

**POLSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2006, 7:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE: City Council Present: Bruce Agrella, Mike Lies, Tom Corse, Fred Funke. Mayor Jules Clavadetscher present. City Attorney James Raymond present.**

**Others Present: Elsa Duford, Mark Evertz, Rory Horning, Gehrand Bechard, Rick LaPiana, Ron Hone, Bonnie Hone, Laura Hone, Tony Porrazzo, Rosanne Jones, Thomas M. Jones, Robert Lajoie, Murat Kalinyaprak, Linda Sappington, Lee Manicke, Mark Nunlist, Bonnie Manicke, Glen Hayes, and Nathan Pierce.**

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Clavadetscher read two articles from the press. One giving thanks and extending gratitude to city employees Ash Walker, Pat Sorrell, and officer John Fairchild for saving Jeff and Anna Christopher's family dog from the sewer lagoons. Second news item was the appointment of Polson's Water/Sewer Superintendent, Tony Porrazzo, to the State Water and Waste Water Operators' Advisory Council. Mayor Clavadetscher congratulated these employees for these recognitions.

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMAN WARD II-JULES CLAVADETSCHER:** Mayor Clavadetscher stated the first order of business was to appoint Ward II Councilman by an affirmative vote. He asked for a motion from the council to nominate the slate of candidates. **Motion made by Councilman Corse, seconded by Councilman Agrella to nominate the slate of candidates. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.** No comments from the public. Mayor Clavadetscher said there are two letters of interest, Tom Jones and Rick La Piana. He asked for a voice vote in alphabetical order by last name. First was Tom Jones all in favor were Councilman Funke, Lies, Agrella, and MacDonald. Second candidate Rick La Piana, Councilman Corse was in Favor. Councilman Ward II was nominated as Tom Jones.

**SWEAR IN COUNCIL WARD II REPLACEMENT-JULES CLAVADETSCHER:** Thomas M. Jones was read his Oath of Office and sworn in as Councilman for Ward II.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 28, 2006/X**
- B. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 29, 2006/X**
- C. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 4, 2006/X**
- D. RESCHEDULE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS JANUARY 3 & 17 DUE TO HOLIDAYS**
- E. BLDG -CORA PRITT-INDISPENSABLE ASSISTANT TRAINING-MSLA-\$172.00/X**
- F. REAPPOINT TODD ERICKSON TO CITY/COUNTY PLANNING BOARD/X**
- G. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-PUBLICATION TUESDAY, JAN. 9, 2007, 2:P.M.  
ADOPT JOINT POLSON, LAKE CO. & RONAN AIRPORT AFFECTED AREA REGULATIONS/X**

**Motion made by Councilman Agrella, seconded by Councilman Lies to approve Consent Agenda A-G. Motion amended by Councilman Agrella and Lies to approve Consent Agenda with corrections to December 4, 2006 minutes, pg.2 third paragraph motion by Councilman Funke in Façade Grant, dollar amount is \$2,500.00. There were no comments from public. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION # 954 (RECORDED 11/5/2007) ANNEXATION OF LAND LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HWY 35 & NORTH OF DELANEY'S NURSERY.-GEHRAND BECHARD & MARK NUNLIST:** Jay Kirby, architect representing developers addressed council with handouts from Polson Ministerial Association-Helping Hands stating that the need for affordable senior housing in the area is in great demand. Jay stated the developers have gone through the variance process with the Polson Board of Adjustment and have received approval. He also said that the units would be more like town houses and not an institutional appearance. It was said that the 40 units one and two bedrooms would be sympathetic to the area. There would be courtyards inside and out, along with a community center. The

property is in a good location because of the walking/bike paths, and close convenience of stores. Councilman MacDonald asked if there possibly should be more than 48 parking spaces. Jay said a row of apple trees could be taken out of the Orchard for more parking. With the variance permit it was suggested to increase to 60 spaces and Jay said they would be conforming to those 60 parking spaces. Mayor Clavadetscher asked what would prevent the owners from renting housing out to anyone besides Senior Citizens. Jay stated that the Tax Credit Program they are applying for to get the funding, contains a requirement that the units remain Senior Housing for the next 30 years. He was asked about the specific tax program and he said that these developers are going in a specific order. First they have received the variance and now need annexation of property completed, and then the next step will be going to the Montana State Board of Housing and compete with other projects across the state for funding. **Motion made by Councilman Corse seconded by Councilman Funke to approve (Resolution #954) annexation of the property located north side of Hwy 35 and north of Delaney's Nursery known currently as Polson Senior Housing. Councilman Agrella, MacDonald, Lies, Corse and Funke were in favor. Councilman Jones abstained. Motion carried.**

#### **APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT W/ ENGINEERING FIRM - INTERVIEW**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION-MIKE LIES & BRUCE AGRELLA:** Councilman Lies made the recommendation after interviewing two groups. It was agreed to accept T D & H bid. They seem to be very reasonable and sincere about our plans. **Motion made by Councilman Lies, seconded by Councilman Agrella to accept T D & H bid for the next 6 mos.** Mayor Clavadetscher thanked Councilman Lies and Agrella for their time reviewing the Cities options with the Engineers. **Councilman Agrella, MacDonald, Lies, Corse and Funke were in favor. Councilman Jones abstained. Motion Carried.**

**EXTEND EXISTING GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT LEASE TO 2/5/2007 AND GOLF BOARD TO RECOMMEND NEW CONTRACT BY 1/18/2007-TOM CORSE:** Councilman Corse explained the current contract with Polson bay Steakhouse expires December 31, 2006 and the need to negotiate a new contract. **Motion made by Councilman Corse, seconded by Councilman Agrella to extend the golf course restaurant lease/contract to 2/5/2007, and for the golf board to recommend a new contract by 1/18/2007. Councilman Agrella, MacDonald, Lies, Corse and Funke were in favor. Councilman Jones abstained.**

**PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT BID-TERM 171 DAYS- MATURITY 5/31/2007 -- \$360,000.00**  
**1ST CITIZENS-5.53%-GLACIER 5.24%-1ST INTERSTATE 5.18%-COMMUNITY -3.60% - BONNIE MANICKE:** City Treasurer Bonnie Manicke gave the bids as follows: 1st Citizens Bank 5.53%, Glacier Bank 5.24%, 1st Interstate Bank 5.18%, Community Bank 3.60%. Comparison to Purchased Certificate of Deposit at 1st Citizens Bank are as follows: 6-month Treasury Bill Yield 5.022%, 6-month Agency of U.S. Government Yield 5.358%, 6-month National Jumbo C/D Rate 5.050% and Treasury Note Maturity 5/31/2007 is 4.966%. Investment certificate matured in the amount of \$350,000; purchased certificate in the amount of \$360,000. **Motion made by Councilman Lies, seconded by Councilman Agrella to except 1st Citizens bank rate 5.53% public funds investment bid - term 171 days - maturity date 5/31/2007 - \$360,000. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

**NOVEMBER 2006 CASH REPORT-BONNIE MANICKE:** City Treasurer Bonnie Manicke reported two negative balances 1) Local Government Study Commission -913.63. 2) Gasoline Tax -\$6545.25. Utility payments are now accepted through an automatic clearing house also known as ACH's. Employee direct deposit payroll is utilized by 25 employees, which includes summer employees. First half of 2006 real estate tax collection revenue is \$404,793.78; '06-'07 anticipated real estate tax revenue is \$907,578.34. Tax collections to date is 45%. The revenue will appear on December Cash Report. **Motion made by Councilman MacDonald, seconded by Councilman Funke to approve November 2006 Cash Report.** Bob Bonner from First Interstate Bank feels that the ACH's should be advertised more than what has been to date. **All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION #939-DECLARE SID 35 & 36 PAID IN FULL-BONNIE MANICKE:** Bonnie Manicke said there are no delinquent assessments. Special Improvement District No. 35 Bond, series 1995 in the principal amount of \$465,000 maturing July 1, 1997 through July 1, 2006 are paid in full. Special Improvement District No. 36 Bond, Series 1996 in the principal amount of \$114,800 maturing July 1, 1997 through July 1, 2006 are paid in full. **Motion made by councilman Lies, seconded by Councilman Funke to adopt Resolution #939. All in favor motion carried unanimously.**

