

**POLSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JANUARY 23, 2008, 7:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE: Council Present: Bruce Agrella, Jim Sohm, Tom Jones, Mike Lies, Elsa Duford, Fred Funke, Mayor Lou Marchello presiding. City Manager Jay Henry present, City Attorney James Raymond absent.**

**Pledge of Allegiance and meeting brought to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA: Councilman Mike Lies motioned to approve the proposed agenda. Councilman Jim Sohm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 7, 2008**

**B. APPOINT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE COUNCILMAN TOM JONES TO THE GOLF BOARD**

**C. JANUARY 1-15, 2008 CLAIMS**

**Councilman Mike Lies** noted that on page two of the minutes VFW and The American Legion were listed as the same organization. **Councilman Bruce Agrella motioned to approve the consent agenda with corrections to the minutes. Councilman Fred Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB POLSON SITE: O'MALEY BALL FIELD AS RECOMMENDED BY COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Richard Banghart** informed the Council that the meeting between the Boys and Girls Club and the City Council representatives had went well with a good turn out of citizens, and the southern part of O'Maley Park had been suggested by Council member Councilman Mike Lies as an alternative location to the Meridian building. He expressed that O'Maley Park was a very good site. He explained there was an architect involved and he was pleased with the site and currently working on conceptual drawings of a building. He stipulated that the site lends itself to a two story building on 1.99 acres, which had not been surveyed yet, but soon would. He expressed gratitude to Councilmen Bruce Agrella and Mike Lies for working on the committee and hoped to be back before the Council soon with an agreeable lease for all parties. **Councilman Tom Jones** mentioned that he liked the location, but wondered if there would be parking issues with the American Legion baseball games. **Councilman Mike Lies** replied that there would still be plenty of parking on the northwest side of the park. **Councilwoman Elsa Duford** wondered if it was appropriate for an organization to use land dedicated to the City, and also if a two story building would block the view of the residents. **Parks Superintendent Karen Sargeant** informed the Council that the section of O'Maley Park they were proposing was not being utilized at this time. She pointed out that it was a centralized location that would be easily accessed by children. She added that the two-story building would be built on a slope, and would only stand as tall as a one story building on the side facing 12th Avenue. She explained that she had been looking for something to put in that space, which seemed wasted. **Councilwoman Elsa Duford** asked if the neighbors had been contacted. **Karen Sargeant** replied that they were still in the preliminary stages and after they

had a full proposition they would invite the public to a meeting. **Councilwoman Elsa Duford** asked if the property across from Kwatuqnuq that was empty now had been considered. **Councilman Mike Lies** noted that property was possibly sold. **Councilman Bruce Agrella** pointed out that O'Maley Park had been donated specifically for youths. **Karen Sargeant** added that the Boys and Girls Club would be the perfect thing for the youths of the area, a win-win situation. **Linda Greenwood** agreed that the location was perfect for the Boys and Girls Club, expressing that many children would benefit. She mentioned that the Boys and Girls Club were planning an inconspicuous building that would blend in and be attractive. **Mayor Lou Marchello** noted that it was a much safer location than the Meridian Building. **Councilwoman Elsa Duford** asked if the sewer involvement was the reason for not using the Meridian building. **Mayor Lou Marchello** replied that there were storm drain issues.

