

**POLSON CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL – CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
JULY 7, 2010, 7:00 P.M.**

Attendance: City Commissioners: Ron Boyce, John Campbell, Judy Preston, Mike Lies, Elsa Duford, and Fred Funke present. Mayor Pat DeVries presiding. City Attorney James Raymond present. City Manager Todd Crossett absent. Others present: Ken Siler, Police and Court Clerk Joan Hart, Building and Planning Assistant Cora Pritt, Police Chief Doug Chase, Assistant Police Chief John Stevens, and Margie Hendricks.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES JUNE 21, 5:30 P.M.**
- B. CITY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES JUNE 21, 7:00 P.M.**
- C. SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES JUNE 24, 8:00 A.M.**
- D. JUNE 15-30 CLAIMS**
- E. FY 2010-2011 CITY LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS**

Commissioner Lies moved to approve the consent agenda items A-E, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The motion carried unanimously.

SALES AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE LOT OWNED BY MISSION BAY CONTINGENT ON FINDING WATER: City Attorney Raymond advised the Commission that City Manager Crossett was involved in preliminary negotiations for the property, which included the design of the building which would be required to conform to Mission Bay standards. There was nothing definite yet in the negotiations, and City Manager Crossett would be presenting a proposed agreement at the next Commission meeting.

BUILDING FOR SALE NEXT TO CITY HALL – PRELIMINARY REPORT ON GENERAL BUILDING CONDITIONS – APPRAISAL DONE MARCH 2009:

Commissioner Campbell wondered what uses the City would have for the building. Mayor DeVries expressed concern regarding the residential apartments, which were rented out on the top floor. Commissioner Campbell noted that the roof was a concern, considering how it had been constructed after there had been a fire in the building. Commissioner Duford inquired about asbestos in the building. Commissioner Campbell replied that the appraisal had found no toxic material in the building. Commissioner Preston felt they needed to look at the future value of the property, along with the concerns of the building. Commissioner Duford inquired about the cost to demolish the building. Mayor DeVries replied that had not been assessed yet, but they would look at that before they seriously considered the purchase. Commissioner Preston inquired why the City would not want to keep the renters on the top floor. Mayor DeVries felt that the City should not get into that business of renting. She noted there were liability concerns, they would be competing with local landlords, a maintenance employee would have to be hired for the tenants, and ADA accessibility would have to be considered. She pointed out that the main floor of the building was in good shape as it had been remodeled and rewired recently.

GOVERNOR'S CITATION TO THE CITY OF POLSON IN HONOR OF THE CITY'S 2010 CENTENNIAL: Parade Chairman Joan Hart and Planning Assistant Cora Pritt presented the Governor's Citation to the Mayor on behalf of the City. Mayor DeVries accepted the award and expressed appreciation towards Mrs. Hart and Ms. Pritt.

MISSION VALLEY CRUISERS CAR SHOW EVENT – WAIVE OPEN CONTAINER FOR DANCE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 – 6 P.M. TO 10 P.M. ON 3RD AVENUE WEST, CAR SHOW ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 – 6 A.M. TO 4 P.M. ON MAIN STREET HIGHWAY TO 7TH AVENUE: Commissioner Funke noted that they had granted the waiver of open container for the dance in prior years. Police Chief Doug Chase noted the Valley Cruisers in the past had kept it well contained, and they had never had a problem with the open container for that event. **Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the waiver of open container for the Mission Valley Cruisers Car Show Dance Friday, August 6th, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on third Avenue West, seconded by Commissioner Funke. The motion carried unanimously.**

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT APPLICATION TO HIRE A POLICE OFFICER COVERS PAYROLL EXPENSES FOR 3 YEARS AND CITY TO PICK UP COST THE 4TH YEAR AND CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT THEREAFTER: Police Chief Doug Chase explained that the police department had submitted a grant application to the Federal Department of Justice to hire a police officer. The first three years wages and benefits would be covered by the grant. To fulfill the requirements of the grant the officer must be kept for a fourth year, at the City's expense. There were no guarantees that they would receive the grant, but he asked for the Commission's recommendation on whether to continue to pursue the grant. He noted that they would come back before the Commission prior to accepting the grant as well. Assistant Police Chief John Stevens advised that they would be awarding the grant September 30th. He noted that other costs associated with an additional officer, such as vests, clothing allowance, training, etc, would be the City's cost. Commissioner Campbell wondered if it would be feasible for the City to pay for an additional officer that fourth year. Assistant Chief Stevens replied that the City would need to look at that. Part of the grant stipulated that the number of officers at the department could not be reduced until the grant is fulfilled. So the grant employee could not take the place of an officer that had resigned. The cost of an additional patrol car could be eased into. He asked that the Commissioners consider how to go forward for the grant between now and September. Commissioner Lies inquired what would happen should the City be in dire straights the fourth year, unable to pay for the additional officer. Assistant Chief Stevens advised that failing to fulfill the grant requirements would make any future grants unlikely to be awarded to them. Commissioner Duford inquired about the total value of the grant money they could receive. Assistant Chief Stevens advised that it would be approximately \$155,000 over the three years. **Commissioner Lies moved to permit the police department to proceed with pursuing the grant, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA: Lee Manicke advised the Commission that they had received bids for the Streetscape project, which also contained components of the storm water system and Main Street's waterline. There would be a workshop Tuesday, July 13, 10:00 a.m. at City Hall

