

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL-CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008, 6:30 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners present: Bruce Agrella, Jim Sohm, Tom Jones, Elsa Duford, Fred Funke, and Mayor Marchello presiding. City Attorney James Ramyond and Interim City Manager Mike Lies present.

Mayor Marchello called the public hearing to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 635 – AN ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY CHAPTER IX, PARAGRAPH C, OF THE POLSON DEVELOPMENT CODE: City Manager Lies stressed that it was important for the Commission to be specific on the number of units and to remove the words “may be”. Commissioners Jones and Agrella expressed their agreement. Commissioner Duford asked if that change were made, would applicants continue to challenge the code. Mayor Marchello replied the depended on how specific the Commission clarification was. Planning/Zoning Official Joyce Weaver suggested that the city remove the words “average” and “may be” from paragraph C. **No further comments were made. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:35.**

Mayor Marchello called the public hearing to order at 6:45 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 PRELIMINARY BUDGET: Mayor Marchello pointed out that City Manager Lies had done a good job with the projected budget. Commissioner Duford advised that the expenditures exceeded the projected revenue. Mayor Marchello explained that many of the departments have carry over funds from previous fiscal year and the monthly cash report would give an accurate dollar amount available. Lee Manicke asked where the \$2,500 in the economic development fund would be spent. He stated that if it goes to the PDA, it needed to be followed up on. He commented that they were not following the statutes for receiving or spending revenue and they were delinquent on their reports. He implored the Commission to look into the PDA. Mayor Marchello replied that he would find out where the fund would be used. **No further comments were made. The public hearing adjourned at 6:57**

7:00 COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Marchello called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. POLSON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES JULY 32, 2008**
- B. POLSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 4, 2008**
- C. AUGUST 1-15 CLAIMS**

Commissioner Funke moved to approve the consent agenda items A-C. Commissioner Agrella seconded the motion. Commissioner Duford questioned several claims involving the wells. Water/Sewer Superintendent Tony Porrazzo informed the commission that the purchases were for the various stages of drilling the new well, which had failed to hit significant water. **The motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE 635 – SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY CHAPTER IX, PARAGRAPH C, OF THE POLSON DEVELOPMENT CODE: Planning/Zoning Official Weaver recommended the Commission approve removing the words “average” and “may be” from the code. She pointed out that making the code more specific would prevent applicants from challenging the maximum amount of dwelling units. She added that the City/County Planning Board had tied the vote on the issue. **Commissioner Agrella moved to clarify chapter IX, paragraph C of the Polson Development by removing the words “average” and “may be”. Commissioner Funke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

PROPERTY TAX ON GIFTED .61 ACRES: City Manager Lies informed the Commission that the City owned half of the property did not owe any taxes, however the half owned by Bill Ingram was delinquent on the property taxes. He asked if the tax bill had been sent to the City. City Treasurer Bonnie Manicke replied that the City did receive the bill, however the County had also forwarded on a copy of the tax statement to Mr. Ingram. Mayor Marchello stipulated that the City needed to get the issue resolved, he recommended that the City Manager and City Attorney work on it.

REMOVAL OF FIORENTINO ADDITION BARRICADES: City Manager Lies informed the Commission that he had spent some time researching the property after Nikki Fiorentino had requested the City remove the 4 concrete barriers. He pointed out that they were not near the Fiorentino addition and they also block traffic from going onto a private easement. He recommended against removing the items or tabling the agenda item until he could discuss the matter with her as she was currently out of the state. Commissioner Agrella advised that many of the residents probably would not want the barricades removed. Mayor Marchello agreed that if it caused problems with the easement they should not be removed. **Commissioner Sohm moved to table the item until the City Manager can follow up on the request, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVE PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS PROPOSED: Commissioner Jones moved to approve the preliminary fiscal year '08-'09 budget as approved. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Commissioner Jones added that he would like to be informed on the PDA and PCDA. City Manager Lies replied that he will find out and the Commission can remove the \$2,500 from the economic development if they so chose at the final budget approval meeting. Parks Superintendent Karen Sargeant informed the Council of her concern about the new comp time. She explained that having to use it within 30 days would significantly impact the parks and golf maintenance departments. Since the workers accumulated the majority of the comp time between April and August. She asked that the Commissioners consider the strain on the budgets of both departments if comp time has to be paid out every 30 days during the busy season. She suggested that the Commission wait to implement the new comp time policy until

the 09-10 fiscal year; which would allow her to budget more appropriately for the overtime payouts she would have. **The motion to approve the preliminary budget carried unanimously.**

