

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

December 18, 2017

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 Wanda Harris, Commissioner Don Kimsey, Commissioner Mike Blethen, Commissioner Randy Carroll, Attorney Jason Zimmerman and City Manager Patricia Jackson

Absent: City Attorney Thomas Cloud

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor LaCascia asked for approval of the Consent Agenda; the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor LaCascia presented a proclamation for Polk City School Choice Week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Ketterman (583 Marklen Loop) - would like to see improved road signage in the area of Polk City Elementary and Ace Hardware.

Sandra Cutts (315 Central Avenue) – Animal Control and Code Enforcement.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution 2017-10

A Resolution Amending and Restating Resolution 2017-06; Amending and Restating Resolution 2017-07, Authorizing and Approving the Negotiated Sale of Not to Exceed \$9,500,000 in Aggregate Principal Amount of Polk City, Florida, Water and Sewer System Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2017.

Mayor LaCascia read the Resolution by title only.

Attorney Zimmerman provided clarity on why Polk City needs to adopt the Amendment to award Resolution 2017-10.

Motion by Commissioner Kimsey to approve Resolution 2017-10; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

Nate Ackloff (RBC Capital Markets, Managing Underwriter for the Bond) also provided further explanation regarding the significant cost savings of this Bond. Polk City was able to secure the bond because of a double A rating by the Bond insurer. Also able to eliminate the need for a Debt Service Reserve Fund, but have a Debt Fund Surety to take its place. Between now and 2040, next year the debt service reduction will be in the lower \$40,000 per year. From 2019 to 2040 the debt service reduction will be approximately \$55,000 per year. In 2041 there will be one additional payment. Overall, debt service reduction between now and 2040 will be approximately \$1,250,000 over the life of the loan. This is a very good savings for Polk City and it has run the Utilities very well.

Roll Call Vote: Mayor LaCascia-aye, Commissioner Carroll-aye, Commissioner Blethen-aye, Vice Mayor Harris-aye, Commissioner Kimsey-aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works / Utilities Facility

Consideration of Option Contract for Sale and Purchase of Property known as "Bryant Property", located at 9835 North State Road 33, Polk City, Florida

Mayor LaCascia read this item by title only. Mayor LaCascia opened the floor for public comment.

Sandra Cutts (315 Central Avenue) still remains against the purchase of the Bryant Property.

Laura Lambert (414 Meandering Way) – Inquired about any kind of improvements being determined for the Bryant Property. Feels the property is not secure. Wants this property purchase to be placed on the ballot for citizens to vote on.

Mayor LaCascia briefly discussed the process if this property is approved for purchase as it relates to improvements.

Raymond Bryant (9085 Bryant Road, Lakeland) speaking on behalf of his dad, Irvin Bryant, property owner, stated the sale price of the property is \$450,000.

Commissioner Kimsey asked Mr. Bryant if they were stuck on \$450,000.

Mr. Bryant stated the \$450,000 is his father's asking price and that will not change.

Mayor LaCascia suggested starting negotiations at \$425,000.

Commissioner Blethen had several questions, but stated he previously asked for more options.

City Manager Jackson stated options were discussed in a previous Public Meeting and the City Commission authorized the City Manager to bring back a contract proposal from the owner for purchase.

After lengthy discussion a **Motion was made by Commissioner Carroll** to buy the property – he has looked at the buildings and they are very sound; good judgment call to buy the property; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Carroll–aye, Mayor LaCascia-aye, Commissioner Blethen–nay, Vice Mayor Harris-aye, Commissioner Kimsey-aye

Motion carried 4/1.

Resolution 2017-11 - Refinancing of USDA Loan

Approval of Loan Documents and Authorization to Close the Loan.

Attorney Zimmerman read the Resolution by title only and stated the main benefit would be paying a lower amount on the Bond and decreasing the life of the loan from twenty (20) to fifteen (15) years.

Motion by Commissioner Carroll to approve Resolution 2017-11; this motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Carroll–aye, Vice Mayor Harris-aye, Commissioner Kimsey-aye, Mayor LaCascia-aye, Commissioner Blethen–aye

Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Thanked the City Commission for approval of the Bond and the loan.

Loan Closing for Citizens Bank will be held Wednesday, December 20. The Bond Closing is scheduled for December 28.

Christmas Closings –City Hall and the Library will be closed on December 25 and January 1.

Vacation - City Manager Jackson will be taking some vacation during the holidays.

Dr. Martin L. King Holiday – the offices will be closed on January 15. Would like to move City Commission Meeting to Tuesday, January 16. City Commission provided consensus.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS - None

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Vice Mayor Harris – Thanked everyone for their participation at the Christmas Parade. Merry Christmas

Commissioner Blethen – Would like to see City money spent more diligently for the residents. Encouraged everyone to attend the Workshop scheduled in January. Happy Holidays!

Commissioner Carroll – Will be on vacation during the holidays and if any residents would like to discuss any concerns in Polk City, he is available for conversation. Merry Christmas!

Commissioner Kimsey – Would like to see residents get more savings. Merry Christmas!

Mayor LaCascia – Workshop on Saturday, January 6, 2018 from 9 am – 11 am to discuss the Master Plan for Parks and Recreation. Merry Christmas!

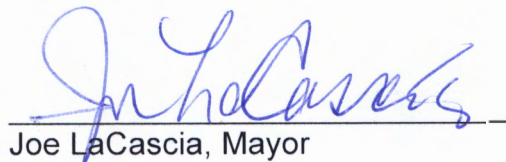
Keith Prestage, Public Works Director – Thanked the Commission for their approval to purchase the Bryant Property and expressed excitement about rebuilding the Public Works Department which will include the Utilities. Merry Christmas!

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – 8:05 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor

CONSENT AGENDA
December 18, 2017

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 – November 2, 2017 – Special City Commission Meeting
2. Accept minutes – November 16, 2017 – Special City Commission Meeting
3. Accept minutes – November 20, 2017 – Regular City Commission Meeting

B. REPORTS

1. Building Report – November 2017
2. Library Report – November 2017
3. Polk Sheriff's Report – November 2017
4. Public Works Report – November 2017
5. Utilities Report – October/November 2017

C. OTHER