

POLSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 2, 1993
7:30 P.M.

Council present: Funke, White, Pedersen, Vergeront, Karstens, Lies

Others present: Tom Gilmore, Harry Britton, Ron Buzzard, Marilyn Trospen, Leonard DeVore, John Campbell, Richard Mabee, Bob Fulton, Bonnie Manicke, Connie Cummings, Aryn Pickerill, Phil Grainey

Mayor James W. Jones presiding;

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING: Changes were discussed as follows;

Golf

+\$1,000	Striping of Parking Lot	(304)
+ 3,000	Additional Parking Lot Paving	(304)
+ 150	Gutters-Clubhouse	(920)
+ 7,200	Compensated Absences	(119)

General

+ 500	Court Purchased Services
+ 947	Grainey's Salary

Mayor and Council Salaries restored to previous year prior to 10% cut.
Reserve for Protested Taxes added to General Fund by Pedersen.

Gas Tax

no change	Weedeater added to Capital Outlay (swap with supplies) (\$300)
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Water

+ 5,000	Source of Supply Purchased Svc (Power, Well Wtr Rights)
+ 1,000	Treatment Purchased Svc
+ 7,700	Compensated Absences (119)

Sewer

+ 1,000	Transmission Purchased Svc (Power)
+ 2,500	Compensated Absences (119)

MINUTES: Devlin asked that a motion to approve Resolution 614, transferring monies from Fund #3020 to Fund #1000, be included in the Budget Discussion of July 19, 1993 per Auditor request. It had been mentioned this fund would be closed because all debt was satisfied, however, the Auditor felt it would be cleaner to do by resolution with regards to transferring future monies collected. Motion Funke, cond Vergeront to approve Resolution 614, transferring all current and future monies of Fund #3020-Fire Truck Sinking to the General Fund, and that this amendment be made to the July 19, 1993 minutes under Budget Discussion. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes of July 19, 1993 were approved as amended.

LIBRARY BIKE RACKS: Trospen said the Library was requesting to install two 7' bike racks adjacent to the book drop. She had approached Mabee and DeVore last March to see if it was possible. There was an increasing problem with bikes parked in front of doors, leaned against the book return or alongside the building itself. It was becoming a hazard for people leaving and entering the building. The design was similar to a hitching post, placed parallel to the building and the bikes would be parked parallel. Two racks were needed since there were as many as six bikes at a time. Motion White, second Lies to approve two 7' bike racks be installed at the library. Motion carried unanimously.

GOLF TRACTOR BIDS: White said there seemed to be some misunderstanding regarding the bids received on the golf tractor at

the last meeting. \$2700 had already been paid towards a tractor from Triple W and the base bid on that particular tractor was low bid anyway. Pedersen said he had moved to rebid the tractor at the last meeting and after reviewing the bids, it definitely was, without any consideration for trade-in or rent paid, the least expensive within the bid specifications. Motion White, second Lies to approve buying the John Deere 1070 4x4 Tractor with JD 80 Loader from Triple W of Kalispell for \$18,059 less \$2,700 rent received less \$3,500 trade-in allowance on the Ford Tractor = \$11,859.00. Motion carried unanimously.

RELIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR: Mabee said he had requested some vacation time and spoken to Fulton about coverage during that time. Because of Fulton's schedule, he could not make that commitment. He would like the Council to consider Harry Britton, moved here from Marysville, Washington where he had been the Certified Building Official. Harry Britton said he wished to volunteer for relief duty as his part in making Polson a better place to live. He noted the Building Inspector could do a great job for the community, not only by keeping them out of trouble with lawsuits and things of that type, but he assures the people purchasing homes, new homes especially, they are getting a home built according to proper standards. When this is explained to local contractors, they feel it is a great thing, because everyone has to build to the same specifications. He was there to volunteer his services, he did not want to be paid because he was not looking for a job. He would like to see seminars put on to educate the people, in particular the contractors, on issues such as energy, etc.. Motion White, second Pedersen to accept Harry Britton as Relief Building Inspector for the City of Polson. Motion carried unanimously.

FEEES FOR DRILLING HOLES IN STREETS: Jones said holes were being drilled in the streets, filled with plastic plugs and cement and left without further attention. He believed the City, like any other landowner, should be compensated when these had to be repaired. Karstens asked DeVore what he felt it should be worth monetarily to repair these things. DeVore said, in the past, these holes had not been maintained, plugs had popped out during the winter and been cut off by the snowplows. When the individuals or companies had been called on certain occasions, they simply had not responded. It should probably be set up similar to the street crossings where a bond was put up and forfeited if the City had to make the necessary repairs. Pedersen asked if the private contractor or the State had been contacted. DeVore said he would like to see more bonds put up and a private contractor, such as Larry Smith, bid the repair jobs which could be paid from the bond money. Karstens said apparently the current dollar amount was not getting anyone's attention. DeVore said if they could get a private contractor to bid each repair job, and they could see the actual dollar signs, maybe it would make a difference. Currently, he ended up patching 99% of them. White asked Karstens what he thought a fair fee was. Karstens said he was not an expert on roads, but he felt they needed to do something to take care of the overall problem. He asked DeVore what they were currently getting for bonds. DeVore said there was a sliding scale from \$250-\$1,000 depending on the original condition of the street. White suggested they double it. Pedersen asked how long the bonds were held. DeVore said one year. If the road were put back satisfactorily, it did not cost the individual anything. Another thing they were running into, as Campbell could attest to, was people coming in during the off time of year when materials were not available or weather conditions were poor who got angry when told to wait. A time period for repair was discussed. Campbell said with the holes drilled for the wells, continuous monitoring was needed over a six month to one year period. With a 90 day forfeiture period, this would have to be reviewed. Also there were a lot of holes at this time. Were they going to require \$1,000 for each hole, \$1,000 for each new hole from this point on, or would \$1,000 cover all holes drilled by the same company. Holes did not do as much damage to the road surface as a street crossing. DeVore suggested they set a bond for such cases like they had with the power company where a \$5,000 bond was provided on a continuous basis and this was reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted if necessary. It was time they set the ground rules, not the people doing the work. Maybe, too, they could be called in and talked to. Karstens said maybe one on one would

