

June 2013 – Polk City Newsletter



- Polk City Utilities **emergency number** is **1 866 815 0074**. Please use this number **only for emergencies**.
- If you have any questions regarding utilities **Monday through Thursday during Business Hours**, please call Polk City Utilities - **863 874 4808**.

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Phone for an appointment with any City Council member call 863 984 1375 ext 221

City Council Meetings are the **3rd Monday Night** each Month at 7:00 PM

ALL CITY OFFICES AND THE POLK CITY LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2013 FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Summary of May 20, 2013 City Council Meeting

- **Ordinance 2013-1298** – Adding a definition to the Unified Land Development code for “Family Cemeteries”. Approved on second and final reading.
- **Ordinance 2013-1299** – Creating and Authorizing a municipal lien applicable to those properties for which monthly rates, fees, and charges are not paid; amending Sections 74-97 and 74-264 clarifying previous deletion of certain charges from the tax bill; approved on second and final reading.
- **Ordinance 2013-1300**, Amending the final budget, reallocating and re-appropriating monies within the budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. All other items in the Budget of Expenses to remain unchanged. Approved on first reading.
- **Vacancy of Polk City Council Seat 3**. See article immediately below for further details.
- **Repair of Jacob Water Treatment Plant** – Approved replacement of motor - \$5335.
- **Discussion and Acceptance of Audit Services Agreement** – Approved three year contract with Mike Brynjulfson, CPA. Basic Financial Statements - \$28,000. Single Audit -- Federal \$6500, State \$5000
- **Discussion and Acceptance of Painting and Repair to the Polk City Government Center**. Approved Integrity Homes In the amount of \$7800.
- **Appoint an Alternate Signee for City Bank Accounts** – Approved Councilor Trudy Block.
- **Change Order #3 – CDBG Water Line Replacement Project** – Approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$5042 – this was approved by Department of Economic Development - deficiencies in the pavement were discovered.
- **Discussion and Acceptance to Purchase Mower** – approved purchase from Fields Equipment in the amount of \$7199.20.
- **New Statute for Public Participation at Public Meetings** – presented by City Attorney; he will prepare a Resolution
- Motion made to begin the process for the City Manager Evaluation – Motion tabled.
- Motion made to approve City Manager Objectives – Motion failed due to lack of a second.
- Motion made to allow public comment before and after the City Council Meeting – Motion failed due to lack of a second.
- Motion made to have a workshop to discuss protocols and processes, managing and maintaining assets, Economic Development, Debt Reduction, etc. Motion Failed due to lack of a second.

Public Notice -- Vacancy of City Council Seat 3

City Council Seat 3 – vacancy until April 2014 Election, at which time an election will be held to fill the unexpired term ending April 2016. Any interested party should submit a letter of interest and/or resume to the Office of the City Manager, 123 Broadway Blvd., SE, Polk City FL 33868, by Wednesday, June 12th at 12:00 p.m. The City of Polk City requires that members of the City Council shall be a qualified elector of the city and has been a full-time resident of the city for six (6) months. For additional information, please call (863) 984-1375, extension 237. Patricia R. Jackson, CMC City Manager/City Clerk

Polk City Library - June/July Summer Reading Events

<u>Location</u>	<u>Activities Center</u>	<u>203 Lake Shore Dr. Polk City</u>
<u>Time</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>

- **June 19 Drum Magic**
Jana Broder and Drum Magic bring a fun afternoon of drum demonstrations and play. Each child will play a drum.
- **June 26 Phosphate Museum**
Indira Sukhaj is coming back to Polk City to share fossils that are unique to Florida. Each child will make their own fossil.
- **July 3 Craft Day**
An interesting and unique craft is available for children to create.
- **July 10 World of Reptiles**
Lizards and turtles and snakes will invade the library! John Storms will fascinate you with a live giant python, turtles and other exotic reptiles from around the world. Bring your camera!

- **July 17** **Water Ventures Learning Lab**
The Crystal Springs Foundation recently unveiled Water Ventures, Florida's Learning Lab. The traveling lab is a science center housed in a customized 53-foot semi-trailer that will be here to give our kids hands on experience.
- **July 24** **Horses**
Laura Branch is bringing her horses. She will be teaching us about horses. Each child can go for a horseback ride. Parents must sign a release of responsibility for your child, in order for the child to ride.
- **July 31** **Round up and Wind Up Party with Mr. Harley:** Mr. Harley, brings a lively guitar, a pile of songs, and a fender-wide grin to the stage, where his sheer exuberance has energized and delighted crowds of all shapes and sizes.
This will also be our wind up party. The kids will receive their awards along with refreshments.

Hooked on Fishing – Camp Gilead Partnering with Florida Wildlife Conservation

- **Day Camp** – week of July 8-12 or July 15-19
- These privileged campers will build their own casting rod, learn how to catch certain types of fish, and drive a fishing boat! They will even take home their own rod and tackle box as souvenirs!
- For further details, contact Camp Gilead at 863-984-1353, ext. 231. There is a fee for this activity.

JOB OPPORTUNITY IN POLK CITY

Polk Correctional Institutional is seeking five (5) Correctional Officer Applicants. Annual salary starts at \$30,807 for Certified Officer, \$28,007 for a Non-certified Officer. Full benefit package; for further information please contact Sergeant C. Gaule at 863-984-1436 or apply online at:

<http://jobs.myflorida.com/viewjob.html?refnode=2602269>

Van Fleet Trail Cycling Challenge – Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Van Fleet Trail Cycling Challenge, which will be held Saturday, October 2013. We are looking for up to 37 volunteers for 3 hour shifts, spread among five locations (Lake Myrtle Sports Park, as well as trailheads at Polk City, Green Pond Road, Bay Lake Road, and Mabel). Positions involve either handing out registration materials and snacks (20 positions), photography (1 position), setup and teardown assistance (8 positions), or helping with parking at Lake Myrtle and Polk City (8 positions). To volunteer, please contact either Will Byers (863-984-8362) or Dwight Kitchens (863-984-4564).

Supporting Recreational Programs in the Polk City Area. Website: <http://vftcc.com>

Sheriff Grady Judd Is Seeking Volunteers

Sheriff Grady Judd and The Polk County Sheriff's Office is seeking volunteers to join the **Volunteer Sheriff's Service Office program** (VSSO). Participants will receive over 80 hours of classroom training and will receive another 80 hours of field training. For more information, refer to the following URL: https://local.nixle.com/alert/5010989/?sub_id=1196290



4th of July Fireworks in Polk County



- Lake Eva Park, Haines City – **Thunder on the Ridge** - Come out and enjoy the largest fireworks display in Polk County. There will be plenty of arts, crafts, food vendors and children's activities on site. Admission is FREE.
www.visitcentralflorida.org/events/thunder-on-the-ridge
- Legoland, Winter Haven - July 4, 5, and 6th **Red, Brick and Boom!** at Legoland in Winter Haven. Special viewing glasses turn ordinary fireworks into millions of exploding bricks. For more info go to www.legoland.com
- Marchant Stadium in Lakeland - The **dueling fireworks spectacular** will begin at approximately 9:15 p.m. There will be two amazing fireworks displays skyrocketing at the same time choreographed to patriotic music. The shows are sponsored by The City of Lakeland, Lakeland Electric, The Ledger and Hall Communications and will be displayed by Bell's Fireworks Display Company.