

**POLSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 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 and City Attorney James Raymond present.

Pledge of Allegiance and meeting brought to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Marchello informed the Council that over the weekend the putt-putt golf fundraiser for the fire department had raised \$1,790 for the thermal imaging camera. He added that the Polson Business Association had pitched in \$210 to make it \$2000.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA: Councilman Funke moved to approve the proposed agenda, seconded by Councilman Agrella. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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B. FEBRUARY 16-29 CLAIMS TO BE PAID

Councilman Sohm moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Funke seconded the motion. Councilwoman Duford asked what sort of notification the Council should receive for executive sessions. **City Attorney Raymond** explained that there was no strict rule written in the Polson City Codes in regards to executive session notification. He added that in the case of the February 20 executive session, it was on short notice and there was not time for a prepared agenda. **The motion passed unanimously.**

PROPOSAL TO SUBLET GOLF RESTAURANT FOR BREAKFAST – GOLF BOARD RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: Councilman Jones moved to allow the proposed sublet of the golf course restaurant. Councilman Agrella seconded the motion. Councilwoman Duford asked who would be paying for the sublet. **Bryan Seidita** responded that J. R. Rollins would be paying the sublet and he would serve a full breakfast seven days a week. **Councilman Sohm** asked why the Council was being presented with a sublease proposal when Mr. Seidita had only recently signed a contract to provide that service. **Bryan Seidita** replied that he had not signed the lease to provide a full breakfast, only a continental breakfast. He stressed that it would be nicer for the golfers and for the City to have a full breakfast. **Councilman Sohm** asked if Mr. Seidita would still be responsible from a liability standpoint. **Bryan Seidita** replied that he would retain responsibility, adding that this sublease would allow for better breakfast service to the golfers and patrons of the restaurant. **Councilwoman Duford** asked if the sub lessee had restaurant experience. **Bryan Seidita** explained that he did have experience and had worked well in the kitchen since being hired. **Councilman Jones amended his motion to include requiring the City Attorney’s legal approval of the terms of the sublet. Councilman Agrella amended his second to the motion. The amendment passed unanimously. Rory Horning stipulated that he was fascinated that Mr. Rollins would be working 7 days a week. The motion to approve the sublease after legal approval of the terms passed unanimously.**

APPOINT OR ELECT A PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL TO CHAIR MEETINGS AND ACT IN THE MAYOR'S ABSENCE: Councilman Agrella nominated Councilman Mike Lies for Council President. Councilman Sohm nominated Councilman Tom Jones for Council President. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Vote was had, Councilman Jones abstaining, and Councilman Lies was elected Council President by simple majority.

CHANGE AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL DEADLINE TO MONDAY NOON – AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO COUNCIL MEETINGS - TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE COMPLETED AGENDA TO COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO COUNCIL MEETINGS: Mayor Marchello expressed that the deadline being moved back would allow the agenda to be included in the newspaper. Councilwoman Duford opined that the City's website address and pertinent email addresses should be included in the newspaper. Councilman Lies moved to approve the agenda deadline change. Councilman Sohm seconded the motion. Rory Horning asked that the change in deadline would be required of all citizens, including past and present elected officials and friends of the same. **The motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Rory Horning asked if the Council was still using the policy that the presiding officer has the discretion to answer questions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Lou Marchello, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kala Parker, Assistant City Clerk