

**POLSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2001 7:30 P.M.**

Council Present: Tom Vergeront, Mark MacDonald, Clint White, Roberta Thick, Fred Funke, Dan Morrison. **City Attorney James Raymond Present.** Mayor Mike Lies presiding.

Others Present: Tom Maloney, Monte Sipe, John Campbell, Rodney Hanson, Sharon Hanson, Glenn Timm.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 2, 2001: Thick and MacDonald said they read the minutes and found no errors. **Motion MacDonald, second Thick, to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2001 as printed. Motion carried unanimously.**

DEMOLITION OF ABANDONED STRUCTURE 1407 5TH STREET EAST: Sipe informed Council that the demolition of an abandoned structure at 1407 5th Street East has been completed and a bill was submitted by Jensen Backhoe who was the low bidder at \$1,400. He referred to his report to Council, which outlines the process by which the demolition has taken place. At this time Council is required to schedule a public hearing for protests to be heard for or against the assessment of the costs. The Council will then pass a resolution on how the costs will be assessed, which he recommends to be done the same as the Ray property, through a special assessment against the property which is a personal lien. Thick asked if the property owners contacted him about this issue. Sipe replied that he spoke with the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, quite a few times throughout this process. He informed Council that the Polson Fire Department did a practice burn of the front structure on the property and the owners failed to clean up the left over debris which was a condition for the burn. Sipe said he spoke with the owners who felt this was the best way to proceed so they would not have to come up with the costs up front. They understood it would be assessed over a two year period which would give them more time to pay it off in installments. Lies noted that the public hearing should be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2001 because Monday is a holiday and the Council Meeting will be rescheduled. **Motion Thick, second MacDonald, to schedule a public hearing on February 20th at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments on the assessment of the costs involved with the demolition of the abandoned structure at 1407 5th Street East as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONFERENCE - KWATAQNUK - FIRE DEPARTMENT 4 FIREMEN ATTEND @ \$25: Maloney said the firemen who expressed interest in attending this Haz Mat Conference at Kwataqnuk are John Fairchild, John Stevens, Jim Jones and himself. Ernie Butt also would like to attend and the Rural Fire will also pay for some of the firemen who want to attend the conference. MacDonald said it is a good opportunity for them to get some training right here in town. **Motion MacDonald, second Morrison, to approve four firemen to attend the Hazardous Material Conference at KwaTaqNuk March 12, 13 and 14, 2001 as requested. Motion carried unanimously.**

NORTHWEST REGIONAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT - MEMBERSHIP: Lies noted that it is time to pay the \$50 annual NWRRC&D dues. Last year the Council discussed the possibility of not renewing its membership, and since that time Thick has attended a meeting and observed how the organization operates. Thick said she feels they probably do enough for the City to make the \$50 fee worthwhile and now have a full time staff in their main office which they did not have before. **Motion Thick, second Funke, to approve that the City remain a member of the Northwest Regional Resource Conservation & Development Organization. Motion carried unanimously.** Lies noted the meetings are generally held the third Monday of each month.

MONTANA RURAL WATER CONFERENCE - 2/21-23 GREAT FALLS - JOHN CAMPBELL AND RAY CASTILLO: Lies said the Montana Rural Water Conference is being held in Great Falls and Campbell and Castillo would like approval to attend. He noted that there is information about the conference attached to the Council's agenda. **Motion White, second MacDonald, to approve John Campbell and Ray Castillo's attendance at the Montana Rural Water Conference in Great Falls February 21 through 23 as requested. Motion carried unanimously.**

DECEMBER 2000 CASH REPORT: Manicke referred to the handout of the December 2000 Cash Report. She noted that a large amount of revenue was posted to the General Fund which was from the Lake County Treasurer's tax collections and could indicate that a lot of people paid both halves of their taxes. She also made the administrative transfers from the Golf, Water, Sewer and Building departments into the General Fund. There are a few negative balances including the DUI Task Force Fund and the Gas Tax which has a negative balance of \$2,500. She noted that the monthly revenue from the state is about \$8,000 for that fund and with less expenditures the fund should have a positive balance next month. She took money from the Golf Operating Fund for the administrative transfer and three months of debt service and transferred it into the sinking fund which she is doing quarterly so the Golf Course Fund receives interest earnings into their operating fund. The next transfer she will make will be in March. **Motion White, second Funke, to approve the December 2001 Cash Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

LIQUOR LICENSE - DOWN THE HATCH - SUSAN MIDKIFF: Lies referred to the notice sent by the State Department of Revenue notifying the City of a change to the liquor license for Down the Hatch. Council agreed they have no deficiencies to report to the state. Raymond said the notice requests that objections be submitted by a certain date and if there are none then no further action is required by Council. Thick said no deficiencies have been determined.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT 93 AGREEMENT: Lies informed Council that the City was provided with copies of the proposed Highway 93 improvement agreement document which are available for their review.

ATM MACHINE AT GOLF COURSE: White said the Polson Community Bank which is a branch of the Ronan Community Bank, asked if they could put their Automatic Teller Machine at the Golf Course. He thinks it would be a good idea and asked if there are any objections. **Motion White, second Funke, to allow the Polson Community Bank to put an Automatic Teller Machine at the Golf Course as proposed. Motion carried. Vergeront opposed.**

Lies noted that John Campbell has a slide presentation to present after the meeting, on the sewage lagoon improvement project that took place this summer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m..



Michael Lies, Mayor

ATTEST:



Aggi G. Loeser, City Clerk