

# CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

November 17, 2014

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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, Commissioner Don Kimsey, Commissioner Keith Prestage, Commissioner Wanda Harris, City Manager Patricia Jackson and City Attorney Thomas Cloud

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Commissioner Prestage** to approve the Consent agenda; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## **PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS** None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Bruno (Polk City Automotive) registered complaint about his water bill.

Jim Williams (Citrus Grove Boulevard) registered complaint about his meter being put in backwards and the sudden increase in his monthly bill.

City Manager Jackson addressed both and will do further research to come up with a resolution.

## **AGENDA**

### **Cattle Grazing Lease Agreement with George Trenen Bush**

City Manager Jackson shared with the Commission that Mr. Bush contacted the City regarding five acres the City owns adjacent to the Joshua Land property which he currently leases for his cattle business. Upon accidental discovery there is no perimeter

fence in place. Therefore, his cattle has been free to graze on the five acres that Polk City owns. It is Mr. Bush's desire to continue occupying this property and will maintain such at his expense.

Staff recommended City Commission approve the Cattle Grazing Lease Agreement with George Trenen Bush for one year in the amount of \$10.00 per month.

Commissioner Prestage and Vice Mayor Blethen inquired about future plans for this property.

City Manager responded yes, ten to fifteen years from now for wastewater.

**Motion by Commissioner Prestage** to approve the Cattle Grazing Lease Agreement with George Trenen Bush for one year in the amount of \$10.00 per month; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Honey Bee Lane Resurfacing Project Bids**

City Manager Jackson discussed the Honey Bee Lane Resurfacing Project. Based on the attached documentation City Staff is recommending the bid for resurfacing of Honey Bee Lane be awarded to Ranger Construction.

Staff recommended City Commission accept the bid from Ranger not to exceed \$222,500.00.

**Motion by Mayor LaCascia** to accept the bid from Ranger not to exceed \$222,500.00; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Prestage.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Republic Services Extension of Current Contract for Solid Waste Services**

City Manager Jackson provided explanation regarding the current Agreement with Republic Services. The Franchise granted by the extended Original Agreement expires on December 1, 2014. Both parties are negotiating an Agreement to replace the original Agreement and have determined that they will extend the Original Agreement until January 1, 2015 in an effort to complete negotiations which requires two readings.

Staff recommended approval of the Republic Services Extension to the 1999 Franchise Agreement to expire January 1, 2015.

**Motion by Commissioner Prestage** to approve the Republic Services Extension to the 1999 Franchise Agreement to expire January 1, 2015; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Ordinance 2014-08 - FY14** - Budget Amendment for the Enterprise Fund. Second and Final Reading.

Staff requested approval of FY14 Budget Amendment Items for 1) Cash carry forward and expense budget needed for the repair at the V. Matt Williams WTP (Install & Paint new Hydrotank), 2) Cash carry forward and expense budget needed for the city's FY14 meter replacement program expense, 3) Revenues and expenses budgeted for the water and sewer impact fees received in FY14 need to be increased. The total of the budget increase for the Enterprise Fund is \$313,705.00.

City Attorney Cloud read Ordinance 2014-08 by short title. Mayor LaCascia opened the public hearing; there being no questions or comments, Mayor LaCascia closed the public hearing.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Blethen** to approve Ordinance 2014-08 - FY14 Budget Amendment for the Enterprise Fund on Second and Final Reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Kimsey.

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Ordinance 2014-09** - Approving Franchise Agreement for Solid Waste. First Reading.

On October 20, 2014 the City Commission authorized the City Manager to begin negotiations with Republic Services for a new Franchise Agreement. Approval of Ordinance 2014-09 - Franchise for Solid Waste and Recycling Collection with Republic Services shall begin January 1, 2015 and expire on December 30, 2017.

City Attorney Cloud read Ordinance 2014-09 in its entirety. Mayor LaCascia opened the public hearing; there being no questions or comments, Mayor LaCascia closed the public hearing.

Staff recommended approval of Ordinance 2014-09 Approving Franchise Agreement for Solid Waste on First Reading.

**Motion by Commissioner Harris** to approve Ordinance 2014-09 Approving Franchise Agreement for Solid Waste on First Reading.

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

**Woodard and Curran Contract Renewal** - This is an Agreement for operation and maintenance service for the water and wastewater system. Changes to the original Agreement extend it for several more years, but also provide for a cost savings to Polk City. Commissioners have been asked to thoroughly review the Agreement and write down any questions or concerns and bring those to the City Manager's attention prior to the Workshop scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2014.

**Charter Amendment DRAFT Ordinance** – This item has been forwarded to City Manager Jackson. She will forward a copy to the Commissioners. This item will be on the December 15, 2014 Workshop Agenda.

**Readiness-To-Serve Policy Change** – Will be on the December 15, 2014 Workshop Agenda.

### **CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK ITEMS**

**Christmas Parade Grand Marshal Selection** – By Consensus, the City Commission selected Mr. Donald Bronson as the Grand Marshal for the 2014 Christmas Parade.

**Crosswalks** – FDOT is looking at all of Polk City's Crosswalks and will try to put them into the contract, but no guarantees.

**Sidewalks on Berkley** - Met with Polk County regarding Sidewalks on Berkley; in particular the sidewalk from S.R. 33 to the trailhead (we were unsuccessful in getting the Safe Routes to School Grant for this). Polk County will put this sidewalk under consideration.

**Christmas Parade** – Saturday, December 6 at 2:00 pm.

**Community Center**–Mr. Bronson and the Contractor are finalizing details; however, Threshold Inspections will be required and Mr. Bronson does not want to pay for those.

Kathy Delp, Public Works Director, clarified what Threshold Inspections are, and at this time the cost is unknown, but this is something we must have since this is going to be a Storm Shelter.

The City Commission provided consensus to move forward on Polk City paying the expense of the Threshold Inspection.

**Legislative Conference** – City Manager Jackson thanked the Commissioners for allowing her to attend last week.

**Thanksgiving Day** - City Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

**Vice Mayor Blethen** – Thanked everyone for coming.

**Commissioner Kimsey** – Thanked everyone for coming.

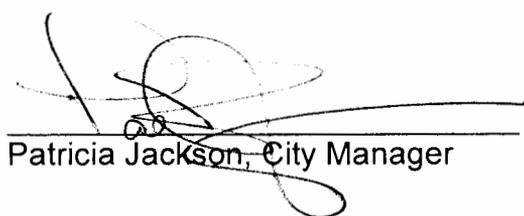
**Commissioner Harris** – Thanked everyone for coming and addressing their concerns.

**Commissioner Prestage** – Discussed the upcoming Christmas parade and future events after Christmas.

**Mayor LaCascia** – Wished everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT** – 8:05 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor