

**POLSON CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY AUGUST 4, 2008, 7:00 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners present: Jim Sohm, Tom Jones, Elsa Duford, Fred Funke, and Commission President Bruce Agrella Presiding. City Attorney James Raymond and City Manager Mike Lies present. Mayor Lou Marchello absent.

Commissioner Agrella brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA: Commissioner Sohm moved to approve the agenda as proposed, seconded by Commissioner Agrella. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JULY 21, 2008

B. JULY 2008 CLAIMS

Motion made by Commissioner Funke, seconded by Commissioner Sohm to approve the consent agenda items A and B. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #966 – TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS A FRAMEWORK FOR THE CITY OF POLSON: Commissioner Funke moved to approve Resolution #966 to establish NIMS as a framework for the City of Polson, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Jones informed the Commission that he had taken the Incident Command test and was certified.

NEGLECTED BUILDING-310 MAIN STREET: Commissioner Lies brought attention to a petition received from many of the downtown business concerned with the building used for storage at 310 Main Street. City Attorney Raymond informed the Commission that the City could not do a lot aside from investigating safety and weed complaints. He expressed that he would find out from the building inspector if the building was condemned and the building would be inspected. Fire Chief John Fairchild informed the Commission that he had already sent a certified letter regarding the weeds, and as soon as the owner could be reached to let them in they would conduct a fire inspection. Gerry Browning brought to the Commission's attention that there were other safety concerns including glass and tiles that have been broken fallen onto the Main Street sidewalk. She mentioned that the PBC had tried to talk with the owner with no response. She expressed that 50' of dilapidated storefront property on Main Street was a public nuisance. She added that the State had condemned the building because of the mold issue and the property owner was delinquent on his taxes.

NEW COMBINED FIRE STATION WITH POLSON RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT: Paul Bishop expressed that it was the consensus of all of the firefighters that building a new fire station should be a joint station as it is now. He opined that separating the equipment and manpower between the two stations would duplicate and fragment the fire fighters and hinder dispatch because the most important decisions are made at the station by those who are present. He pointed out that the proposed station's area of protection nearly completely overlaid the current station's area. He expressed that the fire fighters' concerns were for the safety of the public. He stipulated that hiring a firm to give a consultation on building the most effective new stations. He asked that the City and Rural fire stay as seamless as possible. He explained that he wished to initiate talks between the City Commissioners, the Rural Fire Board, and the fire fighters. Commissioner Agrella agreed that a meeting with the Rural Fire Board and fire officers should be pursued. Fire Chief Fairchild informed the Commissioners that

finding out who should respond would be difficult with a split station because many locations are difficult to tell if they are Rural or City until you are physically there.

WESTANA FORBEARANCE PROPOSAL: City Attorney Raymond reminded the Commission that Westana had confessed judgment of \$50,000. He reported that Westana's lawyer had contacted him to ask if the Commission would prefer to be paid the 50,000 in payments with interest. Commissioner Jones asked how long of a period they would make the payments. City Attorney Raymond replied that the City could name the terms and also foreclose for the entire sum at any time. Commissioner Jones moved to give City Attorney Raymond the authority to negotiate payments with Westana for no more than four years at 10% interest. Commissioner Sohm seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioners Funke, Agrella, Jones and Sohm in favor and Commissioner Duford opposed.

FY 08-09 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PROPOSALS: City Manager Lies informed the Commission that there would be one change to the budget, but it must be postponed until Roger Wallace returned. He added that there were only small errors that need correction and the budget would be prepared for the meeting August 18th meeting. He asked the Commission for preliminary approval of the proposed salary increases. Commissioner Jones moved to approve the preliminary salary increases subject to the approval of the final budget, seconded by Commissioner Funke. The motion carried unanimously. City Manager Lies asked the Commission to also give preliminary approval of comp time pay out. Commissioner Sohm moved to approve the preliminary comp time payout subject to the approval of the final budget, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: City Manager Lies reported that the Speed Study Commission had recommended on extending the 35 mph zone further north and they had requested a letter from the City officials. He mentioned that Streetscape's waterline, Bayview sewer hookups and property annexation would be discussed at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cindy Willis commended Commissioner Agrella on chairing his first meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Agrella brought the meeting to order at 7:50. The Commission discussed a salary mistake that had been corrected, labor charges, the personnel policy and floating holidays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Bruce Agrella, Commission President

ATTEST: _____
Kala Parker, Assistant City Clerk