to sort the bids out. He invited all those interested to attend. They would have a question and answer period during the workshop. He added that it would come before the City Commission at the July 19th meeting. Mayor DeVries advised that they must have the decision by the July 19th meeting, due to the strict timeline they would have to follow to work on Main Street. She encouraged people to attend, and if they needed more information they should contact Lee Manicke, James Raymond, Becky Dupuis, or City Engineer Shari Johnson. Commissioner Campbell inquired about the Inspector position that was being advertised. Mayor DeVries advised that it was for the inspector, who would be on site for the project for the whole duration, working closely with Shari Johnson. Commissioner Duford inquired about the cost of the inspector. Lee Manicke advised that there were estimates from Shari Johnson, which he felt would be fairly accurate. The cost would be divided up between the water and storm water departments and the Streetscape project. Commissioner Duford was surprised the ad for the position was in the paper before the Commission was informed of it. Mayor DeVries advised that they did not know their options until the bids had been turned in. The on site inspector would be a requirement of the project. Commissioner Duford inquired if they would be working on the side streets. Lee Manicke explained that they might have to work on part of the side streets. When the bulbouts are installed, they would have to use part of the side streets. However, they would only repave what they had disturbed, not the entire avenue.

Margie Hendricks thanked the Commission for the last six months and their accommodation of public participation. At the last meeting a citizen had asked for more info on the new well, and she was concerned that her representatives on the City Commission were not getting all of the information on the subject. Mrs. Hendricks passed out various maps to the Commission. She first pointed out to a diagram of a 2004 groundwater ability assessment, on which Roger Noble had been the consultant. She felt that his findings were contradictory in the report on whether or not the area in question was suitable for a well site. She directed attention to the Wal-Mart well site, which was in an area with manganese and a sand aquifer and was in the same area as the proposed well. She said that Mr. Noble's letter to DEQ contradicted his findings in the assessment. As a citizen, she wished to ensure that her Commission representatives were fully informed. She directed attention to a letter written by Dennis Duty to the City on May 11, 2010. The letter listed requirements on purchasing the property, including an easement across the lot. It also did not show the septic system, house, and well in reference to the road. She felt the consultant's map did not show any of those items, and with no lots lines it was misleading to look at. She felt that DEQ would look at the map, and see a much greater area than would actually be available. She had a problem with how the letter to DEQ read, that it didn't explain the location of the road and did not show the drain field. Dennis Duty had included in the letter that Mission Bay would have architectural approval of any facility the City constructs. She stated that the Commissioners needed to know that information up front, what kind of demands would be made on the City. Commissioner Campbell expressed that he had similar questions to Mrs. Hendricks regarding the groundwater assessment by Roger Noble and the letter to DEQ. He felt that it was unacceptable for the report to contradict the site. Commissioner Duford expressed that it was important for the Commission to get all of the information before any decisions are made. It takes time to read and discuss the information, to make a well informed decision. She thanked Mrs. Hendricks for the information she provided.

Commissioner Duford asked for information on why part of O'Maley Park had been sectioned off with rope, and signs were hung with "Parking \$45" written on them. She wondered who did that and who collected the money. It was a public park, and it was not in the area that was part of the Mariners' lease. Commissioner Campbell mentioned that he had seen an ad for a Mariners' fundraiser in the newspaper. Mayor DeVries advised that she would check with Parks Superintendent Sargeant. Commissioner Duford also inquired on why Riverside Park had been closed off on July 4th. Police Chief Chase advised that they closed the park to motorized vehicles due to safety issues. The traffic along highway 93 gets very congested and various officers direct traffic at 4th and Main to help alleviate it. Mayor DeVries noted that the park was not closed, and she could see the safety hazard of having that entrance open for vehicles.

Commissioner Campbell congratulated City Attorney Raymond on the fireworks display. City Attorney Raymond noted that he had the help of about 15 volunteers and sponsorship from the Chamber of Commerce and the Marine Corp League, Hellroaring Detachment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor Pat DeVries

Attest: Assistant City Clerk Kala Parker