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

INVOCATION

Pastor Walter Lawlor
Polk City Assembly of God Church

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mayor Penton.

Pam Peterson conducted the roll call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Donald Penton, City Attorney Jeff Sullivan, Councilor Dan Ames, Councilor Nancy Adorno, City Manager Cory Carrier, Vice Mayor Chris Denico- excused absent due to illness, City Clerk Sylvia Sims- attending a conference in Jacksonville- excused absent.

A quorum was declared present.

Mayor Penton turned the reading of the agenda over to the City Manager.

I. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed the Consent Agenda. Mayor Penton made a motion to accept the consent agenda and Councilor Adorno seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mayor Donald Penton-aye; Councilor Nancy Adorno-aye; Councilor Dan Ames-aye.

3-eyes

0-nays

City Manager Carrier stated that the next item of business falls under "New Business"; however, it does not appear on the Public agenda as this item came in late in the day. Because of its importance, it was added to tonight's agenda.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. MEMORANDUM OF MODIFICATION TO THE POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

During the budget process, Council and management discussed adding a sixth deputy to the Polk City Squad. This memorandum details how the additional costs and terms of adding and additional deputy affects the city cost wise. The cost for the first year for the additional deputy is \$57,460. City Manager Carrier was unsure if the cost also includes a vehicle and all of the other equipment necessary. Sgt. Cone stated that he would call the next morning and will inform the City of his findings. City Manager Carrier requested that Council not table

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this item based on the missing information, but rather give a tentative approval pending the details of the costs. City Manager Carrier stressed to Council that Sgt. Cone would have liked to have the additional deputy start sooner rather than later. With that, information in mind Council agreed to accept the Memorandum from the Polk County Sheriff's Office, providing further research into what is included in the cost. Councilor Adorno made the motion to accept the Memorandum of Modification to the Polk County Sheriff's Office Agreement for Law Enforcement Services and Councilor Ames seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Councilor Nancy Adorno-aye; Mayor Donald Penton-aye; Councilor Dan Ames-aye.

3-ayes

0-nays

B. CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Again, as the previous item, this information came in late on Friday afternoon and City Manager Carrier requested to have it added to tonight's agenda due to its importance. City Manager Carrier informed Council that the information before them is the annual contract with the Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The costs for their services have not increased. City Manager Carrier stressed to Council how important the Central Florida Regional Planning Council's services are, especially this year, as the City has to rewrite and update the Comprehensive Plan. City Manager Carrier stated that the Central Florida Regional Planning Council is a great help during such a process. The main review of the Comprehensive Plan called E.A.R. (Evaluation and Appraisal Report) and Central Florida Regional Planning Council can provide this service to the city. City Manager Carrier recommended that Council approve the renewal of the agreement between Polk City and the Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The cost for the service is in the budget. Council took the time to review the agreement before them. Councilor Ames made a motion to accept the Central Florida Regional Planning Council Agreement for services to Polk City and Councilor Adorno seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mayor Donald Penton-aye; Councilor Dan Ames-aye; Councilor Nancy Adorno-aye.

3-ayes

0-nays

C. UNITED WAY "NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK" PROCLAMATION

Mayor Penton read the Proclamation aloud and declared the week of November 10-17, 2007 "NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK" as requested by United Way. (The Proclamation is available for review at the City Clerk's office during normal business hours).

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III. OLD BUSINESS

A. REVIEW OF CITY WIDE PROJECTS

City Manager Carrier reminded Council that there are numerous projects in the works. City Manager Carrier suggested that, if Council's schedules permit it, perhaps she could take them around the city and show them the various projects.

