

**POLSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2005, 7:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE: Councilmen: Lou Marchello, Mark MacDonald, Jules Clavadetscher, Tom Corse, Dan Morrison present. Mike Maddy absent. Mayor Randy Ingram presiding. City Attorney James Raymond absent. Others Present: Doug Chase, Tony Porrazzo, Elsa Duford, Bonnie Manicke, Lita Fonda, Tom Maloney.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes of August 15 and August 29**
- B. Montana Courts of Limited Jurisdiction – Judge Conference  
October 3-6, Billings \$782**
- C. Montana Courts of Limited Jurisdiction – Shelly Wheeler-Burland  
October 3-6, Billings \$757**
- D. Ultimate Supervisor – Police Training – Alan Booth  
October 3, Kalispell \$300 (Approximate)**
- E. Montana Fire Chief Association Conference – Tom Maloney  
September 21-25, Big Sky \$50**
- F. National Fire Academy Training – Chris McGinnis and Lonnie Erickson  
November 5-12, Emmitsburg, Maryland \$558.60**
- G. International Association of Fire Chiefs Volunteer/Combination Officers Symposium  
Tom Maloney, November 10-13, Clearwater, Florida \$653**
- H. Fall Library Workshop – Mary O'Brien  
September 30 to October 1, Great Falls, Hochmark Fund**
- I. Peaks & Prairies Golf Course Superintendent's Association Fall Meeting & Trade Show  
Larry Newlin & John Shipp, October 11-13, Billings \$800 (Approximate)**
- J. Resolution #903 Adopt Technical Codes and Amend Chapter 15 of the  
Polson Municipal Code**
- K. Resolution #904 – Release Special Assessment on Lot 8 Block 13 Grandview Addition**
- L. August 2005 Claims, #89394 to #89536 for a total of \$482,535.**

**Motion made by Councilman Marchello, seconded by Councilman MacDonald, to approve the consent agenda items A through L as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY THROUGH MONTANA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE AUTHORITY:** Payroll Clerk Julie Smith asked Council to consider approving a \$25,000 life insurance policy for employees which is being offered by Montana Municipal Insurance Authority, the City's current Liability, Property and Workers Compensation policy carrier. It would replace the current \$10,000 policy through Dearborn Life, which the City and employee each pays half of the \$6.20 premium. The MMIA policy would cost an additional \$2.65 per employee and provide more than double the benefits and it also offers an option to cover spouses and children at additional cost to the employee. The MMIA representatives indicated to her that this policy was set up to have the employer pay the full premium and they encouraged the Cities' to do so. She noted that the \$2.65 additional premium, from the \$3.10 it currently pays per employee, would cost the City less than \$1,000 per year and it would be spread out between all the departments. **Motion made by Councilman Clavadetscher, seconded by Councilman Marchello, to approve the new \$25,000 life insurance policy through Montana Municipal Insurance Authority for the employees and that the full premium cost of \$5.75 will be paid by the City. Motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION #905 – ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2005 –2006 BUDGETS AND SET MILL LEVIES:** Mayor Ingram noted that the public hearing on the preliminary budget was held on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. The mills levied for the 2005-2006 fiscal year have been calculated at 112.32, which is a 1.3% increase from last year. Councilman Clavadetscher thanked Mayor Ingram and the staff for their efforts and cooperation to put a budget together using a creative approach to maximize the benefits for the citizens of Polson. Councilman Corse noted that this year the budget is essentially balanced. **Motion made by Councilman MacDonald, seconded by Councilman Marchello, to approve Resolution #905 adopting the fiscal year 2005-2006 expenditure and revenue budgets and setting the mill levy at 112.32 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

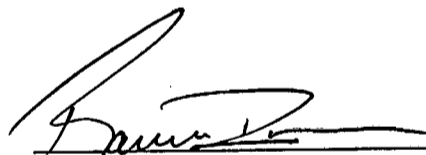
**LAKE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPOINTMENT – THE ELECTED SUPERVISORS RECOMMEND JOHN CAMPBELL TO REPLACE DENNIS DEVRIES AS THE CITY OF POLSON SUPERVISOR:** Motion made by Councilman MacDonald, seconded by Councilman Morrison to approve John Campbell's appointment to the Lake County Conservation District as a City of Polson Supervisor. Motion carried unanimously. Council expressed their appreciation for Dennis DeVries' many years of service on the Lake County Conservation District and suggested that the City recognize his contributions by purchasing a plaque and sending a letter of appreciation.

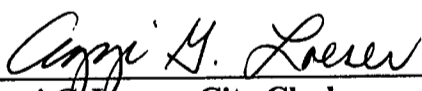
**DONATION OF 2000 FERRARA RESCUE VEHICLE TO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT ALSO SELL CURRENT RESCUE VAN:** Fire Chief Tom Maloney asked Council approval to accept the Fire Department Membership's donation of a 2000 Ferrara Rescue Van which they purchased entirely with funds collected by the fire department membership. The vehicle was purchased from Travis County Fire and Rescue in Austin, Texas and will be placed in service around September 30, 2005. The membership is asking the City to title and insure the new rescue vehicle and to approve selling the current rescue van. The Rural Fire District will share the maintenance costs with the City for this vehicle. Previously the City assumed all of the maintenance costs for the rescue van. The proceeds from the sale of the old rescue van will be used to equip the new rescue van. **Motion made by Councilman Corse, seconded by Councilman MacDonald, to approve the Fire Department Membership's donation of a 2000 Ferrara Rescue Van to the City Fire Department and to provide insurance. Also approval to advertise and sell the current rescue van, with proceeds of the sale to equip the new rescue van. Motion carried unanimously.**

**OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA :** Lita Fonda distributed a letter to Council and stated that she wanted to bring to Council's attention that the morale appears to be low among a variety of staff. She asked the Council to review the letter and anything they could do relating to the concerns she expressed would be appreciated. Mayor Ingram replied that they would do what they can to address the issues.

Mayor Ingram informed Council that Burt and Vicki Cannon have given their notice that as of October 15, 2005 they no longer wish to continue their management contract for the Golf Course Restaurant, the Mondo Grill. Councilman Corse noted that the term of the contract is to December 31, 2005 and they are in the process of reviewing the contract to see if their request is doable.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

  
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Randolph B. Ingram, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Aggi G. Loeser, City Clerk