**APPROVAL OF MDOT PROJECT TO CHIP SEAL SECONDARY ROAD 354:** **City Manager Jay Henry** informed the Council that MDOT had proposed a standard project to chip seal the 5 miles from Kerr Dam Road to the soccer fields on 7th Avenue. He pointed out that the Streets and Police departments had no problem, but the Fire department asked that one lane be sealed at a time, the Parks department would like to coordinate a crosswalk to the dog park, and the Water & Sewer department would like notice to do locates first. **Mayor Lou Marchello** asked what date MDOT had planned. **City Manager Jay Henry** replied that they were looking at a contract in February of '08 and construction by summer. **Mayor Lou Marchello** expressed that he hoped for May rather than summer, due to the heavy summer traffic. **Councilman Fred Funke motioned to approve the MDOT project to chip seal secondary road 354.** **Councilman Jim Sohm seconded the motion.** **Councilwoman Elsa Duford** asked if the City should be informed of the details of the right of ways and lights involved. **Jay Henry** replied that wasn't necessary and that MDOT would come before the City Council for any signage changes. **Councilman Mike Lies** added that only a small portion of the road was within City limits, the majority belonged to the County. **Councilman Tom Jones** expressed concern over a crosswalk on the corner, adding that MDOT would need to keep safety in line. **Councilman Mike Lies** suggested a crosswalk closer to town. **Police Chief Doug Chase** informed the Council that the north side of 7th Avenue and the west side of Kerr Dam Road had no parking along their lengths to help prevent kids from crossing that street. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**REQUEST CITY MANAGER TO RESEARCH RESORT TAXES AND REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL BY NEXT MEETING:** **City Manager Jay Henry** informed the Council that he had been in communication with Ken Weaver to discuss how to be certified by the State as a resort community. He disclosed that with the data coming in Polson is predicted to exceed the 5500 population limit to qualify as a resort community by May. He explained that, if the Council wished, he would send a request for Polson to be evaluated to see if it qualifies as a resort community. He added that the letter is not binding for the City. **Councilman Tom Jones motioned to request the City Manager to request the City of Polson to be evaluated as a resort community.** **Councilman Bruce Agrella seconded the motion.** **The motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT BID-PURCHASED CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT AT COMMUNITY BANK-\$875,000-9 MONTHS @4.83%:** **City Treasurer Bonnie Manicke**

informed the Council that the other bids were 4.18% APY from 1st Interstate Bank, 4.16% APY from 1st Citizens Bank, and 3.95% APY from Glacier Bank. She explained the Treasury bill yield with maturity in September 2008 was at 3.247%; the Agency of US Government with maturity in September 2008 was at 4.450%, and the nationwide one-year jumbo C/D was at 4.250%. She added that Community Bank rates were above all others and felt that they had done a great service to the City's Public Funds investment. **Councilman Mike Lies motioned to approve the Public Funds Investment Bid-purchased certificate of deposit at Community Bank for \$875,000 for 9 months at 4.83% APY. Councilman Jim Sohm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF PLEDGE SECURITIES:** City Treasurer Bonnie Manicke informed the Council that there had been a lot of transactions with investments, therefore the pledge securities are presented for approval; also approval is required quarterly. She noted that all figures were effective as of December 31, 2007. She explained that Glacier Bank had no certificates of deposit, but their securities pledged were at \$1,985,550.35. She added that 1st Citizens Bank had deposits of record of \$2,960,850.02 with pledges of 2,966,814.13. She pointed out that 1st Interstate Bank had not pledges or deposits with the City. She noted that Community Bank had \$875,000 deposits with their new pledging at \$902,794.50. She explained that all pledging was held in third party safekeeping and it exceeded what the City has on deposit. **Councilman Mike Lies motioned to accept the pledge securities. Councilman Fred Funke seconded the motion. Councilman Tom Jones expressed that Mrs. Manicke had done well on the investments. The motion passed unanimously.**

**DECEMBER 2007 CASH REPORT:** City Treasurer Bonnie Manicke informed the Council that the police training fund had a negative balance, but would be positive after the annual State of Montana revenue receipt was accounted for in the January 2008 cash report. She added that the total cash value of the City was \$4,997,707.28. **Councilman Mike Lies motioned to accept the December 2007 cash report. Councilman Bruce Agrella seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:** City Manager Jay Henry informed the Council that he had received the staff recommendation for Larry Ashcraft's impact fees and would like to make an appointment with him on Friday at 8:30 a.m. if Councilmen Agrella and Lies were available. Both Councilmen agreed to the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Mayor Lou Marchello, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kala Parker, Assistant City Clerk