work, so they understood the ramifications of neglecting the repairs necessary. Vergeront asked if they could deny someone drilling or cutting the streets. DeVore said they had spent a lot of time with those people locating holes where they would not cause problems. The test wells were to protect the environment, but caution needed to be used for sure. He felt they could take a stand on the location and extent of work if it was going to cause problems. Pedersen said, for now, they should raise the bond to \$1,000 and look into an ordinance for fixing related problems. They should also look into charging for employee wages when they were utilized in these matters. Motion White, second Lies to approve a \$1,000 street bond, notice of need to repair be given at 30 days, and a 90 day forfeiture period. Motion carried unanimously.

BOETTCHER PARK SHELTER USE BY CITY CREW: Devlin explained the golf employees would like to use shelter #3 on August 15 from noon on. Motion Pedersen, second Funke to waive the \$10 shelter fee for the city golf employee picnic August 15 from noon on. Motion carried unanimously.

JUNE CASH REPORT: Fund 2975-Library Literacy Program had been a dormant account for several years. The Library Board voted to close the account, giving the funds to the Lake County Literacy Volunteer Association. It was money left over from a federal grant and they needed to disperse the funds. Fund 3500-SID Revolving had sufficient funds to satisfy the debt service, therefore, they would not be levying for it in FY 1993-1994. Fund 3524-SID #24 Sinking (Woodbine): There was \$16,000 in outstanding bonds, there were 12 contracts to date on lots sold and the SID district owed the revolving fund principal of \$233,442.14. Any assessments in future years plus contract payments would go into the sinking fund to pay back the revolving fund. At the very minimum, it would be \$150,000. Fund 5260-Water Revenue Bond of 1976 showed a zero balance 6-30-93. Those bonds were defeased in entirety on June 1, 1993. There was somewhat of a problem with the paying agent. In July a paid item statement was received showing \$35,000 in outstanding bonds. After calling the agent, she discovered they would charge an extra fee to call the bondholders. Manicke personally called the bondholders and they would surrender the bonds themselves in the month of July. The bonds were out at 7%, therefore, the bondholders were under the impression they would accumulate that interest and were unaware of the call and grateful they had been contacted. There were some excess funds in the Water Construction account of \$930.55 which was transferred to the debt service fund to retire the debt. On the second page of the cash report it was noted Norwest Bank had a balance of \$897.50, monies left with the escrow department for bond defeasement. They were to send those funds to her, the escrow agreement provided for surrender of the funds by July 31, 1993.

Motion Pedersen, second Vergeront to approve closing out Fund 2975-Library Literacy as per the wishes of the Library Board of Trustees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion White, second Funke to approve the June 1993 cash report. Motion carried unanimously.

PLEGGED SECURITIES: Manicke detailed the following pledged securities;

Glacier Bank	\$1,102,033
Security State Bank and Trust Company	\$ 350,000
First Citizens Bank	0

There were sufficient dollar amounts in pledged securities to back the deposits on hand. It was done according to statute that all securities were pledged to and in the name of the City of Polson and recorded legal documents were held in safekeeping at a third party bank. She did not have access to them, the actual banks did not have access to them. Motion White, second Pedersen to approve the pledged securities. Motion carried unanimously.

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION-EUGENE CLAIRMONT: Motion Karstens, second Lies to table the Petition for Annexation from Eugene Clairmont until

a proper 1 gal description could be acquired. Karstens noted the legal description provided to them described an already annexed piece of property and this needed to be clarified. Jones noted that Jim Clatterbuck was building on the property, however, Clairmont owned it. Motion carried unanimously.

JULY CLAIMS: Motion Lies, second Funke to approve July claims #57614-57781 for \$73,025.79. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 615-BUDGET TRANSFERS: Motion Pedersen, second Whit to approve Resolution 615 approving the budget transfers for FY 1992-1993. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: Base wages were proposed as follows;

Lucas, Manicke, Devlin, Loeser	\$ 53509.20
Police	172581.00
Fire	11367.20
Building	13000.00
Library	35484.00 (\$2600-extra hrs del.)
Street/Park	73086.80
Golf	89378.00
Water/Sewer	100963.20

Devlin asked if the specific requests would be given to the Payroll Clerk for computation of fringe for budget purposes. Lies said he would split them out for her.

Motion Lies, second Pedersen to adopt the wage schedule as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

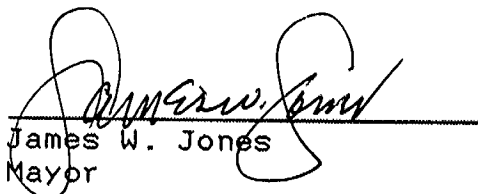
Motion Pedersen, second White to approve providing 50% of the family plan in health benefits for all employees (police continue to receive 70% of family plan). Motion carried unanimously.

Devlin asked for specific approval of the following capital outlay requests submitted prior to adoption of the final budget;

Copier, Desk, Pipe Cutting Tool, Rain gutters, 2 snow plow blades.

Motion Pedersen, second Funke to approve the above capital outlay expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned. Next council meeting will be August 9, 1993 at 7:30 p.m.


James W. Jones
Mayor

ATTEST:


Jayne Devlin
City Clerk