

## CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

February 18, 2019

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

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

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

**ROLL CALL** – Assistant to the City Manager Sheandolen Dunn

**Present:** Mayor Joe LaCascia, Vice Mayor Don Kimsey, Commissioner Mike Blethen, Commissioner Randy Carroll, Commissioner Wayne Harper, City Attorney Thomas Cloud and City Manager Patricia Jackson

### **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey** to approve the Consent Agenda; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Blethen. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

**PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS** - None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Laura Lambert (414 Meandering Way) – Question regarding Ordinance 2019-01 on Districting. If no one runs, what happens? Asked if the map is current?

City Manager Jackson and City Attorney Cloud responded. The map is indeed current. "Draft" has been removed as the Ordinance was adopted on February 7, 2019.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2019-02**

An Ordinance of Polk City, Florida, amending the Polk City Land Development Code, Amending Article 2, Regulations for Specific Districts, Table 2 – table of uses for each zoning district to add special events facilities in the zoning districts of Agriculture/Single Family Residential (AG-1), Single Family residential with horses (AG-2), single family residential (R-1), single family residential (R-2), Residential Business, and Professional District (C-1), General Commercial District (C-2), and Public Buildings and Grounds (PR); amending Article 3, Development Design and Improvement Standards; adding Section 3.10.01.2 – Special Events Facilities; and amending Article 9 – Definitions; adding the definition of Special Event Facilities; providing for applicability; repeal; severability; and an effective date, **first reading**



City Attorney Cloud read the Ordinance by title only. Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing.

Laura Lambert (414 Meandering Way) questioned residential zoning.

City Attorney Cloud responded private party does not require a permit.

Robert Baker (525 Orange Boulevard) requested clarification regarding the permit coming before the Planning Commission as well as the City Commission for final approval.

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury provided further clarification.

Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey** to approve Ordinance 2019-02 on first reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

**Roll Call Vote:** Commissioner Harper – aye, Commissioner Blethen – aye,  
Commissioner Carroll – aye, Vice Mayor Kimsey – aye, Mayor  
LaCascia – aye

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

**Ordinance 2018-16 (Alcoholic Beverage)** - Second/Final Reading will be on the March 18th Meeting Agenda.

**Competitive Florida Partnership Grant** – Documentation has been signed and returned in order for Polk City to receive the \$30,000 grant. The CFRPC Agreement to oversee this grant will be on the March meeting agenda.

**DBCC Parking Lot** – The plans that were originally drawn up when Polk City developed the property and the building was built, did in fact include a parking lot with the driveway. Just need to acquire the square footage. If the City is interested in going out for bid, this can be placed on the agenda for approval or provide consensus. Consensus given by Commission.

**Jacobs Water Plant** – Polk City has tanks there. There is a piece of property on that site for sale which is a tennis court. At some point, with Polk City's growth, this property could be used for above ground storage tanks to help run the facilities in that area of Polk City. The property owner has approached Polk City regarding purchasing this property. The site is large enough for an above ground storage tank. Strictly for future use.

City Attorney Cloud stated this would be a water storage design job involving Ancillary Piping so that it could connect into the existing water plants. It is a good idea to at least look into the cost. Commission provided consensus to get an appraisal.



**FEMA Reimbursement** - \$62,249.44 is expected to be reimbursed to Polk City from the hurricanes in 2017.

**Water Payment Disconnect Fees** – Received an email from a resident regarding his water being disconnected for non-payment. The non-payment fee policy has been in place since 2009. No fee increases. There were extenuating circumstances and this situation was handled administratively. If the Commission is interested in modifying the policy, please advise.

**Donald Penton** – Former Polk City Mayor died on February 9, 2019.

**CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

A Constitution Initiative that has secured the necessary signatures and will go before the voters in November, unless the Supreme Court knocks it down, that will deregulate electric service in Florida. This Initiative will have substantial impact on cities with electric businesses such as Lakeland, Bartow and Fort Meade; however it will impact cities like Polk City that have franchises because of the way the Initiative is designed. Electric rates could possibly increase if this Initiative passes; every City and County in Florida would be affected. The Florida League of Cities is opposing this Initiative and has hired Attorney Cloud to articulate why this Initiative is a bad idea. At some point, Florida cities will be asked to adopt a Resolution in opposition of this Initiative.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

**Vice Mayor Kimsey** – Nothing

**Commissioner Blethen** – Inquired about the Library Status

City Manager Jackson stated with would reopen Tuesday afternoon.

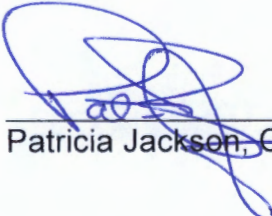
**Commissioner Carroll** – SR 33 will be closed on February 25 for a few months, north of Polk City.


**Commissioner Harper** – Great to see more people at City Commission Meeting.

**Mayor LaCascia** – Nothing

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT** – 7:50 pm

  
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Patricia Jackson, City Manager

  
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Joe LaCascia, Mayor

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**February 18, 2019**

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 – January 10, 2019 – City Commission Workshop
2. Accept minutes – January 22, 2019 – City Commission Workshop
3. Accept minutes – January 22, 2019 – Regular City Commission Meeting
4. Accept minutes – February 7, 2019 – Special City Commission Meeting

**B. REPORTS**

1. Building Report – January 2019
2. Code Enforcement – January 2019
3. Library Report – January 2019
4. Polk Sheriff's Report – January 2019
5. Public Works/Utilities Report – January 2019

**C. OTHER**

1. Approve Residential Boat Dock at 323 Lakeshore Court
2. Write-off of Accounts Receivable - \$505.68 from October 2012