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Polk City Government Center
123 Broadway Blvd

Following Budget
Hearing

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

Mayor Penton called the City Council Meeting to order immediately following the Budget Hearing.

ROLL CALL

Interim City Clerk Pam Peterson

Mayor Penton, Vice Mayor Denico, Councilor Ames, Councilor Adorno, Councilor Eilertsen. Also present were City Manager Carrier and Interim City Clerk Peterson.

A quorum was declared present.

At this time Mayor Penton turned the meeting over to City Manager Cory Carrier.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Carrier advised the Reports need to be pulled from the Consent Agenda; staff has not been able to locate them in the City Clerk's Office. They will be presented at the next meeting. She also advised the Site Plan Development for Prins Brothers Enterprises is being pulled because we did not receive the material in electronic format.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Denico to accept the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adorno.

Roll Call: Mayor Donald Penton-aye, Vice Mayor Chris Denico-aye, Councilor Dan Ames-aye, Councilor Nancy Adorno-aye, Councilor Kristi Eilertsen-aye.

5-ayes
0-nays

PRESENTATIONS AND/OR RECOGNITIONS

At this time City Manager Carrier introduced the new employees: Patricia in the Clerk's Office and Mary Ellen, who is the new Librarian. City Manager Carrier encouraged everyone to go to the Library and see the transformation that has taken place; Mary Ellen has done a fabulous job. She also introduced Smirna Martinez, who just went to full-time from temporary. She also advised the Council that tonight would be Victoria Sylva's last meeting; she is moving back to New Hampshire and she will be missed tremendously.

Smirna Martinez brought the Commission up to date on the Christmas parade, and proposed a new parade route. Discussion took place about the new route and parking; it will down go down Broadway in front of City Hall, and it will also make it easier for spectators. Ms. Martinez advised she spoke to DOT and they are okay with the new route as long as Law Enforcement is okay with the route; Sergeant Cone doesn't feel there would be a problem with the new route.

A motion was made by Mayor Penton to approve the proposed route, and if something goes wrong revert back to the old route. Vice Mayor Denico seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Vice Mayor Denico-aye, Councilor Ames-aye, Councilor Eilertsen-aye, Councilor Adorno-aye, Mayor Penton-aye.

5-ayes
0-nays

Ms. Martinez advised getting band does not look very good, but we do have Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Vice Mayor Denico asked if the Salvation Army had a band, and suggested to give them a call.

City Manager Carrier advised the Council they will need to choose a Grand Marshal, and a Citizen of the Year will need to be chosen as well. For Citizen of the Year the City will take proposals from the Citizens. Mayor Penton suggested the Manager of the Dollar General Store as the Grand Marshal.

A motion was made by Mayor Penton to have the Manager of the Dollar General Store as Grand Marshal of the Christmas Parade. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Denico

Roll Call: Councilor Kristi Eilertsen-aye, Councilor Nancy Adorno-aye, Councilor Dan Ames-aye, Vice Mayor Denico-aye, Mayor Donald Penton-aye.

5-ayes
0-nays

City Manager Carrier will bring back a suggestion for Citizen of the year at the next meeting.

Vice Mayor Denico informed the Council that progress is being made on the Halloween Safe Haven Party. A meeting was held with the Vice Mayor, Pam Petersen and Smirna Martinez; Smirna has good notes that will be kept in the file. Councilor Eilertsen would like to volunteer to be on the committee, and Councilor Ames advised his wife (Joan) would like to volunteer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Confirmation of Pam Peterson as Interim City Clerk

City Manager Carrier advised the Council will need to confirm Pam Peterson as Interim City Clerk, as no action could be taken at a workshop. A motion was made by Councilor Eilertsen to confirm Pam Peterson as the Interim City Clerk. Councilor Ames seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mayor Donald Penton-aye, Councilor Dan Ames-aye, Vice Mayor Chris Denico-aye, Councilor Nancy Adorno-aye, Councilor Kristi Eilertsen-aye.

