

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 19, 2021

Mayor LaCascia called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

ROLL CALL – Assistant to the City Manager Sheandolen Dunn

Present: Mayor Joe LaCascia, Vice Mayor Don Kimsey, Commissioner Wayne Harper, Commissioner Randy Carroll, Commissioner Micheal T. Blethen, City Attorney Thomas Cloud (Zoom), and City Manager Patricia Jackson

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

The March 15, 2021 City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes were **unanimously approved by Voice Vote**.

PRESENTATION

Mayor LaCascia discussed the recognition received by Commissioner Micheal T. Blethen as *Outstanding Soccer Coach of the Year* and Planning Commission member Antonio Thomas was recognized for his work with the Wrestling Team at Auburndale High School.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Items NOT on the Agenda) - None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

City Investment Presentation – Larson Consultants

Mr. Jeff Larson (President, Larson Consulting Services, LLC) presented his credentials and provided a thorough overview on exactly what Polk City can do and how to invest funds. Being guided by Florida Statutes. Mr. Larson stated that during any investment, transparency is key to keeping the money safe. Discussed three critical objectives that govern public investments **1) Safety of Principal** (Security type, Limit risk exposure), **2) Liquidity** (Portfolio Structure, Cashflow Analysis, Transparency (more important than yield), **3) Yield** (market influenced, watch credit risk). Per Florida Statute subsection 17, there are four categories that Polk City can invest in U.S. Treasuries, Local Government Investment Pools (LGIP), Money Market Funds, and CD, Checking and Bank Deposit (QPD - Qualified Public Deposit). This investment would be based on investing \$7 million.

Motion by Commissioner Harper to approve the City Investment Program using Florida Safe; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Application for Code Enforcement Fine Reduction

Kathy Delp, Development Services Director provided a thorough explanation for this Code Enforcement Fine Reduction to date. There were several issues with plans presented to make changes to this property. The Building Plans were approved in June, but the Fire Marshal Plans were not approved until August. In the meantime, the fines were accruing at \$250/day. A lien has been placed on this property.

\$46,250.00 in accrued fines is what is owed to Polk City to date.

Mr. Harris Kirby (9610 North SR 33) provided his recollection of the chain of events leading up to this fine and lien on the property.

In lieu of the \$46,250, the Commission agreed to reduce the fine by \$26,250 leaving a balance of \$20,000.

Mr. Kirby stated that he could pay \$20,000 on Monday. A Release of Lien will be processed once payment is received.

After lengthy discussion, **motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey** to accept the \$20,000 to settle this Code Enforcement Fine Reduction; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

Motion carried unanimously by Voice Vote.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Inmate Crew – The Department of Corrections has notified Polk City that the Inmate crews are being suspended throughout the State of Florida and not sure when they will be coming back because of a staff shortage. Will make an attempt to hire temporary workers if needed.

City Commission Workshop – May 8, 2021 – 9am – 1pm

Engineering Services – Polk City has a contract with 5 different firms. Can we get quotes from someone else? City Attorney Cloud responded, yes.

Quotes for Water Main @ Citrus Hill. Quotes have been received from four (4) companies, including Odom Contracting, but we've only received two quotes back.

City Hall Tenting – will be done on Friday and back open on Monday.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

Peace River Project Interlocal Water Plant Consent Implementation Agreement – plant to be constructed in the service area of another city...south end of Fort Meade.

Motion by Commissioner Harper to approve the Peace River Project Interlocal Water Plant Consent Implementation Agreement, this motion was seconded by Mayor LaCascia.

Motion carried unanimously by Voice Vote.

West Polk Wellfield

Polk City will enter into an agreement with the City of Lakeland along with several other cities. The water rates will not be affected. This is a smart move to participate in this agreement.

Mayor LaCascia asked when will the Agreements come before the delegation at the PRWC?

City Attorney Cloud responded, April 28.

Motion by Commissioner Blethen to approve the West Polk Wellfield Implementation Agreement, this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harper.

Motion carried unanimously by Voice Vote.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Mayor LaCascia - None

Vice Mayor Kimsey - None

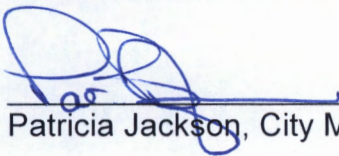
Commissioner Blethen - None

Commissioner Carroll - None

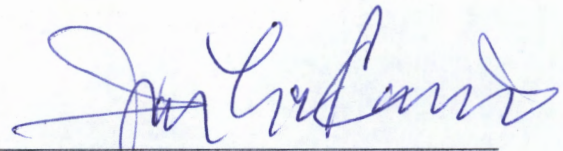
Commissioner Harper - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – 7:29 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor