

**POLSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, MAY 19, 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 Attorney James Raymond present. City Manager Jay Henry present.

Mayor Marchello brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA: Motion made by Councilman Funke, seconded by Councilman Agrella, to approve the proposed agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MAY 5, 2008**
- B. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES MAY 6, 2008**
- C. MAY 1-15 CLAIMS**
- D. STREET CLOSURE – MAIN STREET FLATHEAD CHERRY FESTIVAL – MAIN STREET BLOCKS 2-4, 3RD ST E/W, 4TH ST E/W - SATURDAY JULY 19TH AT 6 A.M. THROUGH SUNDAY JULY 20TH AT 5 P.M.-JACKIE CRIPE**

Motion made by Councilman Jones to approve the consent agenda with correction that he did not make the motion to approve the final plat for Vicwood Condominium as it states in the City Council Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2008. City Clerk Aggi Loeser stated she would make the correction after reviewing her notes, she found that Jim Sohm made that motion. Councilmen Lies and Funke questioned the water well drilling claim of \$30,000. Water and Sewer Superintendent Tony Porrazzo explained that the drill site location, was determined by a hydrologist, but it turned out to be a dry hole and had to be abandoned. The steel casing will be pulled out of that hole and can be used again. They also questioned the water department's fuel bill of \$1,545 for this billing. Tony Porrazzo replied that his crew has to move around a lot when there is an ongoing project in addition to doing their normal daily work. Councilman Lies asked if additional bids were received before Caldbeck proceeded with the Boettcher Park project. City Manager Jay Henry said he assumed that Parks Superintendent Karen Sargeant received other bids as Council previously asked her to do and he would provide that documentation. Councilwoman Duford asked if the City would get some compensation for the dry water well. City Manager Jay Henry replied that they won't have to pay for new casing when they drill another well. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COALITION FOR KIDS – SACAJAWEA PARK USE – AUGUST 8, 2008 – ANNUAL FUNDRAISER - JULIE BERRY: Mayor Marchello noted that Julie Berry was not present but they have put on the same event for a number of years. He asked Sargeant Nash if there were any problems in prior years with this event. Sargeant Nash Replied that there were no problems. **Motion made by Councilman Agrella, seconded by Councilman Lies, to approve the Coalition for Kids Annual Fund Raiser event to be held at Sacajawea Park on August 8, 2008 as requested. Motion carried unanimously.**

LIBRARY BOARD REQUEST TO INCLUDE THE OUTREACH VAN ON CITY INSURANCE - MARILYN TROSPER: Jackie Gran, Polson City Library Board Chairman, Provided a history of the seven years that Lake County outreach program bookmobile was in operation. The plan was that upon completion of the program the van would be given to the City

of Polson Library to serve the community of Polson and only provide service outside Polson for special requests and events for some of which fees would be charged. Some City services provided by the van would be for visiting day care facilities, nursing homes and the family summer reading program. The cost of the property insurance through MMIA was quoted at \$85 per year. She assured Council that now the van's use will be primarily for providing library services within the City limits. She clarified that Lake County did not provide financial support for the outreach van, but did administer the grant for its operation over the past seven years. . **Motion made by Councilman Funke, seconded by Councilman Jones, to approve the Library Board request to include the outreach van on the City's property and liability insurance policies through MMIA. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE #634 – FIRST READING - TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT REVISIONS OF FIRE CODE TO FIRE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND APPROVE DNRC EQUIPMENT RENTAL CONTRACT: John Fairchild, Fire Chief, explained that in the past the City has routinely adopted the latest version of the fire codes after official adoption by the state. The most recently revised fire codes are the 2006 fire codes, which have been adopted by the state, and the City needs to formally adopt them. Since this is a routine process the City Attorney is recommending that the City Council delegates their authority to adopt the revisions of the fire code to the Fire Chief. The Council has given authority to the building inspector to adopt the most current building codes in the same manner. Another topic is approval of the DNRC equipment rental contract which provides revenue to the City for equipment rented to the DNRC. **Motion made by Councilman Agrella, seconded by Councilman Funke, to approve the DNRC Equipment Rental Contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Councilman Lies, seconded by Councilman Sohm to approve the first reading of Ordinance #634, to delegate authority to Adopt revisions of the fire code to chief of the fire department. Motion carried unanimously.**

