

**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, JUNE 21, 2010.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Mark Scholl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:**

Reverend Monty Cox gave invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Mark Scholl called the regular meeting of the Polo City Council to order at 7:00p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2010.

**PRESENT:** Alderman Norm Carroll, Alderperson Louise Hall, Alderman Matt MeKeel, 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 MINUTES OF THE 6/7/10 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Alderperson Louise Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2010 City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cheryl Galor. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE 5/10 TREASURER'S REPORT TO FILE FOR AUDIT:**

Alderman Doug Knapp made a motion to accept the May 2010 treasurer's report to file for audit as presented, seconded by Alderman Matt MeKeel. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF BILLS:**

Mayor Scholl asked if there were any bills to add to the list of bills; Alderman Carroll added bill's in the amount of \$9,674.03 to Willett, Hofmann & Associates for MFT and bills to Birkey's Farm Store in the amount's of \$43.09 & \$11.90 for the street department, Alderperson Hall added a bill to Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance in the amount of \$8,843.03 for all departments, Alderperson Galor added bills to Terry Jenkins for reimbursement of the purchase of pool toys in the amount of \$30.96, and a bill in the amount of \$5.28 to Birkey's Farm Store both for the park and pool departments, and Alderman Velez added bills to Birkey's Farm Store in the amount of \$7.14 & 6.15 for the sewer department and one to Pine Creek Welding for the water department in the amount of \$60.

Alderperson Cheryl Galor made a motion to accept the list of bills as corrected, seconded by Alderman Brenden Velez. 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.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mayor Scholl reported that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has contacted the City to inform us of a re-evaluation of flood hazards in Ogle County that has been done. On August 20, 2009 FEMA provided Polo with preliminary copies of the county wide

FIRM and FIS reports with FEMA determining Polo is still not subject to the inundation by the base flood. The County wide FIRM and FIS report will become effective on December 17, 2010.

Alderman Matt MeKeel read a letter addressed to the Polo City Council from New Horizons, the Ogle County Adult Drug Court. In August, 2009, the Probation Department, State's Attorney's Office, and the judiciary began an adult drug court in Ogle County. The purpose of this specialty court is to provide increased supervision on clients who have serious drug problems. Community supervision, including unannounced home visits, are a key component of this program. On June 15, 2010, Greg Martin, Director of Court Services conducted one of these visits on a Polo resident, requesting assistance from the Polo PD. He stated our Polo officers assisted in a very professional and thorough manner. Mr. Martin stated for a small community, we can be proud of the job the police do and reported how important this kind of cooperation effort between probation and police makes these types of courts successful.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets & Sidewalks:**

None.

**Finance & Ordinance:**

Alderman Louise Hall reported all the CD's rolled over for the month, however tomorrow we will be cashing in two CD's to meet the \$150,012.12 water and sewer bills we are approving this evening.

**Police:**

None.

**Sanitation:**

None.

**Building & Grounds:**

Alderman Doug Knapp reported building permits issued for two sheds, a deck, three business signs and a bath & laundry room remodel. He reported that Sterling Fence Company has finished the bull pen's and will finalize the gates tomorrow at the ball diamond at Polo Community Park.

**Parks & Pool:**

None.

**Water & Sewer:**

None.

**City Clerks Report:**

City Clerk Corbitt reported she will be working on the appropriation budget for a first reading at the next meeting. This is a budget for emergency reasons only, so if anyone has a line item they are concerned with in their budget please let the clerk know.

**Police Chief's Report:**

None.

**SAFETY & ACCIDENT REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Scholl thanked the Polo Town and County Days Festival Committee, along with the water & sewer, street and police department who all helped out throughout the festival. There were many comments on how wonderful the police officers assisted everyone during the festival, especially with the storms that came in.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

Alderman Norm Carroll made a motion to change the zoning from Manufacturing 1 (M-1) to Residential 1 (R-1) at 301 East Oregon Street, seconded by Alderman Doug Knapp. Mayor Scholl requested the City Clerk call roll on the motion; Alderman Norm Carroll yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes, Alderman Matt MeKeel yes, Alderman Doug Knapp yes, Alderperson Cheryl Galor yes, Alderman Brenden Velez yes. The motion carried.

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

Alderman Matt MeKeel asked if we do not get the grant, will the rates stay the same? Mayor Scholl replied if we do not get the grant we will more than likely have to raise the rates higher.

Attorney Suits stated he will need to correct the date at the bottom of ordinance 10-10 to read June 21, 2010 not 2009.

Alderman Norm Carroll made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-10, an amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 51.103, Sewer Debt Service Charge and Chapter 51.104, Basic User Charge/Service as amended to read 6/21/10 not 6/21/09, 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.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 10-11, the 2010 Prevailing Wage for Public Works.

