

**CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL – CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE: Polson City Commissioners: Bruce Agrella, Jim Sohm, Mike Lies, Elsa Duford, Fred Funke, and Mayor Lou Marchello presiding. City Commissioner Jules Clavadetscher absent. Acting City Manager/City Attorney James Raymond present.

Mayor Marchello called the meeting to order, and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA: Commissioner Sohm moved to approve the agenda as proposed, seconded by Commissioner Lies. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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B. FEB 16-28 CLAIMS

Commissioner Lies moved to approve the consent agenda, items A and B, with clerical corrections to item A, seconded by Commissioner Agrella. Commissioner Duford noted that Ken Weaver, who prepared the transition document mentioned on page 3 of the minutes, was no longer affiliated with the Local Government Center in Bozeman. She asked if City Manager Raymond had contacted the Land and Water Services for a new sign for O'Maley Park. He advised that he had not yet. The motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE WORK SESSION – TRAINING ON CONDUCTING AN INTERVIEW:

City Manager Raymond explained that the Commissioners would be using the new selection process, which included some candid and follow-up questions during the interviews. He suggested a 30-45 minute work session to train the Commissioners on the legal and philosophical approach to those situations which can be fraught with difficulty. Commissioner Sohm moved to schedule the work session for March 11th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Funke. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION BY CITY COMMISSION FOR A POLSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSISTING OF 5 MEMBERS, MUNICIPAL RESIDENTS, CONSISTING OF ONE COMMISSION MEMBER, THE CITY MANAGER AS EX OFFICIO – ALSO REQUEST ADS BE PLACED REQUESTING MEMBERS:

City Manager Raymond advised that the PRA had not had much to do the last few years, however Rick Lapiana and Jules Clavadetscher were both interested in remaining members of the agency. He was not sure whether Lou Marchello, John Glueckert or Nathan Pierce had any interest on continuing to serve on the board. He advised that there had not been any tax increment finances available since 2003, but there may soon be depending on the legislature. They would need to advertise for 2-4 members, depending on whether or not the Commissioners felt any commissioners should sit on the board. Commissioner Sohm felt that no Commissioners should sit on the committee; due to the policy the Commission had adopted to phase out the Commissioners from the boards. He felt having a Commission member and the City Manager as ex officio was a duplication of the process. He suggested that if Commissioner Clavadetscher is kept on the board for his experience, it should be with the restriction that

follows the same timeline as the policy the Commission had adopted to phase out the Commission members from the citizen advisory boards. Mayor Marchello agreed, but offered to stay on as a non-voting member, as he had served on the board since 1999. **Commissioner Sohm moved to authorize the advertising of positions for the Polson Redevelopment Agency consisting of 5 members, municipal residents, consisting of the City Manager as ex officio and one commission member until this fall. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Lies moved to authorize the advertising of positions for the PRA consisting of 5 members, municipal residents, including one Commissioner and the City Manager as ex officio. Commissioner Agrella seconded the motion.** Commissioner Lies felt that the PRA was an agency, not an advisory board, therefore it was acceptable to have a Commissioner serve as a member. Commissioner Sohm disagreed, and felt that having a Commissioner on the board was not an enhancement and there was really no benefit as long as the City Manager was serving as ex officio. Lee Manicke expressed that tax increment financing was not fully explained to the public, and was a tax increase, diminishing other services. He felt the PRA should be disbanded, as it was selfish and wrong-headed. He noted that the yearly reports from the PRA had only been done once, and it was filled with flowery diatribe. Commissioner Duford opined that it would be a good idea to further research the tax increment financing before giving any approval. Commissioner Sohm expressed agreement. **Commissioner Lies withdrew the motion. Commissioner Agrella withdrew the motion's second. The item died for lack of a motion.**

FIRST READING – ORDINANCE #643 – REVISING INTEREST RETURNS AND REVIEW COMMITTEE MAKEUP IN IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE #624: City Manager Raymond informed the Commission that at the time Ordinance #624 was written the City was earning interest at 4-5%, so impact fees were refunded with 3% interest. However due to the economic downturn, the City's most recent interest earning was 2.55%. He advised that Ordinance #643 was to ensure the City was not paying back more interest than it had earned in the event of an impact fee refund. It also allowed for the City Manager to give authority to an impact fee review committee, with any final decision remaining with the Commission. **Commissioner Lies moved to adopt the first reading of Ordinance #643, seconded by Commissioner Agrella. The motion carried unanimously.**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: City Manager Raymond informed the Commission that the staff was working on improving the City's website, including a section of updates from the City Manager. Last week he had emailed the City's appropriations request to Senator Tester's office. There are five different infrastructure projects already existing in the City's capital improvements plan for a total of \$13.5 million. Data was sent to the State legislators as well. Animal Control Officer Brian Kunz had completed a two-week course on evidence gathering and forensics. Detective Alan Booth had received a letter of thanks for his excellent work tracking down stolen property and the perpetrator. City Manager Raymond had met with County Commissioners to work on Skyline Drive, which it seemed would not be able to be repaired to City specs. However, with some improvements the City may be interested in taking the road. The city engineer would be putting an estimate together on possible improvements to Skyline. The Water and Sewer Department was working on the sewer line crossing at the golf course, and also installing hydrants on Claffey Drive. The City staff was looking into better data protection and networking options for the City's computer systems. The police department had also worked out a policy on billing special events for the extra manpower they may require. The

remaining Bayview sewer hook-ups would require a declaratory judgment action in district court to enforce compliance. The City had advertised for parking commission volunteers, but had received little response. He had approached the PBC to see if any of their members were interested in serving, and he was hoping to see some results from that meeting. He updated the Commission on the progress of annexations per Ordinance 637 and the actual vs. budgeted revenue and expenditure totals as of January 31, 2009. He noted that the police department's two new Chevy Impalas were in service. Commissioner Duford suggested that downtown business owners that live outside of City limits be allowed to volunteer for the parking commission. City Manager Raymond replied that would be considered if there were less than two volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA: There were no comments.

Mayor Lou Marchello

Attest: Kala Parker, Assistant City Clerk