

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, JUNE 7, 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 7p.m. on Monday, June 7, 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 5/17/10 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Alderman Doug Knapp made a motion to accept the minutes of the 5/17/10 meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Sidewalks:

Alderman Norm Carroll reported the bid openings for the 2010 street improvements will be held at 2p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2010 in City Hall. This is for the improvements of the two blocks of brick streets on West Mason Street and on East Dixon Street from North Division Avenue to the railroad track west of North Jefferson Avenue.

Finance & Ordinances:

None.

At this time Alderperson Louise Hall reported she attended the Ogle County HEW meeting, with the purpose of further communications for towns in Ogle County, along with networking to learn new ideas for fundraising from other senior centers. The Ogle County HEW Committee did not want to close any senior services facilities and discussed use of resources. The next Ogle County HEW meeting is set for June 16, 2010.

Mr. Richard Jacks, Chairman of the Polo Area Senior Services Board reported their Board will look at what the various centers are doing that is working and possibly making money. He went on to report that almost every town and senior services were represented at this meeting.

Police:

Alderman Matt McKeel commended the Polo PD for their assistance with the four men that were arrested for the school break-ins.

Sanitation:

None.

Buildings and Grounds:

Alderman Doug Knapp reported building permits issued for a patio, fence, pergola and a deck. He went on to report the Little League Board approved a proposal of the re-facing of the back stops and to install two bull pen's at the Polo Community Park ball diamond. He went on to say the Little League is funding the pens due to the very successful Subway fundraiser that was held this year.

Parks & Pools:

None.

Water & Sewer:

None.

City Clerks Report:

City Clerk Corbitt reported the auditors were here all last week, with today completing their in-house work on the fiscal year 2009/10 audit. She also reported the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 has changes that will affect the city in calendar year 2011. W-2's in 2011 must include the cost of health insurance the employer provides to each individual employee. A reminder for the City Council participating in the Polo Town & Country Days Festival on June 20th at 12:30p.m. was given, with discussion of lining up vehicles to ride in. City Clerk Corbitt reported over the weekend she received sealed acknowledgment from the 96th Illinois General Assembly, signed by Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives Michael J. Madigan, Clerk of the House Mark Mahoney and State Representative Jerry Mitchell for being the first recipient of the Rosemary Coughlin Clerk of the Year Award.

Police Chief's Report:

None.

SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:

None.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Richard Jacks thanked the Council for attending the Memorial Day Parade and service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 10-06, Change the Zoning from Residential 1 (R-1) to Business 3 (B-3) at 701 S. Division Avenue.

Mr. Don Engelbarts stated he thinks it is a shame to tear down a perfectly good house that is not an eye sore. He went on to say how poor business is at the Red Apple Restaurant barely being able to stay open and that the Subway will only hurt them more. Mayor Scholl replied if this business is going to close, then they are apparently already in trouble. Shelli Wolf stated America is made for free enterprise and requested the City Council to please give Subway a chance in Polo. Meggon McKinley stated this is a

different type of business which would be a great addition for our kids in town. She feels this would serve more needs for younger folks, not affecting the Red Apple Restaurant as much due to the older clientele that eat there.

Alderman Norm Carroll made a motion to accept Ordinance 10-06, to change the zoning from Residential 1 to Business 3 at 701 S. Division Avenue, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Mayor Scholl requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Matt MeKeel yes, Alderman Doug Knapp yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Brenden Velez yes, Alderman Norm Carroll yes. The motion carried.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 10-07, Change the Zoning from Residential 1 (R-1) to Business 2 (B-2) at 208 West Mason Street.

Alderman Doug Knapp made a motion to approve ordinance 10-07, to change the zoning from Residential 1 to Business 2 at 208 West Mason Street as presented, seconded by Alderman Matt MeKeel. Mayor Scholl 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 abstain, Alderperson Louise Hall yes. The motion carried.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 10-08, the Sale of the City of Polo Scoreboards.

Alderman Doug Knapp made a motion to approve ordinance 10-08 the sale of the City of Polo scoreboards as presented to Mr. Jeff Grobe and Mr. Joe Wilson for \$1each and to Mr. Mike Bowman for \$5, 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration & Possible Action on Updates and Recommendations from Lyons Well Drilling on Well # 2.

