

## CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 15, 2019

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Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 7:15 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

### **Election of Mayor**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey** to nominate Joe LaCascia to serve another one year term as Mayor; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

### **Election of Vice Mayor**

**Motion by Commissioner Harper** to nominate Don Kimsey to serve another one year term as Vice Mayor; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

### **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Marine Lance Corporal Zachariah Rowland spoke in regards to his career in the United States Marines and his injuries. He was accompanied by his Service Dog "Twix".

The City Commission, staff and citizens thanked Mr. Rowland for his service.

Mayor LaCascia presented the Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation for April 2019.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob Baker (525 Orange Boulevard) – Spoke in regards to the sidewalk and parking at the Donald Bronson Community Center. Verified method of communication with the City Commission.

City Manager Jackson responded this item is already on Polk City's to do list. The bid specifications will be ready to go out in a few weeks for paving the parking area at the DBCC which will include sidewalk for both parking areas.

Mayor LaCascia stated email and phone is the best way to communicate with the Commission.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **Republic Services – Petition for 2019 Rate Adjustment**

Mayor LaCascia stated Polk City is in its second year of a three-year contract with Republic Services. Last year Republic Services requested an increase of approximately one percent, which the City Commission approved, but did not pass on this increase to the residents. This year Republic Services is requesting the same thing. Staff recommended approval of this increase.

Municipal Services Manager Mary Kassabaum, and the General Manager, spoke briefly addressing any questions or concerns.

The request is for 0.99% and the new rates requested are as follows:

- Residential rate -- \$14.20 per resident per month (14.06 currently)
- Commercial hand pick-up -- \$31.53 per month (31.22 currently)
- Rate for commercial dumpsters -- \$8.05 per yard (7.97 currently)

Municipal Services Manager Mary Kassabaum, and the General Manager, spoke briefly addressing any questions or concerns.

Commissioner Harper asked why wasn't this increase done at the beginning of the contract.

City Attorney Cloud responded the original contract does address the increase. However, this does not give them an automatic increase because the Commission has the right to review such an increase.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey** to not approve the rate increase for Republic Services.

**Motion failed** for lack of a second.

After thorough explanation by the City Attorney and the Republic Services team, there was a **Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey** to withdraw his previous motion.

**Motion by Mayor LaCascia** to approve the Republic Services Petition for 2019 Rate Increase and to not pass this increase on to the citizens; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Blethen.

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Ordinance 2019-03** – AN ORDINANCE OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE TITLE TO ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA; CREATING § 2-179, CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO INCREASE CITY COMMISSION FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. First Reading

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

Laura Lambert (414 Meandering Way) – inquired if there are any other associated cost tied to the Commissioners fee.

Mayor LaCascia and City Manager Jackson responded No.

Bob Baker (525 Orange Boulevard) – comments regarding Commissioners pay. He is in favor of the increase.

Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

**Motion by Commissioner Harper** to approve Ordinance 2019-03 on First Reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Blethen.

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Repair of Hydro-Pneumatic Tanks at Jacob Water Plant**

City Manager Jackson stated after the lengthy discussion in the 6pm Workshop this item needs to be tabled until the May meeting to give staff an opportunity to bring back

additional information on the Repair of the Hydro-Pneumatic Tanks at Jacobs Water Plant.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey** to table this item until the May Meeting; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harper.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

**Relocation of SR 33 Sprayfield Pre-Bid** – Pre bid meeting will take place next week.

**Jacobs Water Plant** – Appraisal came in today, just prior to this meeting, so that information will be presented at the May Meeting.

**Sidewalk Project** - Public Works is putting together the bid specifications.

**Voyles Loop Lift Station** – This item will come before the City Commission in May. The pipes are deteriorating. A report will be completed and bid specifications will be done. The cost of this item will warrant going out for bid unless it is declared an emergency.

**Planning Commission Workshop** - Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 6pm

**Trip to North Carolina** – City Manager Jackson and Mayor LaCascia will be on a tour April 24 – 26, 2019.

**CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS** - None

### **COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

**Vice Mayor Kimsey** – None

**Commissioner Blethen** – Questioned the processing and mail-out time for the Water bills.

City Manager Jackson responded. Bills are mailed out by the 10<sup>th</sup> as prescribed by the City Ordinance.

**Commissioner Carroll** – Thanked everyone for coming.

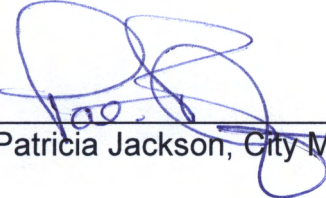
**Commissioner Harper** – Thanked the citizens for doing their part in assuring the Districting Referendum passed during the Election on April 2, 2019.

**Mayor LaCascia** – Discussed the upcoming North Carolina trip on April 24-26, 2019 that he, City Manager Jackson and several other City and County Officials will be taking to the CFDC North Carolina State Centennial Campus Mission. A field trip to City Hall

is planned on May 2 or May 3 for a group of second graders from Polk City Elementary. A Mock Commission Meeting will be held during this field trip. Encouraged the City Commissioners to attend.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT** – 8:15 pm



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Patricia Jackson, City Manager



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Joe LaCascia, Mayor

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**April 15, 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 – March 18, 2019 - City Commission Workshop
2. Accept minutes – March 18, 2019 - Regular City Commission Meeting
3. Accept minutes – April 2, 2019 – Canvass Board Meeting
4. Accept minutes – April 4, 2019 – Canvass Board Meeting-Certify Election Results
5. Accept minutes – April 9, 2019 – Canvass Board Meeting-Post Election Audit

**B. REPORTS**

1. Building Report – March 2019
2. Code Enforcement Report – March 2019
3. Financial Report – March 2019
4. Library Report – March 2019
5. Polk Sheriff's Report – March 2019
6. Public Works Report – March 2019
7. Utilities Report – March 2019