**STATUS OF POLSON BUSINESS WATCH PROGRAM-RORY HORNING:** Rory Horning gave handouts to Council and read his handout. He asked what has happened to the paperwork given to the City of Polson approximately three years ago by the Polson Business Association that was intended to both protect the security of Polson citizens and its' first responders. Mayor Clavadetscher said to Rory that the information and documents are immediately assessable only to all emergency responders including Lake County Sheriffs Dept., Polson Police Dept., Fire Dept. and 911. Due to the sensitivity in nature of these documents they are kept secure and a limited number of people have access to these documents because they are of a private nature. They define entrances, exits and storage materials within the buildings in the City of Polson. Rory thanked Council for the status report and stated Neighborhood Watch program is a national program. Stickers are given to members at no charge. He was not given any due to the program not noticing him as being a member. Rory asked for clarification on what areas are covered by this program. It is noted that Rory Horning's concern is that the National Program recognition was lost for the Polson Businesses.

**CERTIFICATION WAGE INCREASE \$1.00/HR-WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT-JULES CLAVADETSCHER:** Mayor Clavadetscher stated that as a presiding officer he has determined the demand of individual privacy clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure however it is up to Mr. Porrazzo to waive his right and he did so. **Motion made by Councilman Corse, seconded by Councilman MacDonald to give the Water/Sewer Superintendent Tony Porrazzo a \$1.00 Certification wage increase.** Discussion from council in regards to a policy that addresses the issue that payment for training and certification received while on the job is not in place. Guidelines in black and white to follow as a standard rule will be put in place asap. Water/Sewer Superintendent Tony Porrazzo stated that his license and pay raise was worked within his budget. Ron Hone is a citizen who's lived in Polson for the last 5 years and stated it is important to acknowledge Tony has seven bosses not just one and it is hard enough with just one. He said council needs to get their employees guidelines in place and at this time give Tony the benefit. Mark Nunlist addressed council with his concerns. He stated it would be best to get the water under the bridge, it is the only fair way to be, grant Tony his \$1.00/hr increase. **Councilman Agrella, Councilman MacDonald, Councilman Lies and Councilman Corse were in favor, Councilman Funke against, and Councilman Jones abstained. Motion carried.**

**CERTIFICATION WAGE INCREASE \$0.50/HR-TREASURER-RETRO JULY 1, 2006-JULES CLAVADETSCHER:** Mayor Clavadetscher stated that as presiding officer he has determined the demand of individual privacy clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure however it is up to Mrs. Manicke to waive her right and she did so. **Motion made by Councilman Lies seconded by Councilman Corse to approve certification wage increase of \$0.50 per hour for Treasurer Bonnie Manicke.** Bonnie stated the credential is a national certification designation applicable to treasury positions in the United States and Canada. Of the 129 incorporated municipalities in Montana, six finance directors are certified. In order to earn the Certified Public Finance Administrator Credential, recipients must achieve a high level of professional experience and education. Prior to applying for national certification, an applicant must attend an approved association of Public Treasurers three year state institute program that offer courses on the various areas relating to the treasury management profession. The request was made during the 2006-2007 budget work session Wednesday, July 12, 2006. The request was for consideration during the budget process. Bonnie stated that she is now asking for a \$1.00/hr Certification wage increase. **Councilman Lies amended his motion along with Councilman Corse to approve City Treasurer Bonnie Manicke a Certification wage increase to \$1.00 per hour retro to July 1, 2006. Councilman**

**Agrella, Councilman MacDonald, Councilman Lies, Councilman Funke for and Councilman Jones abstained. Motion carried.**

**OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no comments from the public.

**Meeting adjourned 8:12 P.M.**

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**Jules Clavadetscher, Mayor**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Beth A. Smith, Assistant Clerk**