

CITY OF POLSON

COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUANCE

Commission Chambers

September 7, 2016

6:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Donovan

OTHERS PRESENT (who voluntarily signed in): Elsa Duford, Bonnie Manicke, and Lee Manicke

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 (00:45) –Commissioner Erickson motion to approve the proposed agenda. Commissioner Siler second. Commission discussion: none Public comment: none. **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANT MATTERS TO THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA (01:36) - none.

MAYOR KNUTSON OPENED THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUANCE AT 6:32 P.M. (02:11)

City Manager Shrives commented that there had been a few changes from the previous Public Hearing meeting, August 15, 2016. Mayor Knutson questioned if the Salary Step Schedule had been completed and would it be approved this evening. City Manager Shrives explained the Salary Step Schedule was still be worked out. The Police Department are the only department on a schedule. The remainder department's salaries were determined by using a base line from the salary survey conducted by the Montana League of Cities and Towns. City Finance Officer Cindy Dooley explained the changes that had been made to the budget; 5010 Golf Fund-added \$35,000.00 under the restaurant for flooring replacement as well as plumbing and fixtures. 5210 Water Fund-added \$500.00 to supplies \$12,000.00 to electric, there was a carryover of \$10,000.00 to pay Anderson Montgomery for the Downtown Water Looping Project, \$100,000.00 in construction as a placeholder and \$500.00 was added to damage payout. 5310 Sewer Fund-added \$100,000.00 to Machinery/Equipment, this is for contingency water/sewer upgrades. Water/Sewer Superintendent Tony Porrizzo commented that this line item has always been in the budget. If a pump on a lift station goes out, etc. then the funds are there to replace or repair the equipment. Mr. Porrizzo further commented that on the average, there is only 30-40% of the Water/Sewer budget spent. Commissioner Turner asked if there is ever any revenue from the airport. City Finance Officer Dooley replied no. City Manager Shrives commented that the monies from the airport goes to the Airport Board.

Public Comment: Tony Porrizzo, Water/Sewer Superintendent, 202 Division commented that the documents he distributed to the Commission show just what an important part the Water/Sewer Department is to the City and the responsibilities on the employees of that department. Across the State this department is continually overlooked. People that set wages refuse to look at the importance. The Water/Sewer employees are responsible for tests, reports, making sure that licenses are kept up and this seriously needs to be looked at. The Golf Superintendent is the second highest paid employee in the City. The Water/Sewer Department needs to be looked at harder, not next year which is what Mr. Porrizzo said he is always told. Why not do it right now. The Water/Sewer employees do their own vehicle maintenance, electric, welding, etc. We could take it to others to do and spend the money but we don't. It is insulting what is being done. How much money comes in or get spent that never comes back. There is

a need to know exactly what it is costing the Water/Sewer Department. The revenue coming in is not really showing. The billing will get better. Would like to see revenue shown clearer.

(25:23) Mayor Knutson closed the continuance Public Hearing.

Adjourn. (25:30) Commissioner Southerland motion to adjourn. Commissioner Coutts second.
Commission discussion: none Public Comment: none **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried.**

ADJOURN: 6:55p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Mayor Heather Knutson

Cora E. Pritt, City Clerk