

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

February 5, 2018

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

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 and City Manager Patricia Jackson

Absent: City Attorney Thomas Cloud

ORDER OF BUSINESS

DISCUSS VEHICLES IN PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Public Works Director Keith Prestage opened the discussion referring back to the January 29, 2018 meeting in which each vehicle in Polk City's fleet was evaluated.

Mike Bruno (Owner, Polk City Automotives) was on hand to provide a professional opinion on the vehicles in question.

-2002 F-150 needs \$3,300 in repairs.

-2003 F-150 - has an estimate of \$3,100 in repairs. There is an issue with the lock out device, which is causing the engine to shut down.

-Crane Truck - in good condition, but has over 120,000 miles. Last week this vehicle blew a head gasket. The repair cost will be approximately \$5,000. Lake Alfred has graciously allowed Polk City the use of their crane truck for lift station work.

In taking back Utilities, Polk City is in desperate need of vehicles. Lori Pearson, Utility Supervisor, is currently driving the Public Works Directors truck, which leaves him stranded and unable to complete his daily task. Therefore, Polk City needs to purchase four vehicles to accommodate Public Works and Utilities:

FY18 – Purchase three trucks – two F-250 Utility Trucks and one F-150.

FY19 – Purchase one F250 Utility Truck.

Quotes have been received from Bartow Ford, Weikert Ford and Gator Ford. With the State Contract pricing, the average price is just under \$30,000 for a new F-250 Utility Box Truck.

Finding a used vehicle is a moving target. The vehicles discussed at the January meeting are no longer available.

Commissioner Kimsey inquired about the number of miles put on the trucks daily.

Keith Prestage responded approximately thirty (30) miles per day; however, this number is hard to pinpoint as the daily routines, change daily.

Commissioner Blethen asked where the vehicles are being serviced?

Keith Prestage responded at the Ford Dealership. These vehicles are being serviced moving forward, but we cannot tell you anything about the vehicles previous maintenance programs. Mr. Prestage stressed that this is a need, not a want.

Mayor LaCascia stated the need for vehicles has already been established. \$5,000 has been set aside each year for the past two fiscal years. In Reserves, there was \$10,000 that was already allocated. But we may have to set aside a little more with taking back the Utilities. A Capital Expenditure goes hand in hand with taking over the operation of a Utility Department. There will be Capital Expenditures. We are fulfilling that need.

Vice Mayor Harris referred back to discussion by Aquarina two years ago stating we need one more truck.

Commissioner Carroll expressed the need for vehicles and his confidence in Keith Prestage establishing what is best for Polk City.

Commissioner Kimsey reiterated from a previous meeting his desire to have another Deputy in Polk City with the money we are saving.

Commissioner Kimsey stated his desire to repair the two vehicles.

Commissioner Blethen would like to see the Reserves Account broken down so he can read it and identify how much money is designated for vehicles. Needs to see a line item in the budget for purchasing vehicles.

Mayor LaCascia stated the information is in the Enterprise Fund under Sewer for \$2,500 and Water Operations for \$2,500. In FY 2017, \$5,000 was set aside. In FY 2018, \$5,000 is scheduled to be set aside, which is what the Commission approved. In FY 2019, \$5,000 will be set aside (\$2,500 - water and \$2,500 - sewer).

City Manager Jackson provided a thorough explanation regarding the need for the number of vehicles requested and the budget process with capital purchases.

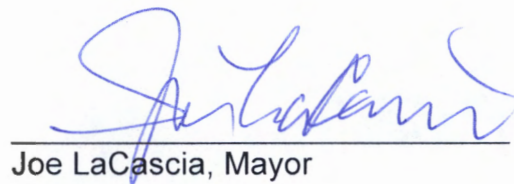
After lengthy discussion regarding the daily use of City vehicles and the growth of Polk City, Mayor LaCascia requested that each Commissioner come up with a plan to discuss at the next meeting without rehashing the discussion that has already taken place three times regarding City vehicles, vehicle maintenance and possible vehicle purchases.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – 8:35 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor