

CITY OF POLSON

CITY COMMISSION EMERGENCY MEETING

Commission Chambers

July 1, 2015

12:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Heather Knutson, Commissioners Campbell, Donovan, Erickson, Siler, Southerland, and Turner. City Manager Shrives, City Clerk Cora Pritt

OTHERS PRESENT (who voluntarily signed in): none

CALL TO ORDER: (00:02) Mayor Knutson called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA (00:41) - Commissioner Turner motion to approve the proposed agenda. Commissioner Erickson second. City Commission discussion: none Public comment: none **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANT MATTERS TO THE PUBLIC **NOT ON THE AGENDA (1:02)-none.**

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE BANNING FIREWORKS (1:16) -agenda item was presented by City Manager Shrives. There was a meeting held on June 30, 2015 with the County Commissioners, Ronan, St. Ignatius, Confederated Salish/Kootenai Tribe, and the City of Polson. Collectively it was agreed to be in the best interest of the public to ban all fireworks. The exception will be the firework display at Flathead River on the 4th of July. The Polson Volunteer Fire Department will be present to oversee the fireworks display. This Ordinance will be effective immediately and will be in place for 90 days. There was discussion about the enforcement and the fines that would be given. Polson Police Chief Nash commented that the fines are in line with the current Fireworks Ordinance; 1st-verbal warning, 2nd-fireworks confiscated and a fine of \$50.00. The enforcement will be a challenge for the City Police but they will handle it. Chief Nash commented on what a huge accomplishment it is to have the Tribal Police, Sheriff's department, and City Police coming together in unity to put this protection in place. Mayor Knutson requested clarification about the difference between this ban and the Stage 1 restrictions. City Manager Shrives commented that this Ordinance will only ban fireworks in the City limits, barbecues are still permitted. There was one correction made to the Ordinance. In section 9.81.051 the Ordinance number referenced should be changed to read 664 not 662. A copy of the signed Ordinance will be delivered to the firework stands so that people purchasing fireworks will know that the discharge of the fireworks is banned. **Commissioner Southerland motion to approve the Emergency Ordinance banning fireworks. Commissioner Turner second.** Commission discussion: none Public comment: none **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried**

Mayor Knutson commented that there would only be Action minutes needed (19:44)

Adjourn. (19:52) Commissioner Turner motion to adjourn. Commissioner Erickson second. Commission discussion: none Public Comment: none **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried.**

ADJOURN: 12:20 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Heather Knutson, Mayor

Cora E. Pritt, City Clerk