

**POLSON CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
CITY HALL – CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011, 7:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE:** City Commissioners: Don Smith, John Campbell, Judy Preston, Mike Lies, Fred Funke and Mayor Pat DeVries presiding. Commissioner Elsa Duford absent. City Attorney James Raymond present. City Manager Todd Crossett absent. Others present: Kelly Ware, Jason Moore, Bud Papin, Jackie Cripe, John Weems, and Murat Kalinyaprak.

Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. MARCH 15-31 CLAIMS/X**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve Consent Agenda, item A, seconded by Commissioner Funke. The motion carried unanimously.

**CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 21, 2011:** Commissioner Lies moved to approve the special meeting minutes from March 21<sup>st</sup>, with 2 typographical corrections. Commissioner Funke seconded the motion. Murat Kalinyaprak commented that he did not think he used the expression “throw a fit” on page two. He also suggested the City keep the previous meeting recording on the website, similar to how the current agendas were posted. Mayor DeVries noted that they would check the recording. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 21, 2011:** Commissioner Lies moved to approve the minutes of March 21<sup>st</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Campbell. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

City Attorney Raymond advised that City Manager Crossett had given him the following comments to pass on.

There would be a public meeting April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on Highway 35 by Stelling Engineering to go over the proposed phases and schedule for construction on Skyline.

The PDCAC would be holding two upcoming meetings. The first would be held Wednesday, April 20, at 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Library meeting room. The second would be held Wednesday, April 27, at 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. The public was welcome to attend and participate.

The City would be working with the Polson Beautification Committee during their clean up festivities. The City would be helping to pick up all of the downed branches across town and hauling them away. Along with the local Boy Scouts, they would be helping out anyone unable to move their own limbs out for pick up.

Mayor DeVries noted that Librarian Marilyn Trosper would be receiving quite a prestigious award for Montana librarian of the year, and there would be an open house held for her on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the library.

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE – ON PREMISES BEER & WINE LICENSE #15-860-3872-401 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP TO MOBY’S BISTRO, LLC FROM ISABEL’S FASTEST GOURMET IN THE WEST: Commissioner Funke moved to approve the transfer of on premises beer & wine license #15-860-3872-401, seconded by Commissioner Lies. The motion carried unanimously.**

**PROMOTING LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION:** Jason Moore advised that he was working within the health and wellness industry, and they were working on many projects for the community. Kelly Ware informed the Commissioners of various projects and programs that they were working on involving food safety, local food production, sustainable and resilient communities, transition initiative, and supporting neighborhoods. She advised that they were asking for the City’s support. Jason Moore added that they were also holding weekend health retreats at Deep Bay. They would be returning to the Commission with projects for them to approve. Kelly Ware added that they were working on various community gardens around the City, part of which would be summer projects for kids. In the upcoming year she would be putting on a permaculture class. Bud Papin advised that he had been working in permaculture for the Tribe since 1997. He explained that they were working on sustainability and resilience, and he was working on a fish compost project. He had approached the Tribe about using inmates community service hours to work on these projects and community gardens, and he would also be approaching Lake County for the same purpose. He advised there was a 95 acre garden project already in place in Dayton. He stressed the importance of recycling, educating and working together. He also asked that anyone who had ideas for their projects should get a hold of himself or Mrs. Ware. Mayor DeVries expressed appreciation for their efforts. Commissioner Campbell suggested they look into using the old greenhouse at the high school for their gardening project if it was still standing.