BILL INGRAM PROPOSAL FOR SALE OF ONE/HALF INTEREST IN .61 ACRE – COS4014 TR2-A LESS HWY S2 BAY NHN BAYVIEW DRIVE: James Raymond, City Attorney, referred to Bill Ingram's letter asking Council to purchase his half interest in the said property. He reminded Council that this property was donated to the City by Fred Plummer through negotiations with ex Councilman Macdonald. Council expressed their concern that the amount of Ingram's proposal is too high and since there are no immediate plans to build cart storage on the property for some time there is no urgency to buy the land. **The agenda item died for lack of motion.** Councilman Lies suggested that the City offer \$15,000 which is half the cost of the property the City purchased near the golf course clubhouse parking lot directly across the irrigation ditch. **Motion made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Lies, to make an offer of \$15,000 to purchase the half share of the said property. Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION 961 - REGARDING BUDGETARY AUTHORITY FOR TSEP WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Bonnie Manicke, City Treasurer, informed Council that after careful review of the Water department's available cash and anticipated revenues, including impact fees, she and Water and Sewer Superintendent Tony Porrazzo recommend that the matching funds for the TSEP project, estimated to cost \$1,653,000, be handled in house as proposed in the resolution presented for approval. **Motion made by Councilman Lies, seconded by Councilman Funke, to approve Resolution #961 to approve budgetary authority for the TSEP Grant of \$750,000 with matching funds**

provided by the Water Department's cash reserve and future revenue, a total of \$1,663,150 for a Preliminary Design Report for the City of Polson Water System for the Hillcrest and Skyline Tank Improvement Project. Motion carried unanimously.

APRIL 2008 CASH REPORT: Bonnie Manicke, City Treasurer, presented the April 2008 Cash Report for Council approval. She noted that \$426,640 remains to be collected for the second half of the tax revenues which will be reflected on the June Cash Report. After the Golf debt service payment was made in April 2008, a transfer from the Golf operating fund of \$47,585 was made into the debt service account as required by the golf bond issue. The balance remaining in the Golf Revenue Bond 1998 Sinking & Interest fund is \$34,542 and the payment on principle is due by June 30, 2008. A total of \$905,000 is remaining on the bond issue with final payment due in 2016. The City's overall total cash value as of April 2008 is \$5,204,491.32 as shown on the April 2008 Cash Report.. **Motion made by Councilman Funke, seconded by Councilman Sohm, to approve the April 2008 Cash Report, as presented by City Treasurer Bonnie Manicke. Motion carried unanimously.**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: Jay Henry, City Manager, asked Council to complete his annual evaluation form that he provided to them. He explained that he also distributed the same forms to the department heads to fill out and asked them to return the completed forms to the mayor by June 6. He felt it would be helpful to get the department head's input into the evaluation process, since they work with him on a daily basis. The Golf Board recommendations for the golf course restaurant operation were provided to Council. Although it is not an agenda item, he asked Council for direction on how to continue discussions on different options. Council suggested the restaurant staff be hired as City employees. Jay Henry replied that job descriptions would be required and benefits and type of employment for each position would need to be defined. Council agreed to meet for a work session on Thursday, May 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, to discuss their options regarding operating the golf course restaurant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Murat Kalinyaprak commented that there are 70 less golf memberships purchased this year, memberships are steadily declining by more than 45% in 8 years, while the population of Polson has increased by 25%. In comparison the golf memberships in Whitefish had an increase from 1700 to 2,055. He asked Council to take action to turn it around. Tom Corse stated that it is easy to criticize and asked that Murat Kalinyaprak provide a schedule of fees to the Golf Board for consideration and to provide numbers and rationale to prove his points. Murat Kalinyaprak replied that he would do that if he were being paid \$103,000 per year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Lou Marchello, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Aggi G. Loeser, City Clerk