

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

August 15, 2016

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

Phillip Hunt, Assistant Pastor, New Life Community Church, gave the invocation.

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

ROLL CALL – Assistant to the City Manager Sheandolen Dunn

Present: Mayor Joe LaCascia, Vice Mayor Wanda Harris, Commissioner Mike Blethen, Commissioner Don Kimsey, Commissioner Keith Prestage, Attorney Thomas Cloud and City Manager Patricia Jackson

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Prestage to approve the Consent Agenda; motion was seconded by Mayor LaCascia. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT (ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA)

Wayne Harper (209 South Hydrangea) – Discussed the parks and recreation boat ramps. Three speed humps start at Lakeshore and go out to SR 559. Wants more speed humps as traffic is a race track. Encourage everyone to go to the County meetings to represent Polk City.

Someone has been putting up signs saying private property, no trespassing signs at Mud Lake. This is a state maintained area, so it has to be someone in the close area.

Regarding the speed humps, City Manager Jackson stated we can ask, but that is a County maintained roadway.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Discuss Amendment to Contract with Aquarina Waterworks – Management, Operation and Maintenance of Water and Wastewater Facilities

City Manager Jackson and Keth Buirge (Aquinara) discussed the Amendment to Contract with Aquarina Waterworks for Management, Operation and Maintenance of Water and Wastewater Facilities. Remove \$30,000 for Meter Reading from the contract because it is not needed.

Mayor LaCascia asked what prompted this removal?

Keith Burge stated the unaccounted water has decreased drastically. Putting proper meters with proper registers is working. Simple mistakes can account for water loss. It is expected to get better as the issues are caught and corrected.

Commissioner Blethen asked how Keith Burge came up with the 2% increase – CPI Cost of living index.

Mayor LaCascia stated we may at some point be looking to take back the utilities. This would be with a 90-day notice which would need to be a part of the amended contract.

City Manager Jackson stated a three-year contract would still leave options open. Keith Burge stated a Public Works Director would need to work with Aquarina for approximately one year to gain the necessary knowledge about Polk City's water system, prior to Aquarina's departure.

Mayor LaCascia stated he is in agreement with a three-year contract.

City Manager Jackson stated it would be at least two years before the City could take back the utilities. This is a true partnership.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

FRDAP Grant - This project should have been done in June. City Manager will send Elite Court Construction a letter of "no interest". Would like to move forward with Advanced for \$9,650 to refurbish the basketball and tennis courts. This grant needs to be completed by March 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Prestage to allow City Manager to proceed with the "no interest" letter to Elite Court Construction and move forward with Advanced for \$9,650; this motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MCSJ – Reviewed the MCSJ issues (handout available in City Manager's office). Will discuss at the next budget workshop.

Damascus Avenue – Lines were TV'd and we should have a report shortly.

City Commission Workshop will be scheduled for Water and Wastewater.

Budget Workshop - will be on August 30, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Florida League of Cities – Vice Mayor Harris, Mayor LaCascia and City Manager Jackson will be attending. Wednesday, August 17 – Saturday, August 20.

Labor Day – The offices will be closed

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

City Attorney Cloud spoke on the Districting Referendum.

Commissioner Prestage does not think the public fully understood what they were voting for in the last election on Districting. It is important that all fairness is maintained in the decision-making process. Another ordinance will have to be adopted.

Mayor LaCascia stated Polk City's current status does not represent equal representation.

Motion by Commissioner Prestage to move forward with the setting for the Polk City Redistricting; this motion was seconded by Mayor LaCascia.

Discussion ensued.

City Attorney Cloud stated an ordinance can be put together with back up materials. This can be done by a consensus of the Commission.

Commissioner Prestage withdrew his previous motion.

City Commission provided consensus for City Attorney Cloud to put together the Ordinance with back up materials.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Vice Mayor Harris** – Thanked everyone for coming.
- Commissioner Kimsey** – Thanked everyone for coming
- Commissioner Blethen** – Thanked everyone for coming.
- Commissioner Prestage** – Thanked everyone for coming.
- Mayor LaCascia** –None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Patricia R. Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor

CONSENT AGENDA
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MAY ALL BE APPROVED BY ONE VOTE OF COMMISSION TO ACCEPT CONSENT AGENDA. Commission 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 – July 18, 2016 – Regular City Commission Meeting
2. Accept minutes – July 11, 2016 - City Commission Workshop

B. REPORTS

1. Building Report – July 2016
2. Code Enforcement Report -- July 2016
3. Finance Report – July 2016
4. Library Report – July 2016
5. Sheriff's Office Report – July 2016
6. Utilities Report – July 2016

C. OTHER