

# CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 16, 2013

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Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Walter Lawlor, New Life Community Church gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Joe LaCascia.

## **ROLL CALL** – Sheandolen Dunn

**Present:** Mayor Joe LaCascia, Vice Mayor Mike Blethen, Councilor Trudy Block, Councilor Don Kimsey, Councilor Keith Prestage, City Attorney Thomas Cloud and City Manager Patricia Jackson

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM** - Yes

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Blethen** to approve the Consent Agenda from the November 18 Regular City Council Meeting minutes, November 16 Special City Council Meeting Minutes and October 21 City Council Workshop; the motion was seconded by Councilor Prestage.

**Vote:** Councilor Block-aye, Mayor LaCascia-aye, Vice Mayor Blethen-aye, Councilor Kimsey-aye, Councilor Prestage - aye

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## **PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor LaCascia presented a Proclamation to the Green Swamp Stompers which was accepted by Genny Conticello.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ORDINANCE 2013-1307** – Amending Section 2-132(b) of the Code of Ordinances increasing spending limits for City Manager approved purchases and contracts. Second and Final Reading.

City Attorney Cloud read by title only. Mayor LaCascia opened and closed the public hearing. No one spoke for or against this Ordinance.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Blethen** to approve Ordinance 2013-1307 on second and final reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Prestage.

**Vote:** Mayor LaCascia-aye, Councilor Kimsey-aye, Vice Mayor Blethen-aye, Councilor Block-aye, Councilor Prestage - aye

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2013-08** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PUBLIC SALE, SUBSEQUENT DONATION OR DISPOSAL OF SAID PERSONAL PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR THE PRIOR ADVERTISEMENT OF SAID SALE; PROVIDING FOR ALL REVENUE TO BE PLACED IN THE GENERAL FUND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Motion by Councilor Kimsey** to approve Resolution 2013-08; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Blethen.

**Vote:** Mayor LaCascia-aye, Councilor Kimsey-aye, Vice Mayor Blethen-aye, Councilor Block-aye, Councilor Prestage - aye

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK ITEMS**

City Manager Jackson reported on the following:

- Update on the Community Center and questions/concerns that have been submitted thus far.
- Food/Toy Drive – adopt families in Polk City. Staff has received family names and will make contact with them on December 23 to distribute food and toys for Christmas.
- Update on Hydro tank – Matt Williams Water Plant
- Thanked everyone for their role in making the Christmas Parade a huge success
- Water Meter Replacement Project Update
- Staff/Council Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 19

**CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS** - Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

**MAYOR ITEMS** – Glad to hear people actually saying “Merry Christmas”. It’s a great turn around. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**VICE MAYOR ITEMS** - Thanked everyone for coming. Have a great and loving time at Christmas this year.

**COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS**

**Councilor Block** – Distributed a list of activities she attended during the month of November. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Councilor Prestage** – Thanked City Manager Jackson for her work this past year. His time on the Council thus far has been an exciting adventure. Thanked everyone for their participation. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Councilor Kimsey** – Thanked everyone for coming and urged everyone to be careful during this holiday season.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Christmas closing schedule – The offices will close at Noon on Christmas Eve and will reopen on Monday, December 30. The Library will also close at Noon on Christmas Eve and will reopen on Friday, December 27.

**ADJOURNMENT**- 7:28 pm

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Patricia Jackson, City Manager

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Joe LaCascia, Mayor

**CONSENT AGENDA  
December 16, 2013**

MAY ALL BE APPROVED BY ONE VOTE OF COUNCIL TO ACCEPT CONSENT AGENDA. Council Members may remove a specific item below for discussion, and add it to the regular agenda under New or Unfinished Business, whichever category best applies to the subject.

**A. CITY CLERK**

1. Accept minutes – November 18, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Accept minutes – November 16, 2013 Special City Council Meeting
3. Accept minutes – October 21, 2013 City Council Workshop

**B. REPORTS**

1. Building Report –November 2013
2. Code Enforcement Report – November 2013
3. Finance Report – November 2013
4. Library Report – November 2013
5. Sheriff's Office Report – November 2013
6. Utilities Report – November 2013

**C. OTHER**

1. Reappointment of Citizens Advisory Committee Members for a 2-year term:
  - a. Cathy Gabany
  - b. Ronald A. Ham, Jr.
  - c. Al Schneider
  - d. Wendy Whanger
2. Appointment of new member to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a 2-year term:
  - a. Sue Remke

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