CITY'S INTENT FOR THE LIBRARY CONTENTS, BUILDING AND LOT IN NEW LIBRARY DISTRICT: Jackie Gran informed the Commission that she represented the library trustees and she was initiating another step to creating the new library district. She advised that their hopes were high the county would be placing them on the November ballot. She explained that she was asking the City for a letter of support to consolidate into the district. **Commissioner Agrella moved to have the City write a letter of support of the new library district, seconded by Commissioner Sohm. The motion carried unanimously.** Jackie Gran advised that to facilitate the process she would like to arrange a meeting with the library trustees and the City Commissioners. Mayor Marchello agreed that the Commission and trustees should meet. Commissioner Duford asked what area would be included in the new district. Jackie Gran replied that it would be high school district 23 if the voters approved it. Mayor Marchello suggested that the City Manager and 2 or 3 Commissioners should be involved in the meeting, adding that he would attend when he could. Commissioners Agrella and Funke volunteered. Jackie Gran said she would be in touch to setup a meeting.

ORDINANCE 636 – FIRST READING APPROVAL OF THE CITY PERSONNEL POLICY: City Manager Lies informed the Commission that he had gone through it himself several times and all of the changes that could be made had been. City Attorney Raymond suggested the Commissioners approve the policy subject to MMIA approval. **Commissioner Funke moved to approve Ordinance 636 – first reading of the approval of the City personnel policy subject to MMIA approval, seconded by Commissioner Agrella.** Mayor Marchello noted that the policy was well written. Commissioner Sohm thanked the City Manager and staff that had put the policy together. **The motion carried unanimously.**

MAIN STREET WATERLINE CONSTRUCTION: City Manager Lies informed the Commission that the waterline needed to be replaced as it had suffered various breaks and was very old. He added that he was unsure of Streetscape's status and suggested the Commission set a timeline for the waterline repair. Mayor Marchello expressed that he was not sure if Streetscape was still meeting. He agreed that that the City should set a time. Water/Sewer Superintendent Porrizzo stressed that it needed done. He felt that setting a deadline might set Streetscape in motion as well. Commissioner Sohm suggested Tony Porrizzo set up a schedule for next fall and give the residents and businesses one-year notice. Water/Sewer Superintendent Porrizzo suggested following the timeline that APEC had put together. Lee Manicke informed the Council that Streetscape had sent out more letters since they were last before Council and were expecting responses by September. He agreed that a deadline would motivate businesses. He expressed hope that the project begins moving along.

NOTICE TO BAYVIEW DRIVE RESIDENTS TO REQUIRE SEWER HOOKUPS: Water/Sewer Superintendent Porrizzo informed the Commission that the new sewer line had been completed eight years ago, at which time residents had been given two years to hookup to City services. However several residents had yet to hookup, despite numerous notices they had received. **Commissioner Sohm moved to set a 90-day schedule for the remaining Bayview**

Drive residents to hookup to City services. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Water/Sewer Superintendent Porrazzo added that they needed to at least contact him in those 90 days to set up a schedule if they could not do it in that time. Commissioner Duford asked the cost would be to the residents. Water/Sewer Superintendent replied that they would have to go before the Impact Fee Board. **The motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCE 637 – FIRST READING – ANNEXATION POLICY: City Manager Lies informed the Commission that the attachment was formatted as a resolution, but it would be passed as an ordinance. He stressed that the City needed a policy to annex City surrounded property. **Commissioner Funke moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 637, an annexation policy for the City of Polson, seconded by Commissioner Sohm. The motion carried unanimously.**

JULY 2008 CASH REPORT: City Treasurer Bonnie Manicke informed the Commission that there had been a large dispersement from the general fund, which covered the MMIA liability and property insurance at about \$140,000. She pointed out that the golf operating fund had received a 10% increase in revenue from July 2007. She stated that the total cash value for the City was \$5,578,323.81. **Commissioner Agrella moved to approve the July 2008 cash report, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion carried unanimously.**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: City Manager Lies informed the Commission that they had received another letter from the rural fire department in regards to the new station. Commissioner Jones expressed that they should have a meeting with the rural fire and volunteers, adding that a future sight for fire protection is needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ken Siler questioned whether the City would receive Westana's settlement payments if the company goes bankrupt before the debt is paid.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Commission discussed slight changes to the water/sewer personnel budget.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Lou Marchello

Attest: Assistant City Clerk Kala Parker