Larry Lyons reported the rig is currently sitting at well # 2 and that Lyons Well Drilling spent fifteen hours working on the well. He reported the obstruction was not loose and that the well is open at 1,000 feet. Mr. Lyons went on to report they were able to view when they videoed the well and discovered why the city has had problems over the years. The original drilling crew encountered a vertical crevasse, and the well follows it for about 200 feet. This makes the well wander around with this crookedness, which has caused all the trouble with cut and chafed wire and worn bearings over the years. They have been fighting this curve over the years, and found jagged edges which are very difficult on our pump. Lyon's has opened the well back down to approximately 1,000 feet or its original depth. However the pump parts blocking the hole earlier have been removed or are now wedged into the crevasses at about 477 feet, well below the current pumping setting. This type of situation is not uncommon in wells of this type and should prove to be no problem in the future. His recommendation is the city put in a submersible pump at a cost of \$26,000. He stated if we replace it with a line shaft turbine it would cost double that of a submersible pump, but a submersible pump will not last as long. It will come out of the ground cheaper at about half the cost when it needs to be pulled. He found an armor plated wires, which is stainless steel for an additional cost of \$1,900. He would like to put the well back into service and is ready to do so. This well was constructed in 1902, but after the repair completion should last another ten

to twenty years. Mr. Lyons suggested that maybe the City should start planning for the future and apply for a grant for a new well at an approximate cost of \$500,000. Discussion was held on the pros and cons of putting in a new well.

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

No discussion was held.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 10-09, Change the Zoning from Manufacturing 1 (M-1) to Residential 1 (R-1) at 301 East Oregon Street.

The City Council accepted the first reading of ordinance 10-09, change the zoning from manufacturing 1 (M-1) to residential 1(R-1) at 301 East Oregon Street as presented.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 10-10, an Amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinances to Chapter 51.103, Sewer Debt Service Charge and Chapter 51.104, Basic User Charge/Sewer.

Mayor Scholl reported that these rates are based contingent on if the city receives the IEPA Grant of 2.5 million off the Principle and the 1.25% interest rate on a twenty year loan payback. He went on to state if we do not get this grant and low interest at 1.25% then we will have to go back to the drawing board. The City Council accepted the first reading of ordinance 10-10, an amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinances to Chapter 51.103, sewer debt service charge and Chapter 51.104, basic user charge/sewer as presented.

E. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 10-11, the 2010 Prevailing Wages For Public Works.

The City Council accepted the first reading of ordinance 10-11, the 2010 Prevailing Wages for public works.

F. Consideration & Possible Action on Resolution 10-05, Release of Closed Session Minutes from 1/1/10 to 5/31/10.

Alderman Norm Carroll made a motion to accept Resolution 10-05, release of closed session minutes from 1/1/10 to 5/31/10 as presented, seconded by Alderman Brenden Velez. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

G. Consideration & Possible Action on Resolution 10-06, Destruction of Audio or Video Recordings of Closed Session Minutes.

Alderman Norm Carroll made a motion to accept resolution 10-06 as presented for the destruction of the audio recordings of 9/4/07, 10/15/07, 1/7/08, 4/7/08, 6/02/08, 8/4/08, 8/18/08, 10/6/08 and 11/3/08, seconded by Alderman Matt MeKeel. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

H. Consideration & Possible Action on Resolution 10-07, MFT 2010 Maintenance of Streets.

Alderman Norm Carroll reported that some drainage work was added for this year's street project on West Mason Street along with handicap access at all four corners at the library, which is why this resolution amount is higher than we had expected.

Alderman Norman Carroll made a motion to accept resolution 10-07, MFT 2010 maintenance of streets in the amount of \$305,000, seconded by Alderman Doug Knapp. Mayor Scholl requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Brenden Velez yes, Alderman Norm Carroll yes, Alderperson Louise

Hall yes, Alderman Matt MeKeel yes, Alderman Doug Knapp yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the value of the bricks that are being removed on Mason Street and what the City want to do with them. Attorney Suits feels the Historical Society should be approached. Mike Faivre, member of the Polo Historical Society was present and agreed to meet and discuss this with Attorney Suits.

Alderperson Louise Hall made a motion to adjourn at 8:44pm, seconded by Alderman Matt MeKeel. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL DATE: 6/21/10

Respectfully Submitted:
Susie Corbitt, MMC
City Clerk
City Of Polo