**POLSON CITY WIDE CLEAN UP:** Jackie Cripe informed the Commission that the beautification committee would begin their “Clean up, green up” campaign on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Riverside Park. She asked that the Mayor or another public figure come to the festivities for a ribbon cutting, and that the City pass a proclamation to make it an annual event. They would be providing gloves and bags for volunteers. The event would end Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> with a hot dog roast. They were encouraging neighborhoods to clean up, and there would be a competition among the wards. She asked the Commissioners that they help get their wards into action. They would be working with the City to help clean up downed branches and garbage pickups and recycle bins. She also asked for help from the fire and police department to help hang the additional light pole flags that the Chamber had. Commissioner Preston inquired if they had advertised the event. Jackie Cripe replied that they were beginning their advertising the next day, but they wished to come before the Commission prior to that. Commissioner Funke inquired about the time frame for the event. Jackie Cripe advised that originally they had wanted to have 3 weeks of clean up, but they felt they would lose momentum, that the efforts would be more effective in one weekend’s big push. They would be encouraging ongoing clean up efforts. City Attorney Raymond noted that the City Manager and Parks Superintendent Sargeant had

worked out more of the logistics since they last spoke with the committee and he advised they meet with her. Kelly Ware requested that clean compost waste be dropped off at the churches, as each of them would now be housing a community garden. Commissioner Campbell expressed his support for the event. Jackie Cripe requested that the City send the street sweepers through the downtown on the following Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Commissioner Smith commented that the streets department had been hard at work and expressed gratitude that they had been repairing the alleys. Commissioner Campbell agreed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA:** Ken Avison noted that several of the Commissioners were up for reelection in the coming year, and he encouraged them to consider rerunning for their positions and thanked them for their service.

Kelly Ware commented that Coalition for Kids would be doing a silent auction for designing benches. She added she would bring that project back before the Commission.

John Weems commented that he did not live in the City limits, but many projects, particularly the highway bypass could be coming through urban areas, including homes and schools. He expressed frustration that he had been able to find answers on where the bypass would actually be. Mayor DeVries advised that bypass was in the process of a transportation and corridor study at the current time. There was not a set location, they were in the middle of the public comment period of the study. She encouraged him to attend the meetings that were held by MDOT, who was responsible for the highway and any bypass that may occur. John Weems asked if the public would be able to vote on the location. Mayor DeVries advised that there would be no formal vote, but they were taking public input to come up with the preferred route. She noted that the study had occurred twice before, and a decision had never been reached. John Weems commented that he was looking for details, but he was not getting answers from the organizations he had approached.

Murat Kalinyaprak expressed concern that there would not longer be public comment allowed on the consent agenda. Mayor DeVries advised that any item on the consent agenda could be removed by a motion from the Commissioners. Commissioner Preston noted that any comments could also be made during the public comment portion of the meeting. Murat Kalinyaprak commented that things that it was taking away the people's voice on items that were voted on during the consent agenda. Mayor DeVries noted that minutes should have been a separate item from the consent agenda all along. Murat Kalinyaprak commented that he disagreed and that the consent agenda as it had been had work fine. If public comment was not called for on the item he could not ask questions before it was voted on. Mayor DeVries noted that Mr. Kalinyaprak had never been denied the ability to comment. Murat Kalinyaprak commented that he was concerned that gradually the City government had taken steps to discourage public participation, meeting them with dissent and guilt for disagreeing. He commented that you could not ask a question without offending someone. He commented that this country had been born out of dissent, and he did not understand how you couldn't ask a question without hurting someone's feelings.

John Weems commented that there had to be a plan before grants were applied for, and he questioned how they were getting grants without a plan for the bypass. Commissioner Smith advised that the bypass was a project that belonged to the State of Montana's Department of Transportation. The City of Polson had input, but only so much as the public themselves did. He added that the State was in the very early stages of planning. John Weems expressed concern that a plan was just going to be thrown on the people. Mayor DeVries noted that the MDOT would also be doing improvements to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, including resurfacing, ADA accessibility, and new sidewalks. She added that these improvements were not part of the bypass project.

Murat Kalinyaprak commented that at the last meeting one of the Commissioners had asked a legal question, and he inquired about the answer. City Attorney Raymond advised that he would not give an answer on record.

City Attorney Raymond informed the Commission that he had received an email that day in regards to HB 351 TSEP Grant. The City had been added back to the list to possibly receiving the grant funding.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.**

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**Mayor Pat DeVries**

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**Attest: Kala Parker, City Clerk**