

CITY OF POLSON

COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Commission Chambers

September 19, 2016

6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Knutson, Commissioners Coutts, Donovan, Erickson, Siler, Southerland, Turner, City Manager Mark Shrives, and City Clerk Cora Pritt

OTHERS PRESENT (who voluntarily signed in): Bill Barron, Alex Burkhalter, Peter Daniels, Elsa Duford, Dennis Duty, Bonnie Manicke, Lee Manicke, Caroline McDonald, Mark Nunlist, and Cort Potter

CALL TO ORDER: (00:01) Mayor Knutson called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA (00:43) –Commissioner Turner motion to approve the proposed agenda. Commissioner Donovan second. Commission discussion: none Public comment: none. **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANT MATTERS TO THE PUBLIC **NOT ON THE AGENDA (01:14)** - none.

MAYOR KNUTSON OPENED THE POLSON LANDING-AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT HEARING AT 6:32 P.M. (01:42)

City Manager Shrives commented that Polson Landing Project would be an agenda item on the Commission agenda for the 7:00 p.m. meeting. City Planner Kyle Roberts gave a brief history of the project. This project was originally presented in September 2015. This will be a 35 unit project. The City of Polson was recently extended an invitation to submit an application by October 3, 2016. The Board of Housing will award the projects in January 2017. Alex Burkhalter asked if the Commission had any questions on the project. There were several letters of support that were submitted to the Commission. The Mayor then invited the public to come to the podium if anyone had any comments.

Mark Nunlist-ask for clarification. Mr. Burkhalter is requesting the City to waive half the Water Impact Fee. Is this a request that any developer may ask of the City.

Cort Potter-asked what is Polson Landing? Mayor Knutson explained that this is an affordable housing project.

Carolyn McDonald-commented that this would be a benefit to the Polson School District. It would mean an increase in the enrollment of students.

Clint Cottle-City of Polson Fire Chief – asked if the tax exempt status of the project was a request or a state law. Mayor Knutson replied it is tax exempt and that is why the project would be paying a P.I.L.T.- payment in lieu of taxes.

Tracy Scherrick commented that she currently has apartments for rent. There just aren't enough qualified renters in the City.

Lee Manicke-commented that the rental survey is incomplete. The survey doesn't include single family residence that are rental properties.

Dennis Duty-commented that there are several new businesses in the Ridgewater commercial district that have added monies to the tax roll.

Peter Daniels-commented that the last development still has vacancies. The City should be encouraging ownership not rentals. Elsa Duford-Ward III-commented that there conflicting advertisements. One stated the project was tax exempt the other advertisement did not.

Mayor Knutson closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m. There was a brief recess before beginning the regular Commission meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Adjourn. (38:05) Commissioner Turner motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ericson second.
Commission discussion: none Public Comment: none **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried.**

ADJOURN: 7:08.m.

ATTEST: _____

Mayor Heather Knutson

Cora E. Pritt, City Clerk