

**POLSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007 7:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE: Mark MacDonald, Tom Jones, Mike Lies, Tom Corse, Fred Funke, Mayor Jules Clavadetscher presiding. Bruce Agrella absent. City Manager Jay Henry and City Attorney James Raymond present. **Others Present:** Marc Carstens, Doug Chase, Clinton Whitney, Guy Benkelman, Jim John, Lou Marchello, Bob Lajoie, Rory Horning, Linda Sappington, Nathan Pierce, Frank Cardoza, Dawn Cardoza, Mike Ferguson, Murat Kalinyaprak, Elsa Duford, Bruce Gerlach, Cherie Duford Gerlach, Mike Cripe, Jackie Cripe, Marilyn Burt, Tally Duford.

Pledge of Allegiance and meeting brought to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA: Motion made by Tom Corse to approve the proposed agenda with the removal of items 5, 8, and 10. Mike Lies seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Officer Chris Wright presented Reserve Officer Jodi O'Sullivan with a 5 year service pin in recognition for her valuable role in the police force and the community over the last half decade. **Officer Chris Wright** welcomed Officer John Todd to full time officer status, expressing how he has excelled as a Reserve Officer since December 2006. Officer John Todd was presented with Badge #4, replacing reserve badge #15. Lori Todd pinned on Officer Todd's new badge. **Mayor Clavadetscher** congratulated both officers.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2007**
- B. GOLF MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT - STEIN ANDERSON PERMANENT STATUS**
- C. ORDINANCE #630 - FIRST READING - PERSONNEL POLICY REVISIONS - MILITARY LEAVE AND BREAST FEEDING AT THE WORKPLACE**
- D. POLICY TRAINING - HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION - ALAN BOOTH OCTOBER 16-18 - MISSOULA - \$457**
- E. GOLF TRAINING - PEAKS & PRAIRIES GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT ASSOCIATION - FALL MEETING TRADE SHOW - PAT NOWLEN & STEIN ANDERSON - OCTOBER 2-4 - BILLINGS - \$795**
- F. GOLF BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT - GOLF BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO RE-APPOINT DAVE COTTINGTON - OTHER APPLICANT WAS MIKE FERGUSON**

Tom Corse motioned to accept the consent agenda with a correction to page 2 of the minutes. To alter the second paragraph to read, "The City will give a minimum of one year notice of termination of the lease and first right of refusal to purchase the meridian building." Fred Funke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2008 VALLEY CRUISERS CAR SHOW PERMIT FOR A CAR CRUISE: Mayor Clavadetscher asked if Chief Chase had approved of the plan for the car cruise. Jack

Bishop replied that Chief Chase had not yet seen the details of the car cruise. **Mayor Clavadetscher** moved to approve the car cruise contingent upon the approval of Fire Chief Fairchild and Police Chief Chase. Tom Corse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

GOLF RATES-REVISED: Tom Jones informed the Council that Jay Henry, Mike Lies, Mark MacDonald, Roger Wallace, and himself had met to revisit the golf budget, finding more fiscally responsible ways to spend. He explained that they had come to a consensus to keep the season pass rates as presented for 2008. Tom Jones motioned to accept the season pass golf rates. Mike Lies seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1. Tom Jones, Mark MacDonald, Jules Clavadetscher, Mike Lies and Tom Corse in favor. Fred Funke opposed.

LIVE LOCALLY – 5K RUN/WALK – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2007 – 10 A.M. 7TH AVENUE AND MRL WALKPATH – HEALTH CARE PLUS AND COUNTRY PASTA – PROCEEDS FOR MISSION VALLEY AQUATICS: Sarah Hartsock and Heather Knutson presented entry forms for the 5k run/walk to the Council and invited them all to enter. They also advised the Council that City Manager Jay Henry, Assistant Fire Chief Pete Bishop, Police Chief Doug Chase, Parks Department Head and Fire Inspector Karen Sargeant, Street Department Head Rod Hanson, and the Highway Department had all approved of their proposal. Tom Jones, motioned to approve the Live Locally 5k run/walk for Saturday, October 20, 2007 at 10 a.m. starting at 7th Avenue ending along the MRL walkpath. Mike Lies seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL OF BIRD HAVEN A 79 LOT MAJOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION – RICK LUCHA WITH MARC CARSTENS AND RESOLUTION #952 – ANNEXATION: Mayor Clavadetscher conveyed to the Council that this 79 lot single family subdivision was a complex issue and stated that the City did not have jurisdiction to impose City regulations on County property. As a result, he asked Council for a motion to annex the property into the City of Polson. The issue died for lack of a motion.

