

**POLSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY MAY 21, 2007, 7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE: Councilmen, Bruce Agrella, Mark MacDonald, Tom Jones, Mike Lies, Tom Corse, Fred Funke. Mayor Jules Clavadetscher presiding. City Attorney James Raymond present. Others Present: Lee Manicke, Dave Sheesley, Ken Siler, Bonnie Manicke, Rory Horning, Jerry Fisher, Bob Vick, Bob Lajoie, Bob Williams, Hub Dykstra, Linda Sappington, Carol Jones, Murat Kalinyaprak, Tony Porrazzo, Doug Chase, Elsa Dufford, Margie Hendricks, Bruce Campbell, Roger Wallace, Gloria Califato, Lee Coble, Kala Parker

Meeting brought to order and Mayor Clavadetscher led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA: Mike Lies motioned to approve the proposed agenda. Bruce Agrella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Mike Lies motioned to approve the consent agenda with one change to page 3 paragraph one of the minutes, where it reads "Mayor Clavadetscher repliedthere is no change" to "charge". Seconded by Mark MacDonald. Ken Siler recounted from page 2 of the minutes where Margie Hendricks had stated that he'd been blackmailed into giving an easement, and wished to go on record that it was not true about him. Margie Hendricks voiced her agreement with Ken Siler, explaining that she had meant Gayle Siemers and that she had misspoken when using the term "blackmail". Elsa Dufford said that the minutes held an omission on page 4 of the minutes and felt that her stress on the irrigation line on the south side of 15th Avenue should have been included. The motion to passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF TD&H PROPOSAL FOR 15TH AVENUE: Mayor Clavadetscher advised the council that he had been in contact with Shari Halloran through email and wished to inform the council she would accept any information in regards to any surveys taken. Due to the fact she was unable to attend the meeting, Mayor Clavadetscher suggested the Council table the item. Mike Lies motioned to table the review of the TD&H proposal for 15th Avenue, seconded by Fred Funke. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE FREE ANNUAL GOLF COURSE PASSES FOR GOLF COURSE EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS. CITY WILL ISSUE A W-2 TO COURSE EMPLOYEES ACCEPTING PASSES:

Mayor Clavadetscher noted the Golf Board's recommendation against issuing free golf passes. He then reviewed past Polson City Council decisions on the subject in which all motions to issue golf passes to various city employees passed. Tom Jones asserted that recognizing the golf employees and

volunteer fire fighters by giving them free golf passes is a simple gesture the city can provide the employees. He also stressed that it was a small inexpensive benefit and that it was difficult to justify revoking it. **Tom Corse** felt that the passes only applied to a few employees since only a few golf. He also observed that since it was a city owned course it was a convenient benefit to offer employees. He also stressed that the greens keeping employees of the course had slight wages in comparison to the experience and qualification they bring to the city, and that it was crucial to provide them the golf pass benefit. **Mark MacDonald** voiced his agreement and inquired of Roger Wallace how many employees actually accept the golf passes. **Roger Wallace** replied that less than 10 employees played per year at all and only one or two played up to 6 times per year. **Tom Jones made an amended motion to give free golf passes, starting in the 07-08 golf year, to all city employees, volunteer fire fighters and elected officials. Passes are for play during non-peak hours which is defined as playing time after the noon hour. The free golf privilege does not extend to the families of the recipients. There is no golf cart privilege for those receiving the free golf passes. The value of the free pass is based on the early in-town purchase rate for the pass and the city will issue a W-2 to the city employees and a form 1099 to fire department volunteers for the value of the pass. The motion passed unanimously.**

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL TO WRITE LETTER TO SHORELINE PROTECTION ON BEHALF OF RIVERVIEW DEVELOPMENT GROUP:

Mayor Clavadetscher informed the council that Riverview Development Group had asked the city to write a letter of support for a variance they were requesting from Shoreline Protection. He explained the development was not on city property and the water run off did not affect the city. **Mark MacDonald** felt that writing a letter of support for a private investment was overstepping the Council's boundaries, stating a number of options the development could have done to avoid the variance. **Mark MacDonald motioned for the Council to not send a letter of support for the Riverview Development to Shoreline Protection. Fred Funke seconded the motion. Mike Lies** offered his agreement on the issue, stating that it set a precedent for all other developments. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL INTERVIEW PROCESS FOR THE CITY MANAGER POSITION: **Mayor Clavadetscher reviewed the current search status referencing the publicity release in the material presented to Council. Mayor Clavadetscher asked if the Council wished at this time to determine who would conduct the contract negotiations with the preferred candidate. Bruce Agrella suggested the discussion wait until the Council Meeting May 31, after the interviews.**

APRIL 2007 CASH REPORT: **Bonnie Manicke** pointed out that the cash report for April that reflected from the all purpose general fund an administrative transfer of \$43,000 from the golf, water, sewer, and building code enforcement funds. She noted the Ducharme lift station upgrade which she had moved \$450,000 out of the replacement and depreciation fund into the operating fund to facilitate the final payment of that project. She reported that there were no negative balances. She assessed that on April 30, 2007 the general fund expenditure budget was committed at 77%, over the past seven years

\$1,100,000 was expended for capital purchases. She determined that 65% of the revenue from real property tax had been received, leaving \$270,000 left to receive. She anticipated revenue at 91% with \$200,000 to be received in the second half of the real estate tax collections, the other \$70,000 will be seen in the July collection. She also mentioned the House Bill 124 whose 4th quarter payment at \$116,378.18 will come in on June 15. **Tom Jones** asked in regards to House Bill 124, if it was a reduction from previous payments due to the change in gaming laws. **Bonnie Manicke** replied that it was not, the rate is set after July first, and every municipality is to receive a minimum of a 3% increase from that pool. **Mark MacDonald motion to accept the April 2007 Cash Report. Mike Lies Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS: **Mayor Clavadetscher** called attention to the City of Polson Website which had recently been updated with City Manager and impact fee information as well as an ongoing addition of resolutions and ordinances. **Tony Porrazzo** informed the council that on Saturday May 19, at 2:00 p.m. the Ducharme Lift had been started and was working well. He commended Steve Jensen's work on the project. The council also expressed appreciation to Steve Jensen. **Ken Siler** reported to the council the progress of paving 15th Avenue by Smith Paving, which he considered to be inadequate due to not showing most days and working short shifts. **Murat Kalinyaprak** inquired as to the Council meeting policy on public questions. **Mayor Clavadetscher** replied that the policy on questions was taken from a written summary by the State Attorney General. **Rory Horning** felt that disagreed with Montana's Constitution. **Elsa Dufford** was curious if the public would be aware of the meeting in regards to 15th Avenue and the TD&H proposal and inquired about proposed alternatives. **Mayor Clavadetscher** answered that the proposal was for 3 alternatives and that it would be discussed at the next City Council Meeting Shari Halloran could attend. **Bob Williams** expressed concern that the new residents in the Ridgewater Subdivision would out-number the residents of 15th Ave. and that the city would respond to their request to connect 15th Ave through to the subdivision. He suggested a letter of protection for residents of 15th Avenue that would commit the City to not connecting 15th Ave to the subdivision over an extended period of time.
Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Jules Clavadetscher, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kala Parker, Assistant City Clerk