

CITY OF POLSON COUNCIL MEETING

City Fire Hall

July 7, 2014

7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Heather Knutson, City Commissioners: John Campbell, Todd Erickson, Dan Morrison, Ken Siler, Jill Southerland, Stephen Turner, City Manager Mark Shrives, and City Clerk Cora Pritt.

Others present (that voluntarily signed in): There were no signatures on the Sign In Sheet provided

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Knutson called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA- Commissioner Turner motion to move Agenda Items 10 & 12 between Agenda Item 6 & 7 on the agenda. Commissioner Campbell second. Commission Discussion: none Public Comment-none **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried**

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES June 2, 2014-Commissioner Campbell motioned to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2014. Commissioner Siler second. City Commission Comments: none Public comments: none VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES June 11, 2014-Commissioner Turner motioned to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2014. Commissioner Southerland second. City Commission Comments: none Public comments: none VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES June 16, 2014-Commissioner Siler motioned to approve the City Commission Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2014. Commissioner Erickson second. City Commission Comments: Commissioner Southerland asked that there be a correction on page 7 under 2nd paragraph. The wording should read golf cart not golf care. **Public comments:** Elsa Duford commented on the numbering of the Resolutions and Ordinances being omitted is not clear and is confusing. Elsa requested that the documents be assigned a number when put on an agenda. **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried**

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES June 23, 2014-Commissioner Turner motioned to approve the City Commission Workshop Minutes of June 23, 2014. Commissioner Campbell second. City Commission Comments: Commissioner Erickson requested that the minutes be changed to reflect his attendance. **Public Comment: none VOTE: Commissioners Siler and Southerland abstained due to absence, 5 ayes Motion carried**

APPROVE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF POLSON'S ASSESSMENT OF WATER CHARGES-City Manager Mark Shrives commented on some questions that were brought up during the Public Hearing. The Water and Sewer are separate funds, and these funds are called an Enterprise Fund. These funds are stand-alone funds. The question about the Downtown Water Looping project, City Manager Mark Shrives asked Water/Sewer Superintendent Tony Porrizzo to comment about this project. Tony explained that in a hydraulic model there needs to be no stagnate ends.

The portion of town that is going to be updated is located in the oldest section of town with cast iron pipes and inadequate service lines for the hydrants. The City is beginning with the oldest section to begin the update. This update is a part of the Hydraulic Model that was done in 2005. This is one of the final sections to be upgraded. This is funded by a TSEP Grant. City Manager Mark Shrives then commented on the chart that was handed out. There was a third party consultant that was hired to look at the numbers. City Manager Shrives then reviewed the chart. City Finance Officer Cindy Dooley discussed the Ordinance that deals with the Water rates. There will actually be a restructuring of the rates. The classification between Commercial and Residential is being done away with. The new structure will be based strictly on meter size. The gallons that are included in the minimum charge will change from 5,000 gallons to 2,000 gallons. The Ordinance is only to restructure the rates. It has nothing to do with the increase. The Resolution is what actually increases the rates. The structure is law, the rates are administrative. **Commissioner Turner motion to table Agenda Item #10 until more information could be gathered and have a clear understanding. Commissioner Morrison second.** Commission Discussion: Commissioner Turner commented that he too has a young family and how a \$100.00 utility bill disappears and the family not be effected. Commissioner Turner further asked the public to please understand that the Commission is trying. Commissioner Campbell commented that there was a lot of additional information given tonight that wasn't presented before. Commissioner Southerland asked if the time was tabled would there be a workshop set up where this could be discussed. City Manager Shrives answered it could be a workshop, or during a regularly scheduled Commission Meeting. Public Comments: Carlisa London commented that the scenarios are good & well, however the 22.88 water bill is billed based on a 3/4" minimum charge. This has nothing to do with the Polson Motorcoach & RV 6" main. It's not very representative of what is really happening. Debbie DeSolvol commented that the increase would take care of the future increases. Which means that the people of today are paying for yesterday's debt and also securing the future. Debbie did not feel that this is fair that all of that is laid on the current users. Libby Barrett thanked the Commission for tabling this issue. The new rate will be \$97.51 for a minimum. The old rate was \$31.31, a difference of \$63.20 x 12 months. This comes to a total of \$758.42 which is unreasonable. Peter Daniels commented that the rate increases are necessary to service the debt. If the Resolution is passed, the rates increased, once the debt service is met will there then be a Resolution to return to the 2014 rates for Sewer and Water? Murat Kalinyaprak-commented on a couple of additions to the statistics provided. The highest increase Mr. Kalinyaprak could find listed on the internet was 23%, which was finally approved by a court decision. According to the Montana Code the water/sewer rates must be reasonable and just. Susan Evans had a clarification question. Four scenarios, with an increase in the cost for the interest, shouldn't there be an increase in the cost too? The bottom line should be more if we are paying more interest. Linda Cox commented that she agreed with what was said during the Public Hearing, this is too much too fast. This is a very complex issue. Linda commented that by dropping the minimum from 5,000 to 2,000 there will be an increase in the water rates. Carol Jones commented about the proposed water rate. When the minimum is dropped down that will be an increase, especially if anyone wishes to water their yard in the summer. Rory Horning commented that while he is not a resident of the municipal boundaries of the City of Polson, he does own a business in the City limits. If Polson goes broke and out of business, it will affect the surrounding properties. Mr. Horning further commented that there may be different Enterprise Funds but the public pays out of one pocket. Also, by cutting the water down by 40% the rates have been increased.

VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried

APPROVE RESOLUTION TO CHANGE RATES FOR USERS OF THE CITY OF POLSON MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS.-Mayor Knutson asked for a motion. Hearing none, the motion dies.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Claims June 12-30, 2014

b. City of Polson Liquor License for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

c. Finance Officer Bank Reconciliation July 2013

d. Finance Officer Bank Reconciliation August 2013

Commissioner Campbell motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Siler second.

Commission discussion: none Public Comment: none **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS-City Manager Mark Shrives commented that he only had one item, the City Building Inspector. After completing the interview process Mr. Shrives offered the position to one of the applicants and he has accepted the position and will start either July 21st or 28th. Mike Howke has agreed to stay on until the new Inspector is in place.

APPROVE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS ON STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF POLSON-City Manager Shrives explains the reason why this Ordinance now has a number. The Ordinance did pass the first reading. If the Ordinance were to fail tonight, then the number would show a Failed Ordinance. Once an Ordinance passes first reading, it is then given a number. **Commissioner Turner motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance to Allow Golf Carts on Streets within the City of Polson. Commissioner Southerland seconds.** Commission discussion: Commissioner Southerland asked that the following corrections be made: under statement #5 should read without a valid driver's license. Also #6-correct the spelling of the word vehicle. Public Comment: Rory Horning had a question on the comment on Agenda Item #9. If there is no number until it passes first reading, what happens if it doesn't pass the second reading? City Manager Shrives answered that it goes down as a Failed Ordinance. Mr. Horning commented that there is a reason why there should be a number when it starts. If it doesn't pass first reading, it should be a Failed Ordinance. This is so that historically you don't have to go through all the minutes to find out if the Ordinance passed or failed. The theory of not putting a reference number on, when you start makes it hard on the Public. **Mayor Knutson amends the motion to include the corrections as advised.**
VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried.

FLATHEAD LAKE 3-ON-3 UPDATE-City Manager Shrives presented this agenda item in Anderson Broadcasting employee Rich Forbis' absence. Everything is in place for the event which will be July 25th-26th.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANT MATTERS TO THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA-Murat Kalinyaprak commented that on the statement that is printed on the second page of the Agenda. Mr. Kalinyaprak read the statements from Resolution #1006 them commented that he did not appreciate some of the ridiculing speech and making faces back and forth between certain persons and council and members of the public. Mr. Kalinyaprak commented that although he ran for Commission in last year's election, and received a quarter of the votes, he will continue to be the voice for those 120 voters and represent them to this Commission. Mr. Kalinyaprak stated that he feels the Commission is corrupt and he will continue to attend the meetings and say it to the Commission's face. Margie Hendricks-commented that she had wanted some information from 2005 to use at this evenings meeting. Ms. Hendricks wanted to know how many water/sewer hook-ups had been promised since then and how many had been used. In 2003, the limit was 427 and we had actually used 800+. The information is not readily available but they would pull all of the files on the subdivisions that had been approved, and Margie could go through the files. If not, then it would cost \$30.00 an hour for the clerk to go find me the subdivision files, then the clerk would have to stand there

while I searched the files and found it out. Ms. Hendricks's closing comment was that if she was willing to gather this information for the City then she shouldn't be charged for it. Elsa Duford commented on the 3 minute rule. Ordinance #613 main heading encourages public participation and it has been abbreviated down to calling it a 3 minute rule. It is mentioned in the Ordinance about the 3 minutes. This is basically about the public being able to communicate with the Council. Ms. Duford encouraged everyone to read this Ordinance.

Mayor Knutson thanked everyone who attended the Public Hearing and the Commission Hearing. Mayor Knutson also thanked the City Department Heads for all of their hard work in getting this project together, especially the City Manager Mark Shrives, Water/Sewer Superintendent Tony Porrazzo, City Finance Officer Cindy Dooley, and Kevin Johnson of DOWL/HKM. We are a lot further down the road than we were in the past. This has been a difficult meeting and we are trying to get this as right as we can for our community. We appreciate all the input and comments.

Mayor Knutson asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Southerland motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Campbell second. Vote: Unanimous Motion carried

ADJOURN 8:32 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Cora E. Pritt, City Clerk