

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

June 16, 2014

Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 7:07 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, Commissioner Don Kimsey, Commissioner Keith Prestage, Commissioner Wanda Harris and City Manager Patricia Jackson

Absent: City Attorney Thomas Cloud

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM - Yes

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Vice Mayor Blethen to approve the Consent Agenda from the May 19, 2014 Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kimsey.

Vote: Mayor LaCascia-aye, Vice Mayor Blethen-aye, Commissioner Kimsey-aye, Commissioner Harris-aye, Commissioner Prestage-aye

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Mayor LaCascia read Proclamations for Polk State College celebrating its 50th Anniversary and Florida Water Professionals Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING MINIMUM SERVICE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS; CLARIFYING AND RESTATING MINIMUM MONTHLY WATER AND SEWER CHARGES; CORRECTING SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; ADOPTING SECTIONS 74-99 AND 74-266, POLK CITY CODE; AMENDING SECTIONS 74-91, 74-97, 74-221, 74-

263, AND 74-264, POLK CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Second and Final Reading.

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

Motion by Vice Mayor Blethen to approve Ordinance 2014-04 on second and final reading; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kimsey.

No Discussion by Commissioners.

Vote: Mayor LaCascia-aye, Commissioner Kimsey-aye, Vice Mayor Blethen-aye, Commissioner Prestage-aye, Commissioner Harris-aye

Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2014-05 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE POLK CITY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF BROADWAY, EAST OF COMMONWEALTH (SR 33), SOUTH OF E. PALMETTO, AND WEST OF BOUGAINVILLEA (ENTIRE BLOCK; PARCEL NUMBERS 25-26-33-296500-084020, -084060, -084100, -084150, -084190, -084012, -084011, AND -082000)) INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 4.28 ACRES FROM THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT (C-2) AND PUBLIC BUILDING AND GROUNDS TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Second and Final Reading.

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

Motion by Commissioner Harris to approve Ordinance 2014-05 on second and final reading; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Blethen.

No Discussion by Commissioners.

Vote: Mayor LaCascia-aye, Commissioner Kimsey-aye, Vice Mayor Blethen-aye, Commissioner Prestage-aye, Commissioner Harris-aye

Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Three-party Agreement for Proposed Community Center Update

City Manager Jackson discussed the Proposed Community Center's Three-Party Agreement which will include Mr. Donald Bronson's one page agreement as an exhibit.

Motion by Vice Mayor Blethen to approve the Three-Party Agreement which will include Mr. Bronson's one page Agreement as an Exhibit; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kimsey.

Vote: Mayor LaCascia-aye, Commissioner Kimsey-aye, Vice Mayor Blethen-aye, Commissioner Prestage-aye, Commissioner Harris-aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kimsey stated the need to discuss naming the Community Center/Storm Shelter and suggested naming the facility after Donald Bronson.

Mr. Bronson has no objection.

Motion by Commissioner Kimsey to name the Community Center/Storm Shelter after Donald Bronson; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris.

Vote: Mayor LaCascia-aye, Commissioner Kimsey-aye, Vice Mayor Blethen-aye, Commissioner Prestage-aye, Commissioner Harris-aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Wayne Harper (209 South Hydrangea) inquired about having an official groundbreaking ceremony so Polk City citizens can come out and see this.

Mayor LaCascia responded yes.

Mr. Bronson stated he is pleased even though the process was quite lengthy. His contractor is ready to go to work. Polk City will get a beautiful sturdy building.

Signage in front of Polk City Government Center

City Manager Jackson discussed signage that Commissioner Kimsey inquired about at the May City Commission Meeting. After review of the cost estimates for various designs, Mayor LaCascia recommended approving the expenditure for the sign of no more than \$4,500.

Motion by Commissioner Kimsey to approve an expenditure of no more than \$4,500 for signage in front of the Polk City Government Center; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Prestage.

Vote: Mayor LaCascia-aye, Commissioner Kimsey-aye, Vice Mayor Blethen-aye, Commissioner Prestage-aye, Commissioner Harris-aye

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - None

CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK ITEMS

City Manager Jackson discussed the Polk County Urban County Program's invitation letter regarding CDBG Program which entails a 3-year period and a guaranteed minimum of \$7,000/year. With this program, if Polk City has larger projects, additional monies can be requested from the County.

In conjunction with this, they have the County Home Program, which is a rehabilitation program that we applied for and did not get awarded because we did not have enough points. We can be in the County Program for three years versus having to compete with the State. The Program includes rehabilitation, tenant rental assistance, and demolition.

City Manager Jackson recommended that we accept this invitation to join the Program for three years.

Mayor LaCascia asked if there was any financial impact to the City with this Program.

City Manager Jackson responded no.

City Commission Consensus was provided.

Paving of Honeybee Lane – Engineering Agreement has been signed, bid specs being done now. Project is moving forward.

Meter Replacement Program – Approximately 500 meters have been replaced thus far.

RFQ for Engineering Firms – City Manager asked for approval to have more than one engineering firm on staff. Commission Consensus.

FY 2015 Budget Workshop - scheduled for Monday, June 30 at 5 pm.

FRDAP Grant – Polk City was awarded a \$50,000 non-matching grant which will be used for renovation of the tennis/basketball courts. We will also have monies for fencing, benching, etc. This is the property behind Ace Hardware. Landscaping can be included in this grant, but housekeeping items can be done in-house.

Florida League of Cities – Legislative Policy Committee Sign-up. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please notify City Manager Jackson.

2014 Florida League Annual Conference – August 14-16, 2014 in Hollywood, FL. If interested, please notify City Manager Jackson.

Polk Transit Regional Mobility Call Center is celebrating their first anniversary. Please notify City Manager Jackson if you are interested in attending.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS - None

MAYOR ITEMS

Mayor LaCascia discussed the Polk County Transit Authority and the importance of knowing what's happening in Polk County with Mass Transit; particularly in Polk City in an effort to assist the County in making a well informed decision regarding transit funding.

VICE MAYOR ITEMS

Thanked everyone for coming to City Commission meeting. Moving forward with the Community Center. Discuss the potential signage and foliage to compliment the sign.

COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS

Commissioner Kimsey –Citizens in Polk City have concerns about paying a \$15 fee for a yard sale permit. Most people can't afford that fee if they are having a yard sale. Believes the Commission should at least address this fee.

Commissioner Prestage – Nothing to report.

Commissioner Harris – Thanked fellow Commissioners for allowing her to attend the Florida League of Cities Conference. Also thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Offices closed Thursday, July 3, 2014 in observance of Independence Day.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:55 pm

Patricia Jackson, City Manager

Joe LaCascia, Mayor