

**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, AUGUST 2, 2010.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Mark Scholl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:**

Reverend Greg Downs gave invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Mark Scholl called the regular meeting of the Polo City Council meeting to order at 7p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 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 7/19/10 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Alderwoman Louise Hall made a motion to accept the minutes of the 7/19/10 meeting as presented, seconded by Alderman Norm Carroll. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mayor Scholl read a thank you from the Bartelt/Kyker family on behalf of SSGT Justus Bartelt, who lost his life in the line of duty. Mayor Scholl stated everyone came together to get things done for this family, then thanked the city employees for their assistance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Sidewalks:**

None.

**Finance & Ordinances:**

None.

**Police:**

Alderman Matt MeKeel reported the new 2010 Chevy Impala has arrived and is in service. The 2006 Chevy is now in the ownership of the Village of Mount Morris.

**Sanitation:**

None.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Alderman Doug Knapp reported building permits issued for a commercial storage shed unit, two electrical upgrades and a remodel. The Park Board met and agreed to reimburse the Polo Chamber of Commerce for the blow up screen, the roof on the little league shed will be repaired and discussion on the possible security camera's for the park with a quote were held, which will be discussed at the next park board meeting.

**Parks & Pools:**

Alderson Cheryl Galor reported the swimming pool hours for August and September as follows;  
August 3 to 13, 2010: 1 – 5pm and 7-9pm Monday through Saturday, Sunday 1 – 5pm.

August 14 to 22, 2010: 1 – 5pm

August 28, 29 & September 4, 5, 6, 2010: 1 – 5pm including Labor Day. Season passes will be honored until the end of the season.

**Water & Sewer:**

None.

**City Clerks Report:**

City Clerk Corbitt reported information has been left off in city hall concerning possible small grants to assist the city with the Emerald Ash Borer, which is now in DeKalb County. There is a matching grant of \$3,000 available to the City for trees that may become affected in our city parks and parkways with the application deadline of August 15, 2010. This program is for pest control, planting, removal and maintenance. Also reported is the City will be hosting Chamber After Hours on August 30th. in city hall. City Clerk Corbitt reported that House Bill 5154 would have prohibited the disclosure of performance reviews of any public employees under the Freedom of Information Act. On Monday, July 26, 2010 Governor Quinn issued an amendatory veto of the bill that will continue to require the release of performance evaluations and disciplinary proceedings of non-school-related public employees with the exemption of law-enforcement personnel. The Governor's veto does not take effect unless it is approved by a 3/5 vote from each Chamber this fall. The City has received the FEMA Flood maps, which show that Polo is not in a flood plain.

**Police Chief's Report:**

None.

**SAFETY AND ACCIDENT REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****A. Consideration & Possible Action on an Agreement Between the City of Polo and Moring Disposal for the Collection & Disposal of Residential Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials.**

Discussion was held that Attorney Suits reviewed the Moring Disposal contract with a few small changes that are not significant that General Manager Denny Pate of Moring Disposal will make. Discussion was held that recyclables are sometimes picked up before six am and would the city want to move the hours earlier, with a decision to not do so. City ordinance states both solid waste and recyclables will not start pick up before 6a.m. on garbage pickup days, with the container's being removed from the pickup area by 6p.m. that day. Larry Moring will look into this situation of his trucks picking up earlier than 6a.m. and discuss this with his employees.

Alderman Knapp has had mixed emotions on the garbage proposal, with whether the elderly will be able to maneuver the 65 gallon totes. He also explained the cost increase of \$1 to some senior citizens this last week. Alderman Knapp went on to report other comments from a person who has used a tote, and just loves them. Mr. Moring explained once they get used to them then hopefully they will not have a problem.

Randy Schoon asked Mr. Moring if they have ever had a complaint on these types of dumps with garbage falling all over the place when the truck dumps. Mr. Schoon has experienced problems when he was in Florida with garbage falling out of the totes when dumped, falling all over the place. Alderman Carroll had a concerned citizen contact him who is an elderly lady, who is concerned with using the totes with snow on the ground.

Mr. Moring suggested giving the totes to everyone and see how that goes. He said these totes are so large and due to this they won't have to be set out every week by the elderly. A brief discussion was held on the proposed no pick up in alley's, with clarification that dumpsters would still have to be picked up in alleys, with only residential garbage pickup would be discontinued in the alleys. Mayor Scholl stated he thought any feedback from our citizens would help the city with the proposed no alley pick up.