5-ayes
0-nays

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 1243 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF POLK CITY CHARTER ARTICLE V; SECTION C-22 CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES OF THE CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CLERK; PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTION DATE; PROVIDING FOR REFERENDUM QUESTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR SEGMENTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Carrier advised it was the consensus of the Council to move forward in putting the City Clerk under the City Manager. She contacted the Supervisor of Elections Office and it cannot go on the November Ballot; therefore, it will be on the April Ballot as a Referendum. An Ordinance needs to be done with two readings.

City Manager Carrier then read Ordinance 1243 in short title. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Denico to accept Ordinance 1243. The motion was seconded by Councilor Eilertsen.

Roll Call: Councilor Nancy Adorno-aye, Councilor Kristi Eilertsen-aye, Councilor Dan Ames-aye, Vice Mayor Chris Denico-aye, Mayor Donald Penton-aye.

5-ayes
0-nays

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- City Manager Carrier informed the Council that Gene is moving forward and meeting with the Public Works employees, working with the vendors and working with the contract people. The Mayor has signed one letter that will be going out to contractors advising them by City Charter the Public Works Director had no authority to enter into any contract, the contract is not legal, and the process will have to be redone.
- City Manager Carrier gave an update on the City Clerk's Office – the vault is being cleaned and minute books being done.
- Victoria will be missed. An applicant for that position was interviewed today and is highly recommended by their current boss and the Auditor. City Manager Carrier will contact and hire her tomorrow. She also expressed it will not be the same.
- The list of Council items she promised will be ready at the next meeting. She went back for one and a half years.
- Polk City will be hosting the Polk City/County Manager's Luncheon this month; the topic will be Water Supply—Future Water Sources.

CITY CLERK ITEMS

- Ridge League of Cities will be October 9; she will contact each Councilor to see if they will be attending.
- East Polk Committee of 100, Inc. luncheon will be October 24 at 11:15; she will contact each Councilor to see if they would like to attend.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS

Councilor Adorno--Thanked everyone for coming today; she also thanked the new employees and citizens. She encouraged everyone to attend and participate in meetings. If someone has a question, please don't wait. You can call and get the information needed, and if you hear someone say something, pick up a telephone to verify and get correct information. Wants the community to continue to get along, and would love to see more people come out and participate.

Councilor Ames--Thanked everyone for being present and he thanked the "press man."

Councilor Eilertsen—thanked everyone for coming and asking questions; she welcomed all new members.

VICE MAYOR ITEMS

Vice Mayor Denico thanked everyone coming and new employees. She thanked Smirna and Pam for all of their work on upcoming activities for the community – Safe Haven Halloween Party and the Christmas Parade. She announced if anyone wants to be involved, she would love to have you.

At this time City Manager Carrier informed the Commission there is a volunteer for the Planning & Zoning Board, which will be on the next agenda. She also advised the temporary skate park is done. Vice Mayor Denico says the businesses are very happy; the skateboarders will have somewhere to go rather than their parking lots.

MAYOR ITEMS

Mayor Penton "chastised" some of the attendees and advised they need to come to the meetings more often and get involved. Meetings are advertised, and he likes the participation because of ideas that are given that the Council can use.

At this time Mayor Penton read a memo that was received from one of the employees, Kathy Delp, who is the Code Enforcement Officer, praising City Manager Carrier.

Mayor Penton told everyone he appreciated them coming and participating in community.

At this time City Manager Carrier discussed the situation with the City taking over the County water and sewer system, which added 1200 new customers to Polk City. Some of those

customers are currently inside the city limits, and those that are not will have three years to voluntarily annex. If they don't, the County has agreed to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City putting the balance of those residents inside the city limits; they will not have a choice. At the end of three years, Mt. Olive Shores will be inside the City. Some discussion took place about lower property taxes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/REQUEST

Mr. Gibson asked if a person could be "off record" while speaking to the Council; he was advised the City records all meetings and nothing is "off the record." Mr. Gibson suggested an announcement be given before each meeting that it is being recorded. Mr. Gibson also told City Manager Carrier she is doing a good job.

City Manager Carrier also advised she is adding more items to the City's Website

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were given under City Clerk Items.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by voice vote.

Interim City Clerk Pam Peterson

Mayor Donald L. Penton