

# August 2012 – Polk City Newsletter



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## City Council Meetings are the second Monday Night each Month at 7:00 PM

**August City Council Meeting Monday, August 13, 2012 7:00 PM**

**September City Council Meeting Monday, September 10, 2012 7:00 PM**

## Summary of July 9, 2012 City Council Meeting

- Purple Heart City Proclamation making the City of Polk City a Purple Heart City. The Purple Heart Flag was raised on August 7, 2012 at 8:00 AM.
- ORDINANCE 2012-1291, **Polk City Solid Waste Management Ordinance**. The ordinance was updated and additional detail was added to the existing ordinance. The ordinance was approved on second and final reading.
- Approve repair of pump for the Commonwealth Water Plant. The cost of the repair was \$9,980. City Council requested additional information on the repair.
- City Council authorized execution of contract for Street Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$106,150.72. All dollars were from restricted cash funds for this purpose.
- Request for Mayor LaCascia and Councilor Block to attend Florida League of Cities Annual Conference August 23 – 25, 2012.
- Request for updated software (finance, utility billing, business tax, fixed assets, etc.) – Further investigation was required before proceeding with this request.
- Set dates for FY 2013 Budget Workshop – August 7 at 6:00 PM
- City of Polk City Strategic Planning/Goal Setting date

## Summary of July 28, 2012 - Polk City Strategic Planning and Goals Setting

The Polk City Council met for a full-day session on July 28 for Strategic Planning and Goal Setting. There was lively discussion between all of the City Council Members and City Staff to create a list of goal priorities for Polk City.

### CITY OF POLK CITY GOAL PRIORITIES

- Develop and implement a marketing plan for Polk City
- Develop strategies to reduce debt
- Create a realistic five year capital improvement plan that includes repairs and replacement
- Enhance website to allow for interaction with and from citizens
- Appoint a charter review committee for possible revisions to the city charter

## Summary of July 30, 2012 Special City Council Meeting

- Repair of Commonwealth Well Pump was approved for \$9,980 to Polk Pump and Irrigation
- Purchase of Computers, Windows 7 and Microsoft Office for the City Staff and City Council. The request was modified to remove 7 tablet computers for the city council decreasing the amount by \$4300. The final amount for hardware, software and installation services was \$14,450.
- Millage rate for the TRIM notice for fiscal year 2013 was proposed at the same rate as 2012 -8.6547 mil. Further discussion and final acceptance of the millage rate will take place in September. This is a decrease to Polk City of \$96,346 in property (ad valorem) taxes if kept at this rate.
- Budget workshop set for Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- Update on Purchase of Financial Software – the current company is working with the City Staff to improve the functionality of the existing software.

## CONGRATULATIONS – Polk City Hick Chicks All Star Senior Softball Team!

**Polk City Senior All-Star** softball team (Ages 15-16) won 5/5 games in Naples bringing home to Polk City the State Championship. The team name is proud of its nickname "Hick Chicks with Sticks".

The Polk City "Hick Chicks" is from one of the smallest Little League programs in District 4, and is the first from Polk City to go this far in a Little League tournament. These girls have worked hard to get to this level and Polk City is proud of their achievements. "We decided a long time ago they were not going to beat up on Polk City," said Coach John Manning.

The Polk City "Hick Chicks" were 19-1 in the regular season. They completed a 5-0 winning streak in the state tournament in Naples. Winning pitcher Heather Guy gave up one run on four hits over seven innings. She fanned

seven and walked two. Guy, Jenna Manning, Kaitlyn Fulbright, Allyssa Wilson and Lauren Thorn each drove in runs.

Manning said the team is solid with Megan Gatley, Sommer Leavens, Shelby Gutterez, Taylor Byrd, Samantha Trimm, Kaylie Dorminy and Kayla Gatley. "Softball isn't something they do," Manning said. "It's who they are."

The team wants to send a big THANK YOU to all their supporters and the people of Polk City who helped them as they kept advancing to the championship.

See the video at

<http://www.myfoxtampabay.com/story/19123801/2012/07/26/hick-chick-with-sticks-are-batting-to-win>

## **Polk City Library**

### **Summer Program Come to an End**

**WOW!**A spectacular end to the Polk City Summer Library Program!

The children of Polk City read over **96,000 pages** this summer. This is up from 36,000 pages last summer. Seventy children completed the summer reading program.

The winners were

	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Place</u>	<u>(pages)</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</u>	<u>(pages)</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</u>	<u>(pages)</u>
3-7 years	Shane Peterson	4,516	Lauren Andreau	2,468	Austin Penton	2,335
8-11 years	Michaela Mathis	8,056	Jayden Kelly	2,442	Hunter Penton	2,154
12-14 years	Tatum Revesez	14,930	Ethan Weiner	8,125	Jimmy Lansdon	3,867

Our sincere Thank You to all the volunteers and parents who supported and participated in this program.

**MARTHA SPEAKS at Polk City Library Event - August 16 at 11:00 AM** in conjunction with WDDU and PBS programming. Children age 7 and under will receive a free gift and a snack.

## **City Improvements Continue During the Summer**

- We are hearing many positive comments about the Street Paving. It looks great and is really appreciated by the neighborhood walkers and bicyclists.
- Water pipes and water hydrants are going in as scheduled in the Railroad Heights area. This is the CDBG Grant project that updates utilities in communities.

## **In the News**

Polk City was in the news again this month.

- **Vexing Software Issues Provoke Polk City Staff Into Requesting New Vendor** July 28, 2012 The Ledger <http://www.theledger.com/article/20120728/NEWS/120729316/1134?Title=Vexing-Software-Issues-Provoke-Polk-City-Staff-into-Requesting-New-Vendor>  
That's the proposition before the **Polk City** Council, which is considering staff's proposal to replace a software package rife with problems. At the July 9 council meeting, staff suggested spending \$94,799 during the next three years on a new financial software package.

## **Upcoming Polk City Events**

## **Mark your calendars!**

October 27, 2012 Safe Haven Halloween Event  
**New Time: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Looking for Vendors to participate. \$20.00 for a 10' X 10' vendor space.

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December 1, 2012 City of Polk City Christmas Parade  
Saturday, December 1, 2012 Parade starts at 2:00 p.m.

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Vendor applications for both events are available at City Hall.  
Parade applications are also available. Call (863) 984-1375 ext. 221 for details.