

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES

March 26, 2021

Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

ROLL CALL – Assistant to the City Manager Sheandolen Dunn

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Proposed PRWC Implementation Agreement

City Attorney Cloud and Gerry Hartman discussed the Proposed PRWC Implementation Agreement. Approximately 14 months ago, Polk City received the Proposed Implementation Agreement. This document had several issues, which are not acceptable.

During this process, Lakeland proposed its own process for implementing an agreement. Lakeland has sent an invitation to Polk City to meet and talk through the concepts of a new agreement. The first session will be to determine which cities will be participating in Lakeland's plan.


City Attorney Cloud has no reservations about Lakeland's Plan, and this would be a great idea for Polk City to be involved in, for as low as 10,000 gpd. The maximum gallons per day would be 30,000 gpd.

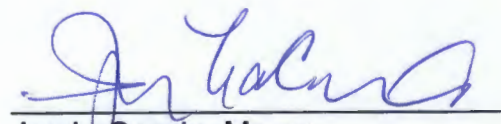
Gerry Hartman stated the PRWC does not appear to be responsive to suggestions given over the last several months. The cost estimates that PRWC has been providing cities is assuming that all this is grant money or loan forgiveness. If the grants or loan forgiveness programs don't come to fruition, Polk City would be put into a terrible debt situation. Therefore, it is recommended that Polk City join the City of Lakeland in its Alternative Water Supply (AWS) project, which is certainly more cost effective.

The recommendation is to join the City of Lakeland with its intent to develop one of the identified PRWC's Alternative Water Supply (AWS) projects, the West Polk Lower Floridan Aquifer Wellfield as an approved water project of the PRWC.

After lengthy discussion, the City Commission provided consensus for City Attorney Cloud to move forward with joining the City of Lakeland on behalf of Polk City regarding the PRWC's Alternative Water Supply Project.

ADJOURNMENT – 1:35 pm


Patricia Jackson, City Manager


Joe LaCascia, Mayor