

**POLSON CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL – CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011, 7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE: City Commissioners: Don Smith, John Campbell, Judy Preston, Mike Lies, Elsa Duford and Fred Funke present. Mayor Pat DeVries presiding. City Attorney James Raymond and City Manager Todd Crossett present. Others present: Cheryl Wolfe, Deborah Crossett, Gerry Browning, Joslyn Shackelford, Mark Shackelford, Chip Kurzenbaum, Murat Kalinyaprak, City Treasurer Bonnie Manicke, Police Chief Doug Chase, Water & Sewer Superintendent Tony Porrazzo, Margie Hendricks, and Rory Horning.

Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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B. MARCH 1-15 CLAIMS

Commissioner Funke moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Preston. Murat Kalinyaprak inquired why the consent agenda without public comment to make corrections to the minutes. Mayor DeVries advised that per the new Municipal handbook, consent agenda items needed to be moved and voted to be separate items on the agenda out of the consent agenda for public comment. Commissioner Duford moved to move the minutes from the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Preston. Rory Horning commented that he hoped they would be allowing the community to participate, particularly in addressing the minutes. He said it was ridiculous and should not have to go to a vote. The motion to move the minutes from the consent agenda to a separate agenda item carried unanimously. The motion to approve the consent agenda item B carried unanimously.

CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 7, 2011: Commissioner Campbell moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of March 7, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Funke. Murat Kalinyaprak commented that he did not want to see the minutes editorialized. He felt words like “opined” and “accused” did not accurately reflect comments. The motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor called for a brief recess at 7:17. The meeting resumed at 7:23 p.m.

UPDATE ON MAIN STREET – POWER POINT PRESENTATION: Joslyn Shackelford went over ongoing efforts to complete fund raising, installation of accessory items (benches, etc.) and plans for landscaping and maintenance of such. She noted that the PCDA subcommittee had a subcommittee that was working on fundraising for Main Street. Their first mailing had returned \$12,000 in donations. They had purchased 5 benches, 1 trash can, and 1 bike rack. The parks department would also be supplying can recycling bins to go along side the trash bins. She

reviewed the designs for the bulb-outs, the donations they had received to sponsor them, and the vegetation that would be used. She directed any one with questions to contact the PCDA or City Manager Todd Crossett. Commissioner Campbell inquired about the landscaping irrigation and garbage pickup. City Manager Crossett advised that staff would be working together with volunteers under Joslyn Shackelford. The City would empty the trash bins, and watering the landscaping would be done with the hanging baskets program. There had been no irrigation installed in the bulb outs out of concern for potential damage to sidewalks if such system failed, and the vegetation would require a couple of years to take before they were self maintaining. Water and Sewer Superintendent Tony Porrazzo expressed gratitude to the workers in his department for installing the benches and fabricating the stormwater grates. He asked that when they were ready to remove the rocks from the bulb-outs that they contact his department and they would handle the removal. City Manager Crossett noted that the water and sewer department's fabricator would also be building and installing the railing for the stoop in front of the bistro. Mayor DeVries also expressed appreciation for the grates. Rory Horning asked that the bars have priority on their garbage cans. He advised that one of the curb stops on the new parking lot had been damaged. City Manager Crossett advised that they were under warranty and he expressed appreciation for being told about the damage asked that people let him know when they see a problem.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – 1 LETTER OF INTEREST RECEIVED – CHERYL WOLFE: Commissioner Funke moved to appoint Cheryl Wolfe to the Board of Adjustment, seconded by Commissioner Campbell. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #1018 – TO COMMIT UP TO \$15,000 MATCHING FUNDS FOR TSEP WASTEWATER PLANNING GRANT: City Manager Crossett advised that grant was an opportunity to receive matching funds from TSEP for wastewater planning and research. They would need to commit \$15,000, however they could provide as a match funds already committed to pay the City Engineer for working on wastewater. Water & Sewer Superintendent Porrazzo noted that this was more of an in depth than the previous TSEP wastewater planning grant, and it was an excellent way for them to save money. Commissioner Campbell inquired if there was a lot of competition for the funds. Superintendent Porrazzo advised that it was similar to DNRC; most that apply for it typically receive it. **Commissioner Smith moved to approve Resolution #1018, seconded by Commissioner Campbell. The motion carried unanimously.**

JANUARY 2011 CASH REPORT: City Treasurer Bonnie Manicke advised that they were starting the FY 11-12 budget early. There were presently \$82,000 in delinquent real estate taxes outstanding for 2008 & 2009. During normal years the outstanding taxes were typically between \$5,000-\$8,000. The amount of delinquent outstanding real estate taxes for 2010 would be clear in June. She was in the process of balancing the remaining library trust fund accounts with Marilyn Trosper. She expected to disperse about \$136,000. **Commissioner Lies moved to approve the January 2011 cash report, seconded by Commissioner Funke. The motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA: City Manager Crossett advised that the RFP's for Skyline had

been received and were being reviewed. He expected to have a selection by the end of the month with construction beginning at the end of July. Final engineering, including stormwater engineering for the project, was being worked on, and he felt they were in good shape.

The Highway 93 TOC meeting held the previous week had garnered a lot of public input; they were narrowing down the route selections. There were residents concerned about the location splitting the City and highway traffic being right up next to their homes. And there seemed to be two main points of view held by businesses 1) concerned about the aesthetics and 2) concerned about the a potential loss of traffic through town. Though there was the benefit of moving the large trucks out of the downtown area. There were several routes being considered to the south including McCaffrey Place south of town and across the River at a southern location, Kerr Dam Road, and 7th Avenue as either highway routes or business routes. Their current discussion and public comments were steering them in those directions. He expected to hear back from the consultant in a couple of weeks. He encouraged public comment on the matter noted that the current transportation study was up on the internet and there was a link from the City of Polson's website.

He expressed that they should begin to schedule the continuing strategic planning meetings, which they were currently working on at the staff level. Some department heads were going through a series of HR trainings as well.

The golf restaurant had reopened with limited hours and menu. They were working to streamline the systems in place by lessons learned from the previous year. They were working to improve the cash reporting and inventory methods and to put in place a new, comprehensive training program to reflect the new systems. He expressed appreciation to Commissioner Lies for the work he done and hours spent at the restaurant.

He had resubmitted the City's request to the federal appropriations committee. He had met with Senators Tester and Baucus. The City may not receive additional funding; however it was important to keep the senators and staff apprised of the City's goals and efforts.

Murat Kalinyaprak commented that he would like to add some levity to the meeting and directed to attention to an article from the Valley Journal in which Commissioner Campbell had describe port-a-potties as "crap buckets". He commented that it was unfortunate that the description of his complaints about not being on the agenda did include that most of his comments were in regards to Commissioner Duford was not able to get on the agenda. He felt it was sad that the portable toilets had been on the course for 10 years. He personally felt that the golf pro was the department head level responsible for them, and that all credit for that should be given to him. He commented that maybe they should put a plaque on it, "R.W. Memorial". He added that he hoped it was funny.

Rory Horning commented that he would like to see attitudes changed. He felt that there were issues; the minutes give a historical records. So you can look back and see things how they truly are, no matter how much you try to hide them. He commented that he saw it was getting kind of tough to serve a full menu at the golf course. They had several entrepreneurs who had tried to do things and they had groups of people that did their best to make things very difficult so that they

couldn't succeed. He commented that now that the City had taken it over they were finding that it was not so easy, and he hoped that somewhere some members would find it in their heart to go back and talk to those who were maligned or other people who spoke and were pushed aside and see that there was a good reason to ask for leniency. He commented that all of the sudden they were thinking that this was going by the wayside, but there were several citizens who paid to go by the wayside. He hoped they were big enough to recognize that.

Commission Smith inquired about the fire response charges ordinance and asked if it would be coming back before the Commission. City Manager Crossett advised that the first reading had been a tie. There had been interest in bringing the item back to the Commission once they found out what the Rural Fire Board would do, and they had passed the response charges and signed a contract. He noted that he had waited to bring the item back until all the Commissioners were back. He encouraged questions and comments on the matter. Rory Horning commented that at the last Rural Fire Board meeting they had been asked if they had contacted the County attorney on the issue but they had not.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Mayor Pat DeVries

Attest: Kala Parker, City Clerk