

**POLSON CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES
CITY HALL – CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS/FIRE HALL
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor Marchello called the meeting to order.

Fire Chief John Fairchild updated the Commission on the bridge construction. He informed that there were currently 46 volunteer fire fighters in the department. He thanked the Commission for the fireboat, which had saved 11 lives and thousands of dollars worth of property damage in the last two years.

WORK SESSION WITH THE POLSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT HELD AT THEIR BUSINESS MEETING: The Commission joined the volunteers in the fire hall and had informal question and answers between the Commission and fire fighters. Volunteer Fire Fighter Jodi O’Sullivan explained the equipment the fire fighters must wear including breathing apparatus, 5 helmet cams, and various tools. The Commission was given a tour of the fire hall, including the newly installed bathroom, which helps the fire fighters from taking the fire born toxins home with them. Volunteers demonstrated all of the fire departments vehicles, including the ladder truck, exercising a hydrant, and the Jaws of Life were used to dismantle wrecked cars as practice for the new volunteers. Mayor Marchello thanked the volunteers for demonstrating the equipment and volunteering their service to the City.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Lou Marchello

Attest: Kala Parker, Assistant City Clerk