- The City Hall is coming along nicely. Every day something new appears. The furnishings and fixtures should be moved in by November 30, 2007, which will allow the Grand Opening to take place on December 14, 2007. There will be an open house all day (8am-5pm) for the public and an evening reception, by invitation only, for dignitaries, Key County, and surrounding city personnel, as well as contributors and vendors with which Polk City conducts business.
- Another future project is creating a pocket park in the Railroad Heights subdivision. A pocket park is a small park/playground. The city foreclosed on a property in this development and plans to utilize it by building the pocket park in Railroad Heights.
- In a recent meeting with the Department of Transportation, the City learned that to remove the bridge would cost approximately \$6 million. A private donor has stepped forward to put up \$3 million, and believes that another private donor may be interested in helping as well. A representative of the Department of Transportation stated that if Polk City could find most of the money for the project privately and quickly, then the project would remain a priority.
- Further, the city has been talking with the Department of Transportation to develop a truck bypass. The Department of Transportation is still working on this and is getting closer to a result.
- In addition, City Manager Carrier informed Council that she received an e-mail from the Deputy County Attorney in recent days, in regards to the Mount Olive Water/Wastewater System. The e-mail stated that the System could be turned over to Polk City within 30-60 days. All of their criteria's have been met, the agreement has been finalized and it is now just a matter of presenting it to the County Commission.
- The Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant Design is at 80% completion. Weekly meetings with the Engineers are taking place. The City has received the CIBR (Community Issue Budget Request) to purchase the property. Victoria Silva, Finance Administrator, has been working diligently on setting up accounts so the monies may be transferred. Commencement of construction should take place in September or October of 2008.
- In Mount Olive Shores North, approximately 20 lots are remaining for sale. City Manager Carrier strongly encouraged Council to tour this particular development, as it is stunning and nothing like anything else in Polk City.
- The Temporary Waste Water Treatment Plant off Steven Drive should be up and running by November 2007.
- The Employee Appreciation Luncheon will be on October 26, 2007. Council is certainly invited to attend.

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- The Safe Haven Halloween Party and the Christmas Parade are moving ahead. The City is receiving generous donations for the Halloween Bash.
- Pam Peterson is waiting on a response from Tampa Electric Company to resolve some legal issues the Engineers have regarding the City's agreement with Tampa Electric Company. Once these issues are resolved, the Trail extension can move forward.
- Mayor Penton asked if there was any further development regarding the Skate Park, to which City Manager Carrier stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

II. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

There was none.

III. CLERK ITEMS

There was none.

IV. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

There was none.

V. COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS

Councilor Adorno- None

Councilor Ames- Councilor Ames expressed his appreciation for all of the hard work the City Staff has put forth to make the transition into the new building and keep all things other city business afloat.

VI. VICE-MAYOR ITEMS

Vice Mayor Denico was absent for this meeting due to illness.

VII. MAYOR ITEMS

There was none

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Sgt. Cone shared with Council and Management that he attended the gathering for LCPL Joshua Folds held at Camp Gilead this past Saturday (Polk City's hometown hero who has served two tours in Iraq). Friends, family and others honored him for his service in the United States Marine Corps. Mayor Penton presented LCPL Joshua Folds with a Proclamation. Sgt. Cone continued by expressing how very much he appreciated the City taking part of honoring LCPL Folds. He stated that Service Personnel mean a lot to him and that they should be recognized for the

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horrific things they endure in the name of serving our country. He further stated that it made him very proud to be associated with Polk City.

A member of the Smith Road community, Delilah McGill, thanked the Mayor and the City Manager for attending the community's recent Neighborhood meeting. Ms. McGill further stated that the citizens of that community really appreciated the time that was taken to answer their questions. A new, accepting attitude is arising within the community for the progress that is taking place in Polk City.

The last item discussed were the evaluations for the City Attorney, City Manager and City Clerk. The highest score anyone could receive in each category evaluated is 3.0.

- The City Manager received an average score of 2.97 and an overall score of 8.91.
- The City Clerk received an average score of 2.89 and an overall score of 8.66.
- The City Attorney received an average score of 2.67 and an overall score of 8.00.

There were no questions or comments from the public in relation to the evaluations.

With there being nothing further on the agenda. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm by voice vote.

APPROVAL:

City Clerk Sylvia Sims

Mayor Donald L. Penton