Mr. Moring will bring the amended contract back to the next council meeting. Mr. Moring stated they will accommodate the elderly one way or another with assistance if the totes are too difficult for them to handle.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 10-16, an Amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 50, Garbage & Refuse.

The Polo City Council accepted the first reading of Ordinance 10-16, an amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 50, Garbage and Refuse.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on Ordinance 10-17, an Amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 96.007, Payment for Sidewalks, Curb and Gutter.

The Polo City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance 10-17 an Amendment to the Polo Code of Ordinance to Chapter 96.007, Payment for Sidewalks, Curb and Gutter as presented.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Consideration & Possible Action on the Appointment by Mayor Scholl of Evan Ruggeberg as a Part-Time Officer.

Mayor Scholl recommended the appointment of Mr. Evan Ruggeberg as a part time Police Officer.

Mr. Ruggeberg began with the Rochelle PD, then worked with the Ogle County Sherriff's Department for five years for a total of 18 years experience as a police officer. He left that profession to start his own business, but wants to keep his certifications as a police officer and work part-time for Polo.

Alderman Matt McKeel made a motion to accept Mayor Scholl appointment of Mr. Evan Ruggeberg as a part-time police officer for the City of Polo, seconded by Alderman Doug Knapp. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

At this time City Clerk Susie Corbitt gave the Oath of Office to Mr. Evan Ruggeberg.

B. Consideration & Possible Action on the 2010/2011 Health, Dental and Life Insurance Plan.

Mr. Bob Spahn, the current insurance broker for the City of Polo employee health, dental and life insurance plan was present along with Mrs. Ce Faulkner, a representative from Humana Health Care. The current plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield will increase 22% or \$21,333 a year if no changes are made to the plan.

Mrs. Faulkner reported she went out to various competitors with showing two Humana Health Care projections due to this company having the lowest rates. She stated the only current provider the employees would lose is Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. Humana Health Care rates are only book rates that will require underwriting for an exact quote of cost. She did not quote dental coverage with these projections. Humana Health Care's life rates are a three year guarantee. If employees have met their deductible and pre-existing with Blue Cross Blue Shield for the year then that would carry over until January 1, 2011.

Mrs. Faulkner did go over the possibility of staying with Blue Cross Blue Shield, but the city would have to have any changes submitted by 9/15/10 in order to continue with their coverage.

Consensus is to have each employee and dependents underwriting done to get rates for both projections for the Humana health insurance. Mayor Scholl stated if the employees have any questions please get a hold of one of us.

C. Consideration & Possible Action on an Engineering Agreement Amendment between the City of Polo and Willett, Hofmann & Associates.

Discussion was held on the engineer agreement amendment between the City of Polo and Willett, Hofmann & Associates.

Mayor Scholl reported the changes to the original engineering agreement for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project:

1. The design fee for the WWTP was increased from \$460,000 to \$510,000. The increase requested is due to the additional work and meetings associated with the wet weather flow issues in the collection system and the additional structural and electrical design work associated with the aerobic digesters and sludge storage tank.
2. Willett has added a design fee of \$43,000 for the design of the Oregon Street sanitary sewer replacement, the Prairie Avenue lift station modifications and the Prairie Avenue forcemain relocation. \$13,500 is added to the construction observation for this work.
3. The cost of preparing the Operation and Maintenance (O & M) manual was not included in the original engineering agreement but was included in the project budget and was included in the sewer rate increase. The O & M manual cost \$30,000.
4. Also added is Section 7, Special Provisions to the engineering agreement to satisfy the new IEPA requirement for the MBE's and WBE's.

The Council consensus is that they would like to have more clarifications of hours broke down to show these increases in expenses. Mr. Matt Hansen, engineer from Willett, Hofmann and Associates will be asked to be present at the next council meeting.

At this time Mr. Randy Schoon stated we need to stay competitive with the city services and that the city needs to get away from some vendors and look outside the box.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Street Superintendent Craig Telschaw stated we had a gentleman complain of a foundation crack in his house foundation, claiming it was due to the construction work on West Mason Street. The house has a limestone foundation, but someone had placed mortar on top of the limestone. Alderman Carroll and Mr. Telschaw stated this family needs to meet with representatives of Willett, Hofmann and Martin Construction who are doing the street work in that area.

Alderman Brenden Velez made a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm, seconded by Alderman Norm Carroll. Ayes 6, nays 0. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVED: 8/16/10

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