Alderman Doug Knapp made a motion to accept Ordinance 10-11, the 2010 Prevailing Wages for Public Works as presented, seconded by Alderperson Louise Hall. 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 yes, Alderperson Louise Hall yes. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

Discussion was held on Dixon, Oregon, Union, Wilson and Judson Roads being permanently posted at 73,280 pounds GVW and that none of the alleys are suitable for vehicles with 80,000 pound GVW. Police Chief Christen reported the County has portable scales along with part time Polo Police Officer Jim Haag. The question came up if the police can look at the drivers load ticket, with Chief Christen unsure if that is possible.

Attorney Suits stated he placed September 1, 2010 in this draft ordinance as the enforcement date with everyone agreeing with that date. Alderman Carroll reported we have had lots of complaints, so once this is approved they should not be able to run loaded semi's in town on these specific streets.

The first reading of ordinance 10-05, posting of weight limits on streets within the corporate limits was accepted.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 10-12, an Amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 112.16, Limitation on Numbers, and Ordinance 10-13, Chapter 112.40, View from the Street.

Mayor Scholl reported ordinance 10-12 will remove the private function license and add two Class A Liquor Licenses. One Class A license will be for The Polo Room and the other for the new owner of the American Legion building. Any private function liquor license cannot host public events, only private events, which has presented some issues in the past. The Mayor along with Mr. Frano who owns The Polo Room and the other bar owners do not have a problem with dropping this private function liquor license. Attorney Suits stated the Class A will read 6 in number with the total not to exceed 12 (excluding the Special Events liquor license).

Mayor Scholl reported the Polo Code of Ordinance currently has a code that addresses a view from the street for an officer to be able to see in the building. Attorney Suits stated there is confusion as to how the current ordinance is written. State Statue only states there has to be a view into the building, but not a view from the street. The drafted ordinance title is re-worded to "View Into the Licensed Premises".

The City Council accepted the first reading of Ordinance 10-12, an amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 112.16, limitation on numbers and Ordinance 10-13, Chapter 112.40, view into the licensed premises as presented.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Awarding the 2010 Street Improvement Projects.

Alderman Norm Carroll made a motion to award the 2010 Street improvement project to the low bidder Martin & Company in the amount of \$273,430.90 contingent that no bid protest as related to the Responsible Bidder Protest occur, effective on June 25, 2010, seconded by Alderman Matt MeKeel. Mayor Scholl 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.

D. Consideration & Possible Action on a Pre-Annexation Agreement for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Attorney Suits explained the newly purchased property for the waste water treatment plant is not within the city limits, therefore the County Board controls the zoning. The City could ask for a special use permit, but it would require the Ogle County Planning Commission to review the request, an Ogle County Zoning Board of Appeal Hearing along with approval by the Ogle County Board to take place taking up to as much as three months for final approval.

Attorney Suits explained the City of Polo has jurisdiction on all land within a mile and a half radius of the Polo Corporate Limits. Due to this the City can make a pre-annexation agreement for the land recently purchased for the new waste water treatment plant. If that property becomes contiguous to the city limits this type of pre-annexation agreement allows the City to then annex into the corporate limits. Attorney Suits recommended we create an ordinance for a pre-annexation agreement so the City can regulate the zoning at this property, which would be good for 20 years. This would also

save valuable time in order to proceed with the IEPA 1.25% low interest re-payment loan and 2.5 million off the principle.

Consensus of the city council was to precede with a pre-annexation agreement.

E. Consideration & Possible Action the Polo Neighborhood Watch Program.

Mr. Larry Loomis, Chairman of the Polo Neighborhood Watch Program was present to report on their committee progress to date. May 3, 2010 every Council member received a copy of a letter from the Polo Neighborhood Watch Committee to review their proposals.

Mr. Loomis asked if everyone went over the Neighborhood Watch brochure and asked the Council if they will support the committee to work on protection of their neighborhoods. He wants the Mayor, Police Chief and Alderman in charge of the PD to be involved with the committee. Mr. Loomis asked if his committee has the support of their efforts. Mayor Scholl stated we definitely give you our support. Mayor Scholl questioned where the committee currently is and what is their next step. Mr. Loomis replied this is our final product (brochure) that the committee will put in every door and discuss with people if they are home. He went on to say if the committee does have council support they will have a general meeting and get started. Mayor Scholl asked Mr. Loomis to get information to us to place on the city/chamber website.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

Alderman Doug Knapp made a motion to adjourn out of the regular city council meeting at 7:42pm, seconded by Alderman Norm Carroll. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVED BY THE POLO CITY COUNCIL ON 7/6/10.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susie Corbitt, MMC  
Polo City Clerk