

CITY OF POLSON COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING MEETING AGENDA

VIRTUALLY (VIA ZOOM)*

September 21, 2020

6:30 P.M.

Link to meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/95194074111>-- OR --
dial in by phone: 253-215-8782, meeting ID: 951-9407-4111

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Briney

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Briney

3. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Mayor Briney

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANT MATTERS TO THE PUBLIC **NOT ON THE AGENDA (address items to the Chair. Commission takes no action on items discussed)**

NEW BUSINESS

5. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Briney

6. CITY OF POLSON'S TWO LIGHTING DISTRICTS #19 AND #20 ASSESSMENTS FOR FY21

Cindy Dooley, Finance Officer

7. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

8. ADJOURN

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CITY OF POLSON

CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Agenda Item Number: 6

Meeting Date: September 21, 2020

Staff Contact: Cindy Dooley, Finance Officer

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY: Public Hearing on setting rates for Lighting Districts Nos. 19 & 20

BACKGROUND: The City and Mission Valley Power (MVP) had discussions several years ago about changing out the City's lights from High Pressure Sodium to LED with the expectation that lighting costs would decrease for the lighting districts. MVP went ahead and did the project and almost of all the lights have been changed out to LED. MVP changed the rate structure on the lights so that all lights are at the same flat rate of \$7.20/month regardless of whether the light is on a dedicated pole or is on a pole with other electrical infrastructure. Previously the rate was \$10.05 for lights on a dedicated pole and \$6.91 for lights on a non-dedicated pole.

ANALYSIS: Lighting District #19 is the residential lighting district with a total of 208 lights. There are 103 lights on non-dedicated poles and 105 lights on dedicated poles. The overall lighting costs for this district increased \$16.36 a month instead of substantially decreasing as the City had anticipated. At June 30, 2020 this lighting district fund has a deficit cash balance of \$2,495.67 that will need to be recouped as well as the increased costs for the monthly lighting expense. Total costs for this district for FY21 will be approximately \$24,000 which will pay the lighting expense and restore the cash to the necessary positive balance. There are 1,382 properties in this district. The assessment is based on square footage of the property. To raise the necessary revenue for FY21 there will be a 60% increase in the assessment. This will increase the lowest assessment 34cents and increase the highest assessment \$335.11 with the average increase being \$6.67.

Lighting District #20 is the Business lighting district. It includes the decorative lighting on Main Street as well as 67 lights in the downtown area. The decorative lighting is metered. The remaining 67 lights are on dedicated poles. The cost for this lighting decreased \$3,110 from the prior fiscal year due to the change out to LED and the change in the rate structure. At June 30, 2020 this lighting district fund has a positive cash balance of \$4,321. The City pays 60% of the costs for this district and the property owners pay 40%. Total costs for this district for FY21 are projected at \$8,500. There are 99 properties in this district. The assessment is based on front footage of the property. To raise the necessary revenue for FY21 there will be a 30% decrease in the assessment. This will decrease the lowest assessment \$1.85 and decrease the highest assessment \$95.09 with the average decrease being \$15.20.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Assessments for Lighting District #19 will be \$24,614.33. This will result in a positive cash balance at June 30, 2021 for the fund of approximately \$4,800. The assessments for Lighting District #20 will be \$3,512.26 and the City will pay \$4,987.74. This will result in a positive cash balance at June 30, 2021 for the fund of approximately \$4,321.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: N/A

SUGGESTED MOTION: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: None (see Regular Commission agenda packet for Resolution to approve assessments)