PRESENTATION OF MAIN STREET PLAN & VOTE ON CITY’S FINANCIAL OBLIGATION FOR THE PROJECT -- \$250,000 FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OR COMMITMENT: Nathan Pierce explained to the Council that the Streetscape Taskforce was moving forward on the beautification of Main Street from 7th Avenue to Hwy 93. He stated that the public forum held for the Main Street project had met with positive feedback. He revealed to the Council designs for the intersections, trees, sidewalks, benches, streetlights and trash receptacles. He expressed that the Taskforce would like the City to repave the entire width of the street and not simply patch it over the water main replacement. He also stated that they were looking for ways to lower the cost of the SID to help keep the local businesses going. **Mayor Clavadetscher** noted that the Council had already voted for and approved the \$250,000 in the Capital Facilities plan for replacing the water main and the portion of the street affected. He stressed that the paving of all of Main Street was not an item on the agenda and that public notice was required before the Council could vote. In addition, the Council should be advised of the cost and details before they approve. Tom Corse asked what the

estimated cost of paving all of Main Street would be. Nathan Pierce advised that the estimated cost was \$316,000 for the entire length or \$96,000 per block. **The issue died for lack of a motion.**

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR RETROCESSION BETWEEN THE CITY OF POLSON AND CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES: Mayor Clavadetscher informed the Council that the City of Polson was the only government on the Reservation that had not signed the retrocession agreement. Doug Chase reported to the Council that the retrocession had been strongly enforced and had not caused any problems amongst the agencies. He requested the Council approve the agreement, stating that Polson was already generally doing the things listed on the agreement. He also advised the Council that there were excellent relations between the law enforcement agencies. **Tom Corse asked for clarification that approving the retrocession agreement would merely make it a formal agreement.** Doug Chase advised that it would, and would also provide stability for the officers in the execution of their duties. **Tom Corse motioned to approve the memorandum of agreement for the retrocession between the City of Polson and the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes. Fred Funke seconded the motion. Elsa Duford** inquired if the document was public. **Mayor Clavadetscher replied that it was. The motion passed unanimously.**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: Jay Henry notified the Council that the Stage I fire restrictions had been lifted as of October 1, 2007. He reported that the paving on Hillcrest would begin the next week, and work on the new booster station would begin the next day. He let the Council know that the agenda request form had undergone a few changes including a line for his approval and an estimate of how much the agenda item would cost the City. He also noted that the Hideaway subdivision would be coming up for final plat approval. **Mayor Clavadetscher pointed out that the paving of Hillcrest had been held off at the request of the residents for the completion of stub-outs. Tom Jones asked how long the paving was estimated to take for Hillcrest. Jay Henry** replied that it would take 3 days. **Mike Lies asked how many sewer extensions had been completed. Tony Porrazzo** replied that approximately 20 sub-outs had been completed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: **Rory Horning** expressed his feelings that the City was obligated to pave Main Street and not leave the local business under the burden of the cost of it. He pointed out that Helena had not used SIDs to repave their Main Streets. As he departed the podium he noted that the Mayor allowed only comments and not questions.

Clint Whitney invited the Council, City Manager, and City Attorney to a conference that would be held on October 17 & 18 at the Best Western Kwatuqnuq in Polson. He explained that the conference would be a Lesson of Lakes; dealing with water with community development specifically focused on local government employees and elected officials in other areas similar to Polson. He explained that it would contain extremely valuable presentations and exchanges of information. He noted that the cost of the conference, including dinner and lunch, would be \$80 per person, or without the dinner and lunch it would be \$55. He expressed that they did not want to exclude anyone because of cost and wanted as many people to attend as possible. **Tom Jones asked if there was a schedule of events and if it would be possible to attend certain segments if it was not possible for them to attend the entire conference. Clint Whitney**

replied that the schedule was broken down hour by hour and they were free to attend whichever they were able.

Tally Duford expressed to the Council that she was a business owner on Main Street and was not opposed to any improvements to the area. However, she conveyed to the Council, the cost of the SIDs would put many of the struggling businesses out of business. She noted that several operated without making profits as it is. She pointed out that closing Main Street in any month except January would be devastating for many of the businesses. She stated that the first improvement to the downtown should be adequate area for parking. She advised that there was a great deal of impact to the local businesses that needed to be taken into account. She also informed the Council of a garbage problem created by local bar patrons at night that was left to be cleaned up by the daytime businesses. She added that the Police Chief had been informed of the trash problem.

Marilyn Burt told the Council that she too was a Main Street business owner and had similar concerns. She explained that she wanted to know how long the construction would take, when, and of what quality. She stated that she was alarmed by the traffic situation on Main Street. She suggested that some of the intersections could use stoplights, noting that she, herself, had experienced a number of near-accidents due to a lack of visibility. She also wondered if there was some sort of funding they could acquire from the state highway department to aide in paving the street. **Mayor Clavadetscher advised that she, and any other concerned business person or resident, meet with City Manager, Jay Henry, to discuss their concerns. He emphasized that the plans that were reviewed were developed by the Streetscape taskforce and reviewed with the business people. There was no intention by the City to impose specific plans or dates of construction on the business community. He conveyed that the City was looking to the affected businesses to direct the City on when and how to move forward.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Jules Clavadetscher

Assistant City Clerk Kala Parker