Appliances across the street, that it does not bother him to have a Subway right next to him.

Mayor Scholl stated that he has been to various Subways that Mr. Sigwards owns and he has very nice buildings and businesses.

Consensus of the City Council is to have Attorney Suits draft an ordinance to change the zoning from Residential 1 to Business 3 at 701 S. Division Avenue for a first reading to be presented at the next council meeting.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on the Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing Decision for Mr. Norm Carroll to Change the Zoning from Residential 1 (R-1) to Business 3 (B-3) at 208 W. Mason Street. At the Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing after some complaints from a neighbor of the Business 3 request of Mr. Carroll, the recommendation was to allow a Business 2 district at 208 W. Mason Street. Mr. Carroll will display antique motorcycles upstairs, and Mrs. Carroll will have a café/deli in the basement of the building.

Mr. Carroll stated the B-3 zoning was originally requested, but there was objection to this B-3 request. Mr. Carroll went on to say that he would be fine with a Business 2 zoning at this location. The Business 3 district allowed a drive through and would also allow a tavern in which the neighbors were against.

Consensus of the City Council is to have Attorney Suits draft an ordinance to change the zoning from Residential 1 to Business 2 at this location for presentation of a first reading at the next council meeting.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Street Closure Requests for the Polo Chamber of Commerce 2010 Car Show to be held on August 14, 2010.

Mr. Cliff Harmon, who runs the car show for the Polo Chamber of Commerce reported the street closure requests are the same as last year, with the exception of using part of the first block west of Division Avenue on West Mason Street to the alley for displaying of motorcycles. He spoke with the Trotter's, owners of the flower shop and they said this is fine. The car show will be held from 8am to 3pm on August 14, 2010. Consensus of the City Council was to accept this request for street closures.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 10-03, Lease Agreement with the City of Polo and Exchange State Bank of Lanark for the Lease of the 2010 Chevy Impala.

Attorney Suits stated there are two area's in the lease agreement stating that the car was delivered April 16, 2010. City Clerk Corbitt will have a clean copy from Exchange Bank of Lanark for the next meeting. The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of ordinance 10-03, the lease agreement between the City of Polo and Exchange State Bank of Lanark for the 2010 Chevy Impala in the amount of \$19,222.

E. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 10-04, Sale of the City of Polo 2006 Chevrolet Impala to the Village of Mt. Morris.

The City Council accepted the first reading of Ordinance 10-04, sale of the City of Polo 2006 Chevrolet Impala to the Village of Mt. Morris in the amount of \$5,000.

F. Consideration & Possible Action on the City of Polo 2010 Service Rates.

Alderman Doug Knapp made a motion to accept the 2010 City of Polo service rates as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Scholl asked the City Clerk to 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.

G. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 10-05, Posting of Weight Limits on Streets Within the Corporate Limits.

Nothing was presented and no discussion was held.

H. Presentation of the 2010 Liquor Licenses Issued by Liquor Commissioner Mayor Mark Scholl.

The 2010 liquor licenses issued by Liquor Commissioner Mayor Mark Scholl were presented to the City Council. Discussion was held on residency requirements with holding a liquor license in that if a license holder's business is a Corporation that they do not have to live within the corporate limits to hold that license.

I. Consideration & Possible Action on an Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Agreement Between the City of Polo and the Ogle County Emergency Response Team.

Alderman Brenden Velez made a motion to accept the Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Agreement between the City of Polo and the Ogle County Emergency Response Team as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Scholl 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.

J. Consideration & Possible Action on the Sale of the Three City of Polo Baseball Scoreboards.

Mr. Jeff Grobe and Mr. Joe Wilson both have submitted an offer of \$1 for one baseboard scoreboard each. Alderman Knapp reported the old scoreboards have been removed, and the new ones have been installed. Sean Geary, Mike Bowman, Vern Shelter, Larry Loomis and Randy Wagner all assisted with installing the new scoreboards. Attorney Suits will draft an ordinance for the sale of two scoreboards for the next council meeting. Mr. Loomis recommended the one old scoreboard be stored for parts by one of the buyers for when they need repairs. Attorney Suits will draft one ordinance to cover the sale of the two scoreboards.

K. Consideration & Possible Action on a Presentation by Willett Hofmann & Associates for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Facility Plan with Possible Cost Savings & Rates.

Mr. Matt Hansen was present reporting on some cost savings recommended at a meeting with Mayor Scholl, Alderman Carroll, Water & Sewer Superintendent Mike Gauthier and City Clerk Corbitt present;

1. Headwork's building & lab/office roof design-metal roof with a 4-12 Hip type savings of \$36,807.
2. Headwork's building & lab/office building walls brick/block savings of \$16,680.
3. The grit removal will be included in the project.
4. The break/conference room in the lab/office building has been deleted, savings of \$38,198.40.
5. The garage and maintenance area has been reduced to a single stall and a small maintenance area, savings of \$86,000.
6. All roadways at the WWTP will be aggregate, not asphalt, a savings of \$45,000.
7. The submerged rock filter in the tertiary lagoon will be left in place, savings of \$45,000.
8. The demolition of the existing WWTP will be bid as an additive alternate. The City Council will have

the option to award the demolition work or not award it after the bids have been received. This is a \$300,000 cost.

The total savings is a little over \$550,000 or 7-8% off the cost savings of the total project cost.

Mayor Scholl stated this has not been an easy decision to make, but hopefully we will receive some grant money. In respect to average cost to user's; Rock Falls charges will be about the same as our bills will be for 800 gallons of usage. Alderman Carroll reported several years ago that Pecatonica decided not to go ahead with improvements that they were in need of, but now have to do the improvements with the cost sky rocketing to do so with their bills at \$99 for 800 gallons of usage.

Mr. Hansen hopes by the middle of July to know if we will get the IEPA 2.5 million dollar grant. There will be a public hearing held hopefully sometime in June, which will give the public the chance to ask questions and be heard. Discussion was held at length as to what will happen if we do not demolish the old buildings. Mr. Hansen responded that the city will need to pump the tanks out and leave the buildings standing if we don't get the bid for demolition at \$300,000 as an additive alternate bid.

Also reviewed was the recommended sewer rate options, with a recommendation that 50% of the revenue would come from the minimum charge for the first 165 cubic feet and 50% of the revenue would come from the usage over the first 165 cubic feet. It was also recommended that the rate goes into full effect as soon as possible, so the City can generate the revenue they need for establishment of an equipment replacement fund and the IEPA loan repayment fund. Current minimum charge for less than 165 cubic foot rate for water and sewer would go from \$29.70 to \$39.05 or a \$9.35 increase. The average user of 700 cubic foot per month would increase from \$59.86 to \$88.01 or a \$28.15 increase.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Richard Jacks invited the City Council to walk in the Memorial Day Parade on May 31, 2010. Line up starts at 9- 9:15am at the municipal parking lot on East Mason Street, with the parade starting at 9:30am.

Mr. Ben Koster thanked Mayor Scholl for being such an exceptional Mayor.

Alderman Doug Knapp made a motion to adjourn at 7:55pm, seconded by Alderman Matt McKeel. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE: May 17, 2010

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

