

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

January 19, 2016

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

Walter Lawlor, New Life Community Church, gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Joe LaCascia.

ROLL CALL – Assistant to the City Manager Sheandolen Dunn

Present: Mayor Joe LaCascia, Vice Mayor Mike Blethen, Commissioner Keith Prestage, Commissioner Don Kimsey, Commissioner Wanda Harris, City Attorney Thomas Cloud and City Manager Patricia Jackson

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Prestage to approve the Consent Agenda; motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Blethen. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT (ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA)

Frank Fulco (541 Meandering Way) – questioned the reasoning behind the Redistricting process.

George Clampett – (423 Nolane Lane) – Spoke in opposition of Redistricting.

Mayor LaCascia responded the Municipal Election will be held on April 5, 2016. During the last election it became evident that equitable representation throughout Polk City was crucial. The way to do this is through Redistricting. Comments from Citizens were to establish districts. The minutes are available from the Charter Review Committee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2016-01 – Alcohol Consumption in city owned facilities

AN ORDINANCE OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTION 6-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. First Reading

Mayor LaCascia read Ordinance 2016-01 by title only. Mayor LaCascia opened the public hearing; there being no questions or comments, Mayor LaCascia closed the public hearing.

Motion by Vice Mayor Blethen to adopt Ordinance 2016-01 Alcohol Consumption in city owned facilities on First Reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Kimsey.

City Commission spoke at length regarding applicant approval being the City Manager's final decision.

Commissioner Prestage questioned the language in paragraph A of the proposed Ordinance. Changing "sidewalk" to "establishment" and removing the remaining verbiage in Paragraph A.

City Attorney Cloud explained the language is that particular paragraph is the current verbiage. However, paragraph B explains it further.

Discussion ensued.

Commission Consensus to adopt previously stated motion with indicated changes in Paragraph A.

Vote: Commissioner Prestage – aye, Commissioner Kimsey – aye, Vice Mayor Blethen – aye, Mayor LaCascia – aye, Commissioner Harris - aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2016-01 – Donald Bronson Community Center Rules and Governing Policies

THIS IS A RESOLUTION OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA; ADOPTING RULES AND POLICIES GOVERNING USE OF THE DONALD BRONSON COMMUNITY CENTER; ADOPTING A USE APPLICATION, USE AGREEMENT, AND RULES OF USAGE; ESTABLISHING USAGE RATES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor LaCascia read Resolution 2016-01 by title only.

No one spoke for or against this Resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Kimsey to adopt Resolution 2016-01 Donald Bronson Community Center Rules and Governing Policies; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris.

Commissioner Prestage spoke in regards to the Alcohol permit and what it entails. Is there something in place?

City Attorney Cloud stated the Ordinance just adopted, provided the necessary clarity.

Discussion ensued.

Vote: Commissioner Prestage – nay, Commissioner Kimsey – nay, Vice Mayor Blethen – aye, Mayor LaCascia – aye, Commissioner Harris - aye

Motion carried 4/1.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- Municipal Election – April 5, 2016; qualifying period begins at 1:00 pm on February 15 and ends February 18 at 1:00 pm. Seats 1 (Mike Blethen) and Seat 3 (Keith Prestage) are up election.
- JAG Grant – was approved; Sgt. Conover will order the speed bumps and staff will work to get them installed.
- 5-Year Capital Outlay Plan – Will schedule a workshop with staff, City Commission and Gerry Hartman for long range planning. Date selected is February 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Aquarina Discussion of Voyles Loop Lift Station (see monthly report) – Keith Burge spoke in regards to approving the purchase of a Standby Generator for the Voyles Loop Lift Station, and the need for a by-pass pump.

The Voyles Loop Lift Station Generator project will be discussed at the March 25 City Commission Workshop.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS – Public Records lawsuit submitted by Joel Chandler – Judge ruled in favor of Polk City.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Vice Mayor Blethen – Thanked Aquarina for their work. Inquired about the work being done at the Matt Williams Plant; he understands from a resident that the pump has been worked on multiple times in 6-10 years. Are there any logs of work being done on this pump? Inquired about the cost savings for staff working five days a week versus a four-day work week?

Keith Burge responded the motor was pulled on December 22, worked on and reinstalled on January 19, 2016. A log is being kept as of now.

Discussion ensued.

City Manager Jackson will provide the figures on the four-day work week versus five days.

Commissioner Kimsey – Thanked Keith Burge for the work Aquarina has put forth thus far.


Commissioner Harris – Thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Prestage – Asked if the City Commission Meeting packets could be placed online in its entirety


Mayor LaCascia – Nothing

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Patricia R. Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor

CONSENT AGENDA
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MAY ALL BE APPROVED BY ONE VOTE OF COMMISSION TO ACCEPT CONSENT AGENDA. Commission Members may remove a specific item below for discussion, and add it to the regular agenda under New or Unfinished Business, whichever category best applies to the subject.

A. CITY CLERK

1. Accept minutes – December 21, 2015 - Regular City Commission Meeting
2. Accept minutes – August 31, 2015 – City Commission Workshop (RFP Decision)
3. Accept minutes – August 31, 2015 – City Commission Workshop (Budget)
4. Accept minutes – August 27, 2015 – City Commission Workshop (RFP Review)

B. REPORTS

1. Building Report –December 2015
2. Code Enforcement Report – December 2015
3. Finance Report – December 2015
4. Library Report – December 2015
5. Sheriff's Office Report – December 2015
6. Utilities Report – December 2015

C. OTHER