

CITY OF POLSON COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chambers

July 6, 2020

7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Briney, Commissioners, Howlett, Isbell, Marchello, Martin, Pardini, Interim City Manager Wade Nash and City Clerk Cora Pritt

ABSENT: Commissioner Moll

OTHERS PRESENT (who voluntarily signed in): Lita Fonda, Bonnie Manicke, May Simmons, and Patrick Nowlen

CALL TO ORDER: (00:01) Mayor Briney called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA (00:42) –Commissioner Martin motion to approve the proposed agenda. Commissioner Marchello second. Commission discussion: none Public comment none. **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANT MATTERS TO THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA (01:21) – May Simmons commented that the Commission should consider permitting chickens within the City limits. With the current pandemic it would be useful to permit chickens. It could be a 4H project. The number of chickens should be 6 and no roosters. Interim City Manager Nash commented that May had reached out to him along with several other community members. I will bring it up further in my City Manager comments. May also suggested charging a permitting license for having the chickens.

CONSENT AGENDA (06:18) - a. June 13-30, 2020 Claims, b City Commission Electronic Public Hearing Minutes June 15, 2020, c. City Commission Written Summary Public Hearing Minutes June 15, 2020, d City Commission Electronic Meeting Minutes June 15, 2020, e. City Commission Written Summary Meeting Minutes June 15, 2020, f City Commission Electronic Special Meeting Minutes June 18, 2020, g. City Commission Written Summary Special Meeting Minutes June 18, 2020, h City Commission Electronic Special Meeting Minutes June 19, 2020, i. City Commission Written Summary Special Meeting Minutes June 19, 2020, j City Commission Electronic Special Meeting Minutes June 29, 2020, k. City Commission Written Summary Special Meeting Minutes June 29, 2020, l. City of Polson Liquor License Fiscal Year 2020-21 **Commissioner Martin motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Isbell second.** Commission discussion: none Public comment: none **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried**

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS (07:49) – Interim City Manager Wade Nash commented on the following: Several community members have requested an ordinance that would permit chickens in the City limits. City Planner Kyle Roberts is okay with writing a draft ordinance. Interim City Manager Nash stated that the subject matter should be brought to the Commission for guidance. Commissioners Howlett, Pardini, Martin stated they would support such an ordinance. Interim City Manager Nash also stated that the City of Polson is the only western city that does not permit chickens. The ordinance would have regulations that would need to be followed. The Boys & Girls Club drainage culvert has been taken care of. Ashley Walker did a fantastic job. The Polson Police Department recently received donations of \$200.00 gift cards for each officer from members of the community. This speaks volumes of support for the Police Department. It means a lot. There was an accident last week-end in which a gentleman drove his truck into the lake. Two Polson Police Officers, Atkins & Cooper, dove in to the lake and saved the gentleman. Also, a reminder to the Commissioners to complete the FEMA training and get your

certificates to Cora. Interim City Manager Nash personally thanked the Polson School District Administration for assisting the City in the recent City Manager candidate interviews. The City has a great working relationship with the Polson School District. City Planner Roberts sent an email to Mr. Mercer asking what the next step should be in the process for the City Manager search. Mr. Mercer advised to take the candidates on a tour of the city, have the interviews, then that evening have the meet and greet. There should be a brief introduction during the opening of the meet and greet. The interviews will be open to the public. The meet and greet will be conducted outside at the Golf Course Clubhouse. Patrick Nowlen, Polson Parks and Recreational Director spoke about the meet and greet. It will be outside and the restaurant staff will be handing out the food and beverages. If there is bad weather then there will be someone at the door only permitting a certain number of people inside. There will be hand sanitizer and masks if the masks are required. Interim City Manager asked the Commission to choose one of the following dates: July 15th and 16th or July 22nd and 23rd. The Commission chose July 22nd and 23rd stating it would give the candidates enough time to make arrangements to be gone from their current jobs.

Before moving on Mayor Paul Briney commented on the conversation that he had with the auditor, Angela Holmes. Ms. Holmes was a pleasure to work with and Mayor Briney commended City Finance Officer Cindy Dooley on a clean audit. Interim City Manager Nash commented that she takes her job very serious.

Patrick Nowlen-Parks & Recreational Director thanked the Polson Police Department, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribal Police Department, and Lake County Sheriffs for their assistance in the Parks during the recent 4th of July holiday. Having the police presence in the parks made it easy. There were only a few minor incidents. This was the easiest clean up in 14 years. The parks were spotless. Commissioner Howlett thanked the Polson Police Department and Polson Police Chief Wade Nash for his leadership. They are a very professional department.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND FINAL DECISION OF THE CITY COMMISISON: AMENDED PLAT OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1, SLACK VILLA AND ORCHARD TRACTS SUBDIVISION (35:24)

– Interim City Manager Nash presented this agenda item. This was approved at the previous meeting. This is a process to approve with Condition of Approval #11 added. Also the Impact Fee payment is not applicable to this project since the new connection does not stem from new development. Staff recommends approving the Findings of Fact and Final Decision. **Commissioner Martin motion to approve the Findings of Fact and Final Decision in regard to the preliminary plat of Amended Plat of Lot 1, Block 1, Slack Villa and Orchard Tracts subdivision. Commissioner Howlett second.** Commission discussion: none Public comment: none **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried**

Prior to adjourning Mayor Briney asked the Commission if Action Minutes are agreeable. The Commission stated yes Action Minutes are agreeable.

Adjourn (37:17) - Commissioner Howlett motion to adjourn. Commissioner Martin second. VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried.

ADJOURN: 7:37 p.m.

Mayor Paul Briney

ATTEST: _____
Cora E. Pritt, City Clerk