The meeting was called to order by Mayor Donald L. Penton at 7:30pm

INVOCATION   Pastor Walter Lawlor
                        Polk City Assembly of God Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE   Mayor Donald L. Penton

ROLL CALL   **Present:** Mayor Donald L. Penton, Vice Mayor Christine Denico, Councilor Leonard McManigle, Councilor Danny Ames, City Manager Cory Carrier, City Attorney Jeff Sullivan and Assistant to the City Manager Deena Ware

Absent: Councilor Nancy Adorno was not present. City Clerk Sylvia Sims was not present.

A quorum was declared present.

Mayor Penton turned the floor over to the City Manager.

I.   CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Vice Mayor Denico to accept the Consent Agenda as is and was seconded by Councilor McManigle. Vote: Penton – Aye, Denico – Aye, McManigle – Aye, Ames – Aye, Adorno – Not Present.
4 ayes
0 nays

II.   PRESENTATIONS AND/OR RECOGNITIONS

Terri Chambers Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator of the Healthy Start Coalition presenting Proclamation "Let's Talk"

City Manager Cory Carrier read aloud the entire "Let's Talk" Proclamation.

Motion made by Councilor Ames to accept Proclamation "Let's Talk" and was seconded by Vice Mayor Denico. Vote: Adorno – Not Present, Ames – Aye, Denico – Aye, McManigle – Aye, Penton – Aye
4 ayes
0 nays

II.   PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

IV.   UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A.   Review Discuss & Take action on the Sole Source bid for the SCADA System.

Assistant to the City Manager Deena Ware explained that Data Flow Systems was the company chosen for the bid. The SCADA System is a monitoring system in case of any failures at the pump and lift stations.   The bid came in at $49, 950.00. It was the only bid received and will be funded through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Motion made by Councilor McManigle to accept Data Flow as the company for the SCADA System bid and seconded by Vice Mayor Denico. Vote: Penton – Aye, Denico – Aye, McManigle – Aye, Adorno – Not Present, Ames – Aye
4 ayes
0 nays

V.   NEW BUSINESS:

A.   Review, Discuss, and Take Action on Purchase of 2007 Ford F-150.

1.	Bartow Ford	$19,861.50
2.	Lakeland AutoMall	$18280.00
3.	Weikert Ford	$13,376.50

The purchase of a truck was not originally scheduled due to the budget. However, there was a $25,000 savings due to some employees waiving not to have coverage through the city.

Motion made by Councilor McManigle to purchase the truck from Weikert Ford and seconded by Councilor Ames. Vote: Adorno – Not Present, Penton – Aye, Ames – Aye, Denico – Aye, McManigle - Aye
4 ayes
0 nays

B.   Review, Discuss And Take Action On One Time Bonus In Lieu Of Wage Increases For 2006-2007.

City Manager Cory Carrier proposed a one time bonus in lieu of wage increases based upon years of service and salary with a minimum bonus of $100.00.

Motion made by Councilor McManigle for a one time bonus for employees and seconded by Vice Mayor Denico. Vote: Ames – Aye, Adorno – Not Present, McManigle – Aye, Denico – Aye, Penton – Aye
4 ayes
0 nays

C.   **Review, Discuss, and Take Action on Grand Marshall for 2006 Christmas Parade.**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Denico to appoint Pastor Walter Lawlor as Grand Marshall for the 2006 Christmas Parade and seconded by McManigle. Vote: Denico – Aye, Ames – Aye, Penton – Aye, Adorno – Not Present, McManigle – Aye
4 ayes
0 nays

D.   **Review, Discuss, and Take Action on Citizen of the Year for 2006 Christmas Parade**

Mayor Penton recommended Pastor Walter Lawlor for the Citizen of the Year Award. However, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Denico to ask the family Deputy Matt Williams for acceptance of Citizen of the Year award. If the family rejects the acceptance, then Council would readdress the issue. Councilor McManigle seconded the motion. Vote: McManigle – Aye, Penton – Aye, Ames – Aye, Adorno – Not Present, Denico – Aye
4 ayes
0 nays

E.   **Review, Discuss, and Take Action on Bad Debt Charge Off Accounts.**

City Manager said that she would look into having debts turned over to a collection agency and work on a lien process. However, under Florida Statute the city cannot hold a property owner liable for a renter's debt. She will propose a $300 deposit for rental properties and businesses will be required to pay 1 ½ times the average bill.

Motion was made by Councilor McManigle to take action on bad debt charge off accounts and was seconded by Vice Mayor Adorno. Vote: Mayor Penton – Aye, Councilor McManigle – Aye, Councilor Ames – Ayes, Vice Mayor Denico – Aye, Councilor Adorno – Not Present
4 ayes
0 nays

F.   **Review, Discuss, and Take Action on Proposed Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the Educational System Impact Fee.**

City Manager said that the City had received a letter from Polk County School Board to approve amendment in interlocal agreement from a change of 3% to 1%. It was recommended to reject amendment from City Manger, staff, and Builders Association.

Motion made by Councilor McManigle to reject proposed amendment to the interlocal agreement for the Educational System Impact Fee and seconded by Vice Mayor Denico. Vote: Councilor Ames – Aye, Vice Mayor Denico – Aye, Councilor Adorno – Not Present, Mayor Penton – Aye, Councilor McManigle – Aye
4 ayes
0 nays

VI.   CITY MANAGER ITEMS

1.   City Manager Cory Carrier reminded Council of the Ridge League of Cities Dinner on October 12, 2006 in Lake Wales.

2.   City Clerk Sylvia Sims was released from surgery and is doing well.

3.   Ronnie Sims said thank you to the City for the dish garden.

4.   By Friday, the contract for the New City Hall needs signatures of the Mayor and City Attorney.

5.   Lastly, the money in the bank is earning interest. For the month of September, there was over $10,000 in interest which will help in the overage the City has.

VII.   CITY CLERK ITEMS

None at this time.

VIII.   CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None at this time.

IX.   COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS

Councilor Adorno - Not Present.

Councilor Ames - None at this time.

Councilor McManigle - Councilor McManigle said that he heard about the sale of some commercial properties in the City. City Manager Cory Carrier said that she too had heard the rumors, but nothing had been verified.

X.   VICE MAYOR ITEMS

Vice Mayor Denico reminded everyone that the Halloween Safe Haven Party will be at the tennis courts – October 28, 2006 from 6-9pm. It is a free event with plenty of fun

activities for the kids. The City is accepting donations of money or candy. Announcements will be made in the Hometown paper and as a flyer in the water bills

XI. MAYOR ITEMS

Mayor Penton asked how Paula Roddenberry was doing with the Christmas Parade. City Manager Cory Carrier said that she was coming along well.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS/REQUEST

None at this time

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. The Annual Cake Auction will be October 20, 2006. The City will donate a cake as well as Polk City Ruritans. All of the money will go to the Polk City Elementary PTA. Last year, the City's cake sold for $200.

b. Paula Roddenberry is doing well with the Christmas parade. She has secured Santa and Mrs. Claus. There are plans to have a tree/star lighting ceremony scheduled for November 26, 2006 at 6:00pm.

c. Christmas lights need to be up before December 2, 2006 which is the day of the Christmas Parade. The parade will be in the evening, vendors later. Ruritans will light bandstand this year. The Shriners and the Salvation Army will be back for this year's parade.   The route will be the same of last year.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor McManigle and seconded by Mayor Penton. The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Sylvia S. Sims City Clerk   Mayor Donald L. Penton