

## CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

February 15, 2021

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

Eddie Diaz, 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 Micheal T. Blethen, City Attorney Thomas Cloud, and City Manager Patricia Jackson

**Absent:** Commissioner Randy Carroll

### **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

The January 19, 2021 (City Commission Workshop) and the January 19, 2021 (City Commission Regular Meeting) were **unanimously approved by Voice Vote.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (Items NOT on the Agenda)**

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

City Attorney Cloud provided an update on the Common Interest Agreement regarding the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) litigation which will be done with nine (9) other parties. Attorney Cloud requested authorization for him to sign the Agreement.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey** to authorize City Attorney Cloud to execute the Corporate Agreement; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harper. **Motion carried unanimously by Voice Vote.**

### **CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

Provided updates on the following items:

**Citrus Hill Water Main Project** – The City can purchase materials for this project. We do have two quotes and this item will be placed on the March Meeting Agenda. The City will also save money by not paying taxes (approximately \$1,671+/-).

**Ongoing** – Replacing meter registers when needed and working on no-reads.

**Fire Hydrant Water Pressure at Mount Olive North** – Will meet with the Engineer and find out the problem and work on a solution.

**Safety at Water Plants** – Oldsmar, Florida's water system was hacked into. Polk City's system is manual. No one can log in and hack into the Polk City system.

**Grant** – looking at a grant for dirt and grit removal at Wastewater Treatment Facility; not a fully funded grant. Will provide additional details in March.

**Fountain Park** - has approximately ten (10) lots left.

**Lights at Basketball/Tennis Courts** – the existing lighting is failing. It is recommended that Polk City change over to LED lights, which is expected to have a power consumption savings of 70%; this was not currently in the budget, and the cost would be approximately \$15,106; the other quote received was \$35,500. This is not in this year's budget, but the lights do need to be replaced.

**RFQ for General Engineering Services** – The last RFQ was done in 2014. Is the Commission interested in doing another RFQ? Will discuss in the March Meeting.

**New Employees** – Mikayla Osso is the new Librarian and will start work on March 1. On February 8, Lenny Johnson started with Polk City as the Dual Operator in the Utilities Department.

#### **COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

**Commissioner Harper** – Inquired about the new Marquee as well as the children's play area.

City Manager Jackson responded that the City is getting quotes for the play area.

Keith Prestage, Public Works Director stated the marquee company would give him a two week "heads up" before the marquee will be delivered. However, after tonight's meeting, the Public Works Staff will begin work to remove the old marquee in order to prepare the foundation for the new marquee's installation.

**Commissioner Blethen** – None

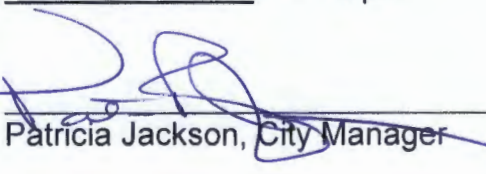
**Vice Mayor Kimsey** – Encouraged everyone to stay safe.

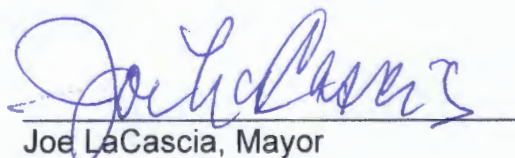
**Mayor LaCascia** – Discussed City Commission Workshop protocol regarding comments on voting during regular meetings.

City Attorney Cloud stated there is nothing illegal about a Commissioner commenting in the Workshop how he/she will vote at the Regular Meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT** – 7:19 pm

  
Patricia Jackson, City Manager

  
Joe LaCascia, Mayor