

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES

April 15, 2019

Mayor Joe LaCascia called the Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda Review - City Commission Meeting – April 15, 2019

Mayor LaCascia stated the purpose of the Workshop is to discuss items being presented on the 7pm Regular Meeting Agenda and address any questions or concerns and ultimately be able to proceed in a more efficient manner at the Regular Meeting.

Republic Services – Petition for 2019 Rate Adjustment

City Manager Jackson discussed 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. Staff recommended approval of this increase.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the increase, recyclables and regular pick up.

Republic Services staff will be present for the 7pm Regular Meeting to address any questions or concerns.

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 provided a thorough explanation of Ordinance 2019-03.

Repair of Hydro-Pneumatic Tanks at Jacob Water Plant

City Manager Jackson and Utilities Supervisor Lori Pearson discussed the two Hydro-Pneumatic Tanks at the Jacob Water Plant that had their five-year inspection, and are in need of repair. Initially, staff thought the tanks would have to be replaced; however, the

inspection revealed they could be repaired. Per our Code of Ordinances, three quotes were received for the repair as follows: 1) Corrosion Control - \$16,000.00; 2) Utility Technicians, Inc. - \$17,387.40; 3) InDepth Services, Inc. - \$23,000.00.

Our Code of Ordinances states if the City Manager recommends the acceptance of a bid other than the bid with the lowest total price, the reason for the recommendation shall be given. Lori Pearson is requesting the Commission consider Utility Technicians as she has worked with Corrosion Control in the past and they had to come back several times to correct their work; however, it was corrected satisfactorily. Staff has no objections with using Corrosion Control or Utility Technicians. The City has money in the budget for this project. Staff recommended approval to use Corrosion Control for this project in the amount of \$16,000.00.

Commissioner Blethen inquired about the age of the tanks.

City Attorney Cloud stated at least thirty (30) years old.

City Manager Jackson indicated new tanks are approximately \$60,000 and the tanks get inspected every year. Polk City tanks have not been inspected in at least ten (10) years.

No specifications were given to these companies for submitting bids.

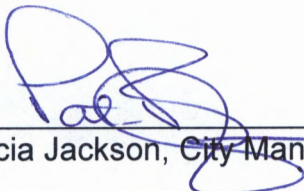
After lengthy discussion, City Manager Jackson suggested rejecting these bids and starting over; and tabling this item for a month or so.

National Day of Prayer

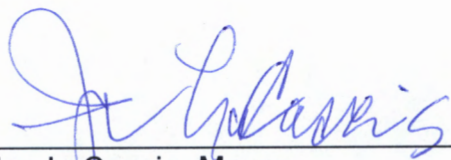
Mayor LaCascia discussed National Day of Prayer is May 2, 2019. Pastor Lawlor provided an idea for Polk City.

City Attorney Cloud suggested a Mayor's Prayer Breakfast as it's done in other cities.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:07 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor