

**POLSON CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES
CITY HALL – CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2013, 3:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE: City Commissioners: Todd Erickson, John Campbell, Mike Lies, Stephen Turner, Fred Funke and Mayor Pat DeVries presiding. City Manager Todd Crossett, City Clerk Cindy Dooley, Fire Chief John Fairchild, Assistant Police Chief Clint Cottle, Water and Sewer Superintendent Tony Porrazzo and Streets Superintendent Terry Gembala present. City Attorney James Raymond and Commissioner Dan Morrison absent. Others present (that signed in): Andrew Speer and Diane Speer.

The workshop started at 3:55 pm.

Commission President Mike Lies called the meeting to order. Mayor DeVries arrived later and presided over the remainder of the workshop session.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA: Commissioner Funke moved to approve the proposed agenda, seconded by Commissioner Turner. Commission discussion: None. Public discussion: None. Commissioners Erickson, Campbell, Lies, Turner and Funke voted aye. Motion carried.

TWO HOUR STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION: City Manager Crossett recapped the goals that had been developed at the prior session: 1) Develop and Maintain Sustainable Practices/ Principles and Systems; 2) Create and Maintain a Welcoming, Positive, Friendly Environment and Develop Positive Intergovernmental Relationships; 3) Create a Long-term Vision for the future; 4) Create a Clean, Safe Environment; 5) Deliver a consistent high level of Public Safety; 6) Maintain, Repair, Reconstruct, and Augment Public Infrastructure; and 7) Promote Economic Development. City Manager Crossett had the goals listed on the Whiteboard along with some basic objectives that had been suggested from the prior session and subsequently by department heads. He said the session today would be to develop more specific objectives for each of the goals. He said the hierarchy to be developed is the Goals and then the objectives both big and small, which are stepping stones to achieve the larger Goals. City Manager Crossett said that strategies are then developed to achieve the objectives. From the strategies, an action plan is developed that is time bound.

For the duration of the session the Commission and department heads facilitated by City Manager Crossett developed more specific objectives.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANT MATTERS TO THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Diane Speer asked for additional information on the Visitors and Conventions Bureau (VCB) that had been discussed at the previous session by City Clerk Dooley. City Clerk Dooley said that many cities make the VCB an arm of their government. Mayor DeVries said that there is money available to cities that have a VCB and the City should look into this. Commissioner Erickson asked if it is a department of the City. City Manager Crossett said that in some cities the building and planning department is being tied in to the economic development agency and putting it under one roof. He said that in Missoula they are doing this. Streets Superintendent Gembala asked why the City does not have a business license. Mayor DeVries said it has been voted down by the Council in the past possibly because it is seen as a tax. She said though, as an organization tool it could be very helpful to businesses.

The workshop adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor Pat DeVries

Attest: Cindy Dooley, City Clerk