

CITY OF POLK CITY

City Council Meeting

November 12, 2008

Polk City Government Center
123 Broadway Blvd

7:30 P.M.

MINUTES

AN ELECTRONIC RECORD DOES NOT EXIST OF THIS MEETING. MINUTES WERE TRANSCRIBED USING NOTES FROM THE ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.

Mayor Donald L. Penton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pastor Faison gave the invocation.

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

ROLL CALL

Assistant to the City Clerk Patricia Jackson

Mayor Donald Penton, Vice Mayor Chris Denico, Councilor Nancy Adorno-excused absence, Councilor Dan Ames, Councilor Kristi Eilertsen, City manager Carrier-excused absence, Interim City Clerk Pam Peterson and Attorney Jeff Sullivan.

A quorum was established.

The Mayor advised the City Manager sends her apologies for not being present, but she is sick. Mayor Penton turned the meeting over to Interim City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Pam Peterson.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Chris Denico to accept the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dan Ames.

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

4-ayes

0-nays

PRESENTATIONS AND/OR RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation –Polk County Family Week

Mayor Donald Penton read the Proclamation proclaiming the week of November 16-22, 2008, as “Polk County Family Week” in full; the proclamation was presented to Mike Taylor, who is with the Boys & Girls Club of Lakeland.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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.

Interim City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Pam Peterson read Ordinance 1243 in short title. At this time Mayor Donald Penton opened the Public Hearing. No one from the public spoke and Mayor Donald Penton closed the Public Hearing.

Under discussion, there was a brief explanation of the Ordinance and it would be put on the ballot. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Denico to accept Ordinance 1243. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dan Ames.

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

4-ayes
0-nays

ORDINANCE 1244, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, SAID AMENDMENT BEING KNOWN AS "AMENDMENT # 08-02-CIE SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE ADOPTED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT AND UPDATING THE 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Interim City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Pam Peterson read Ordinance 1244 in short title. Mayor Donald Penton opened the Public Hearing. No one from the public spoke, and Mayor Donald Penton closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilor Ames to accept the Ordinance in its entirety. The motion was seconded by Councilor Eilertsen.

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

4-ayes
0-nays

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Citizen of the Year

Vice Mayor Denico advised if she were allowed she would like to nominate Mike Denico; he is active with the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, and he is very active in community activities. There were no other nominations; therefore, Mayor Donald Penton closed the nominations. Everyone congratulated Mike Denico as "Citizen of the Year."

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 1245, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 1230 WHICH ADOPTED THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Interim City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Pam Peterson read Ordinance 1245 in short title. She then went over the changes in the amended budget (the two largest being 1.2 million dollars is CIBR Grants and 2.5 million is the SunTrust Bond).

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Denico to accept Ordinance 1245; the motion was seconded by Councilor Kristi Eilertsen.

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

4-ayes
0-nays

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Employee Handbook – Revision

Interim City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Pam Peterson advised the Council they would be receiving their copy of the revised Employee Handbook within the next week or two.

City Council Retreat (goal setting/visioning/mission statement)

Interim City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Pam Peterson advised the retreat was cancelled due to the cost; it would be \$5,000 for four hours. She then asked the Council what they would like to do. It was the consensus of the Council to look somewhere else, or the city can do it themselves.

CITY CLERK ITEMS

Agenda Procedure

Assistant to the City Clerk Patricia Jackson advised the Council if they have a particular item they would like to discuss under their agenda item, to please let the City Clerk's Office know so that it could be placed on the agenda under their name. This will allow the public to be made aware of items being discussed.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

The Attorney had nothing to bring forward.

COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS

Councilor Adorno – not present

Councilor Ames – thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Councilor Eilertsen – thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting.

VICE MAYOR ITEMS

Vice Mayor Chris Denico reported on the American Cancer Society Relay for Life that will be in Polk City May 15th & 16th, 2009. If anyone is interested in being a sponsor or putting a team together, the kick-off

meeting will be November 20th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Councilor Eilertsen asked who is in charge; Vice Mayor Denico advised it is Colleen Mangan. Everyone was encouraged to participate; Vice Mayor Denico had flyers and the Kick-off invitation for anyone who wanted a copy.

Vice Mayor Denico then brought up the situation on State Road 33 with the large trucks and tractor-trailers parking in from on subway. Diana Farr then addressed the Council regarding the situation. Some discussion took place, and Sergeant Cone addressed the Council regarding this; there have been more than a dozen tickets issued in the last one and half months, as well as regular patrols. Mayor Penton suggested calling in when you see a violation and someone will respond.

Ms. Farr then asked if something could be done about the excessive speeding on Hayes Circle; some discussion took place.

MAYOR ITEMS

Mayor Donald Penton advised the Polk City Community Club helps those in need of food, clothing, etc. They are in dyer need of members. The Community Club distributes between 20 to 50 food boxes during Thanksgiving and Christmas. If anyone is interested in joining, please let him know; the meetings are held the first Monday of each month and the meetings are usually held at the Community Center (it is currently being renovated). The Club will be putting flyers in the water bills asking for members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/REQUEST

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

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

Pam Peterson, Interim City Clerk

Mayor Donald L. Penton