

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Special Meeting

September 24, 2012

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

ROLL CALL – Linda Walker

Present: Mayor Joe LaCascia, Vice Mayor Mike Blethen, Councilor Trudy Block, Councilor Kelly Downing, Councilor Don Kimsey, City Manager Patricia Jackson and City Attorney Thomas Cloud

A quorum was established.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE 2012-1294, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF POLK CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 AND PROVIDING AND EFFECTIVE DATE, second and final reading

Mayor LaCascia read Ordinance 2012-1294 in short title and opened the Public Hearing; there being no questions or comments, Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Vice Mayor Blethen made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-1294 in its entirety; the motion was seconded by Councilor Downing.

Roll Call: Vice Mayor Blethen-aye, Councilor Block-aye, Mayor LaCascia-aye, Councilor Downing-aye, Councilor Kimsey-aye

5-eyes

0-nays

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2012-1295, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, second and final reading

Mayor LaCascia read Ordinance 2012-1295 in short title, and stated the fiscal year 2013 budget is \$4,883,006. Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing; there being no questions or comments, Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Block made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-1295; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Blethen.

Roll Call: Councilor Kimsey-aye, Mayor LaCascia-aye, Councilor Block-aye, Vice Mayor Blethen-aye, Councilor Downing-aye

5-eyes
0-nays

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Lift Station No. 1 Repair

City Manager Jackson gave background information regarding Lift Station No. 1 and how long it has been down. City Manager Jackson advised Council three quotes were received to replace the pump at Lift Station No. 1, and were seeking authorization to purchase the ABS 14 H.P. from Mader Electric Motors.

Councilor Block made a motion to authorize the purchase of the pump/motor for lift station No. 1 in the amount of \$6,579. Under discussion, Councilor Kimsey asked if the pump was interchangeable with other lift stations; Charles Nichols advised it could be adaptable; this particular lift station is different from the other lift stations – it has a specific railing system. Vice Mayor Blethen asked if there was good documentation on all the other lift stations; Charles advised there is documentation on all of the lift stations. Mayor LaCascia called for roll call after further discussion took place regarding Lift Station No. 1 (the age, cost of repair versus new, where flow is currently going).

Roll Call: Councilor Downing-aye, Councilor Block-aye, Vice Mayor Blethen-aye, Councilor Kimsey-aye, Mayor LaCascia-aye

5-eyes
0-nays

The motion carried.

Change Order No. 1 for the CDBG Water Line Project – Paving

Jay Ameno, Senior Engineering Manager for GAI Consultants reviewed Change Order No. 1 for the CDBG Funded Potable Water Line Project (Paving) with City Council. The asphalt thickness will increase from 1 inch to 1 ½ inches, which will add longevity to the roads. Mayor LaCascia asked why this was being considered now; Mr. Ameno advised the Engineers were being conservative not knowing what the bids would be, and another change order would be presented at the October 8 meeting for pipe replacement; Mayor LaCascia asked to keep the conversation to the change order currently before Council. Vice Mayor Blethen asked if GAI could guarantee by adding

this additional asphalt, the City would not have to do this in another year; Mr. Ameno advised if something was to happen within the first year he would go back to the contractor; however, it should last for a long period of time. Vice Mayor Blethen then asked if it is D.O.T. regulated; Mr. Ameno advised it is, but not to the same level as the highway system. When asked about the surface being smooth on the entire road surfacing, Mr. Ameno advised the asphalt would be uniform throughout the project. During the discussion, Councilor Kimsey mentioned the “Honeybee” area roadways; Mr. Ameno advised GAI would be overseeing the contractor to ensure the sub-grade is done properly. After further discussion, Mayor LaCascia asked for a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 as presented.

Vice Mayor Blethen made a motion to approve the Change Order for the CDBG Waterline Replacement Project as presented by GAI; the motion was seconded by Councilor Block.

Roll Call: Councilor Kimsey-aye, Mayor LaCascia-aye, Councilor Downing-aye, Vice Mayor Blethen-aye, Councilor Block-aye

5-ayes
0-nays

The motion carried.

Fountain Park Homeowners/Polk City Easement – Water Interconnect – Lakeland
Attorney Cloud advised Council that some time ago the City approved an interconnect with Lakeland; however, we were missing approximately 600 square feet of property owned by the Fountain Park Homeowners Association which would allow for this interconnect to take place. The City has received a signed Easement from the Fountain park Homeowners Association in order to complete the emergency water interconnect with the City of Lakeland (Water Pipeline Interconnect Easement and Agreement), and Attorney Cloud asked for approval.

Councilor Block made a motion to approve the Water Pipeline Interconnect with the City of Lakeland; the motion was seconded by Mayor LaCascia.

Roll Call: Councilor Block-aye, Mayor LaCascia-aye, Councilor Kimsey-aye, Councilor Downing-aye, Vice Mayor Blethen-aye

5-ayes
0-nays

The motion carried.

Update on the Water, Wastewater and Water Reuse Project – GAI Consultants

Mr. Gerry Hartman, GAI Consultants, addressed Council he was the Bond Engineer and wanted to give an update of the bond project. The project is running on schedule, and is on track financially. Mr. Hartman gave an update on the interconnect project with the City of Lakeland – it is now going to be a bi-directional interconnect and there should be a savings on the project. Mr. Hartman commented he likes coming here and talking about positive things. Mayor LaCascia thanked Mr. Hartman.

There being no further business, Vice Mayor Blethen made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Councilor Kimsey, and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 upon voice vote.

Patricia R. Jackson, City Manager

Mayor Joe LaCascia