

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

May 17, 2021

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

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 Wayne Harper, Commissioner Randy Carroll, City Attorney Thomas Cloud, and City Manager Patricia Jackson

Absent: Commissioner Micheal T. Blethen

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 Harper.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Election of Vice Mayor

Vice Mayor Kimsey stated that his time is winding up and he would like to see someone else serve as Vice Mayor.

Motion by Commissioner Harper to nominate Commissioner Blethen to serve well as Vice Mayor. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Vice Mayor Kimsey stated without Commissioner Blethen's consent, nominating him would be difficult.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Harper withdrew his motion for Commissioner Blethen to serve as Vice Mayor.

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

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Harper to approve the April 19, 2021 (Regular Meeting) and April 19, 2021 (Workshop) minutes; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll. **Unanimously approved by Voice Vote.**

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Citrus Hill Drive Water Main Project – Purchase of Materials

City Manager Jackson and Mayor LaCascia stated as discussed in a previous City Commission Meeting, as well as the City Commission Workshop on May 8, Polk City has requested quotes for materials from two (2) companies for the Citrus Hill Drive Water Main Extension. The City Commission was told during the recent Workshop that there has been a drastic increase in the price of supplies due to the current manufacturer supply chain issues across the United States. Since the original quotes were received, the price of supplies has increased approximately \$5,000.

Staff recommended utilizing the lowest quote, Ferguson Waterworks for the purchase of materials in the amount of \$28,872.10 for the Citrus Hill Drive Water Main Extension Project.

No questions or comments.

Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey to approve the lowest quote, Ferguson Waterworks for the purchase of materials in the amount of \$28,872.10; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harper.

Motion carried unanimously by Voice Vote.

Redistricting

City Manager Jackson and Mayor LaCascia stated based on the discussion at the City Commission Workshop, because of growth in Polk City and to keep things in balance, the staff and City Commission needs to discuss the possibility of Redistricting now, rather than waiting the ten years, which would be 2026 since the Charter Referendum was passed in 2016.

Staff requested authorization to speak with the Polk County Elections Office to obtain information on their office handling the Redistricting process on behalf of Polk City.

City Attorney Cloud requested clarification. City Manager Jackson provided such clarity regarding Redistricting.

The City Commission provided consensus.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- 1) **Citrus Hill Drive Water Main Project** – City Attorney Cloud spoke regarding the quotes received. The work will exceed \$50,000. Can the bid requirements be waived? Can the City Manager be authorized to purchase the items by negotiation, rather than bidding?

Motion by Commissioner Harper to waive the bid requirements of Section 2-132(b) and Section 2-132(3)(b) authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract with those companies that have provided a quote and bring the contracts back to the City Commission for final approval; this motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Kimsey.

Motion carried unanimously by Voice Vote.

- 2) **Christmas Parade and Safe Haven Halloween** - Polk City is hoping to have events this year. FDOT agrees with the route we have chosen for the Christmas parade.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS- None

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Vice Mayor Kimsey – In the June meeting, would like to discuss the possibility of expanding Law Enforcement in Polk City.

Commissioner Carroll – None

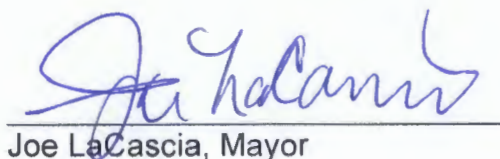
Commissioner Harper – None

Mayor LaCascia – The upcoming year will be transformational in Polk City with all the new residents coming in. All the roads will be impacted. We need to be certain that the County and the State know how bad traffic has gotten in Polk City. FDOT is more prone to do a roundabout at SR 33 and Mount Olive Road. We must go on public record with FDOT about the dangerous traffic patterns in Polk City. We will stay in the faces of FDOT and the County Manager.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – 7:26 pm


Patricia Jackson, City Manager


Joe LaCascia, Mayor