

**SPECIAL POLSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2006, 11:00 A.M.**

ATTENDANCE: Council: Bruce Agrella, Mark MacDonald, Jules Clavadetscher, Mike Lies, Fred Funke. Tom Corse absent. Mayor Randy Ingram presiding. City Attorney James Raymond present. OTHERS PRESENT: Tony Porrazzo, Fred Nelson, Mike Humphrey, Linda Sappington, Karen Sargeant, Ethan Smith, Rory Horning, Doug Chase, Dennis Anderson, Tom Maloney, Bonnie Manicke, Elsa Duford.

MAYOR RANDY INGRAM'S RESIGNATION – CONSENSUS ON ISSUES RELATING TO THE MAYOR'S REPLACEMENT: Mayor Ingram asked Councilman MacDonald to chair the meeting since he requested it to be held.

Councilman MacDonald said he wanted Council to meet and agree on the process to fill the Mayor's position and for everyone to be clear on any related issues. The vacancy will be advertised in the newspaper, stating that the requirements are, to be 21 years of age, a resident of Montana for the past three years and a resident of Polson for the last two years. The City Council will appoint the mayor for a term starting on or before December 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2007, and must be a Polson resident for the duration of his/her term of office. The deadline for letters of interest is Monday, November 20th at 5:00 p.m. The vacancy will be filled within thirty days of the vacancy, by November 30th, 2006. According to Montana law the remainder of the mayor's term, from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009, must be elected and therefore will be placed on the November 2007 ballot. The City will continue to operate, conducting business as usual and the department heads are being asked to contact their respective councilman in lieu of the mayor and to go before Council if needed to resolve problems.

Councilman Clavadetscher suggested that Council hold a special meeting prior to the November 30th deadline, which would allow time to review the letters of interest and possibly hold interviews. **Motion made by Councilman Clavadetscher, seconded by Councilman Agrella, to hold a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. to appoint a mayor. Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilman Clavadetscher asked who will direct the efforts of the department heads and the office staff and who will be authorized to speak to the press. Councilman MacDonald replied that the departments are asked to consult their appointed councilmen and Councilman Lies is the primary councilman for Facilities Administration dealing with office issues. Any questions from the press should be referred to the council president, Councilman MacDonald.

Karen Sargeant, Parks Superintendent, asked if the Council has any description of the type of mayor they will be looking for and if the staff would be able to have input in their decision. Councilman MacDonald replied that the qualifications for mayor were mentioned in the ad. The Council will review those qualifications after the November 7th election if the majority votes in favor of implementing a charter form of government with a City Manager. Depending on the number of applications for mayor, the Council will decide if they need to set up an interview committee at the November 20th City Council meeting. Councilman Funke stated that it is

important that the employees know that they should not answer questions from the press, and that they should refer the press to Councilman MacDonald.

Elsa Duford asked if the applications for mayor will be available for public review. Councilman MacDonald replied that they would be available at the November 20th Council Meeting, which Council agreed is the deadline for applications. Council will review the applications and appoint the mayor at the special meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 29th at 11:00 a.m., whose term will expire December 31, 2007..

Karen Sargeant asked if Council has a job description for the City Manager and if they will go through the Job Service. Councilman MacDonald replied that if the vote for the charter manager form of government passes on November 7th, the newly appointed mayor will start the process of hiring a city manager to be implemented by July 2007.

Rory Horning asked if the current mayor's salary will be the same for the newly appointed mayor. Councilman MacDonald replied that the salary will be negotiable.

Doug Chase asked Council how many hours they would ask the new mayor to be available to the City staff because Mayor Ingram was available 24/7 and it has been important to the department heads. Councilman MacDonald replied that Council will have to decide that but ideally the newly appointed mayor would be available 40 hours a week.

Rory Horning asked if the Council would give preference to someone who has more time with no full time job. Councilman MacDonald replied that would be preferable.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Mark MacDonald, Council President

ATTEST: _____
Aggi G. Loeser, City Clerk