

**POLSON CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
CITY HALL – CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009, 6:30 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE:** City Commissioners Bruce Agrella, Jim Sohm, Jules Clavadetscher, Elsa Duford, and Fred Funke present. Commission President Mike Lies presiding. Acting City Manager/City Attorney James Raymond present. Mayor Lou Marchello absent.

**Commissioner Lies called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Commissioner Clavadetscher moved to approve the agenda as proposed, seconded by Commissioner Agrella. The motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC HEARING – INTENT TO ESTABLISH STORMWATER UTILITY AND RATE STRUCTURE (RESUMED FROM 5/18/09):** Commissioner Lies called for public comment. Water & Sewer Superintendent Tony Porrazzo spoke in favor of the storm water utility, citing upcoming legislation and the City’s need to protect the lake and river. He added that TD & H was in the process of a study to assess the storm water needs of the City. Ted Witham asked how long users would be charged storm water fees. Commissioner Lies replied that they did not know the length of time, since they did not know the full extent of the project. He explained they were trying to bank money for the utility so the funds would be available when they were needed. Ted Witham asked if the decision at this meeting would commit the City to a particular course of action. Commissioner Lies replied that the City’s action would be mandated by the DNRC and DEQ. Commissioner Duford questioned the violations of the storm water utility listed in the text of Ordinance 647, and she felt the public was not informed enough to make a decision at this time. Commissioner Funke expressed that the public was as informed as the Commission, as all of the documents the Commission had been provided were available at City Hall or the City’s website. **There were no further comments. The public hearing adjourned at 6:43 p.m.**

**Commissioner Lies called the City Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES MAY 12, 2009**
- B. CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MAY 18, 2009**
- C. MAY 15-31 CLAIMS**

**Commissioner Agrella moved to approve the consent agenda items A-C with the correction of a typographical error to item B, seconded by Commissioner Sohm. The motion carried unanimously.**

**ORDINANCE #647 – FIRST READING – ESTABLISH STORMWATER UTILITY AND RATE STRUCTURE:** City Manager Raymond informed the Commission that the ordinance covered many bases and was written to include all rate payers. Commissioner Lies felt that all utility users should contribute. City Manager Raymond pointed out that an equitable rate structure would need to be examined, as City lots were various sizes and impact. Commissioner Clavadetscher wished to reduce the rate from \$8 per month. City Manager Raymond suggested

they use a \$4 fee for each tap. Commissioner Duford asked if the money collected the first year would be used solely for studies. City Manager Raymond replied that they only have ballpark figures for the cost, however they would be putting money into the design so the City could go after stimulus money. Commissioner Duford cautioned that not all citizens could afford the new utility. **Commissioner Clavadetscher moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #647, to establish a storm water utility and rate structure of \$4 per tap. Commissioner Funke seconded the motion.** Commissioner Duford asked if the public would have another opportunity to comment before the ordinance goes into effect. Commissioner Lies replied that they would at the second reading of Ordinance #647. **The motion carried with 5 in favor, Commissioner Duford opposed.**

**ORDINANCE #646 – SECOND READING – AMEND PERSONNEL MANUAL TO PROVIDE EQUITY FOR CALLED-OUT PERSONNEL:** Commissioner Funke moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance #646, seconded by Commissioner Agrella. The motion carried unanimously.

**AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF CHEVY BLAZER (ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF RIG) TO FINLEY POINT FIRE:** City Manager Raymond explained that the Blazer had 170,000 miles on it and was a surplus vehicle. The Finley Point Fire Department was in need of a vehicle and Polson Fire Department would like to transfer the vehicle. Commissioner Agrella felt it was great to get use out of the vehicle. **Commissioner Agrella moved to authorize the transfer of the Polson Fire Department’s Chevy Blazer to Finley Point Fire, seconded by Commissioner Sohm. The motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION #992 – SUPPORT FOR RESPONSIBLE HEALTHCARE REFORM:** City Manager Raymond suggested the Commission table Resolution #992 in light of presenter Andrew Smith’s absence. **Commissioner Funke moved to table Resolution #992, seconded by Commissioner Clavadetscher. The motion carried unanimously.**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:** City Manager Raymond noted that the bridge construction was complete for the spring, and all of the debris and construction material were out of Riverside Park. Commissioner Clavadetscher mentioned that he had heard they had done a fine job on all accounts. He also pointed out they did the City a service, likely at great expense, by splitting the repair schedule. Commissioner Agrella felt with as much traffic as came through they did well. City Manager Raymond added that emergency responders had no trouble getting across the bridge. He informed the Commission that the City had received a letter from the Department of Commerce confirming \$94,000 in stimulus money was available for the Riverside water line upgrade. He told the Commission that there was a dilemma in regards to the sale of the City’s all beverage liquor license. Due to new legislation, if the payments of the license were defaulted on, the license would not be returned to the City. He felt that the City should ask the Department of Revenue not approve the sale as it was currently written, as it was too much risk to a taxpayer asset. Commissioners Agrella and Clavadetscher expressed their agreement. Commissioner Duford asked how this would affect Papa Don’s. City Manager Raymond replied that there should be no affect to their revenue, and that he had spoken to their lawyer and he understood the dilemma. He pointed out that if the Clements got a loan from a local bank the interest rate would be comparable to what the City would have charged them at 5%. City Manager Raymond noted

that this might be his last meeting as Acting City Manager. He expressed that the support from the City's staff had been outstanding, and they were all fine people. Commissioner Lies asked when Mr. Crossett would be at the City. City Manager Raymond replied that he had not signed the contract, but was planning on being in Polson the week of June 8<sup>th</sup>. The Commissioners thanked James Raymond for his fine work as the interim city manager.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA: There were no public comments.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

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**Commission President Mike Lies**

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**Attest: Kala Parker, Assistant City Clerk**