# In The News



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For an appointment with any City Commissioner or the City Manager, please call 863-984-1375 x 238 City Commission Meetings are the <u>3rd Tuesday</u> each month at 6:00 pm

### Recap of March 18, 2025 City Commission Meeting

- 1. Ordinance 2025-01 Text Amendment 2<sup>nd</sup>/Final Reading Approved
- 2. Ordinance 2025-02 Text Amendment 2<sup>nd</sup>/Final Reading Approved
- 3. Ordinance 2025-03 First Reading Approved
- 4. CivilSurv Professional Engineering Services Proposal Approved

### Polk City Centennial Celebration

WE ARE JUST A FEW WEEKS AWAY!!!!!!!!!You may or may not know that Polk City is gearing up for its Centennial Celebration (100 years) in April 2025. We still have Centennial memorabilia for sale - T-shirts, Challenge Coins, Commemorative Bricks. All items can be purchased at City Hall. So, stop by anytime Monday – Thursday 7:30 am – 5:00 pm or call Sheandolen Dunn - 863-984-

1375 x 238 for details. Get yours before everything is sold out. Exciting plans are under way, but as we get closer to April 2025, you will see more details published, stay tuned and we hope to see you there!!!!!!

For those of you that purchased a brick and mini bricks several months ago; those bricks are in, so please stop by to take a look and take your mini brick home. If you have just recently purchased a brick, please know that it has been ordered, but may not be back in time to be placed in the ground with the others prior to the celebration on April 12; but, no worries, it will be placed in the ground.

## Water Conservation Jips

April is historically one of the driest months of the year and typically marks the peak demand season for public water suppliers. The District also recently launched the Water 101 campaign to educate new and existing residents as well as communities about how they can help protect local water resources and save water and money.

Below are 10 simple tips, you can lower your monthly water bill and do your part to save hundreds of gallons of water:

#### **INDOOR**

- Only run your washing machine and dishwasher when they are full.
- Use the shortest clothes washing cycle for lightly soiled loads; normal and permanent-press wash cycles use more water.
- Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator or microwave, not under running water.
- Scrape, don't rinse, your dishes before loading in the dishwasher.
- Install high-efficiency showerheads, faucets and toilets.

#### **OUTDOOR**

Check your home's irrigation system for leaks.

- Turn off your irrigation system and only water as needed.
- Don't leave sprinklers unattended. Use a kitchen timer to remind yourself to turn sprinklers off.
- Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle when washing the car.
- Consider installing a rain barrel with a drip irrigation system for watering your landscaping. Rainwater is free and better for your plants because it doesn't contain hard minerals.

Leaks are the biggest water waster, both inside and outside of your home. You can use your water meter to check for leaks. Turn off all faucets and water-using appliances and make sure no one uses water during the testing period. Wait for the hot water heater and ice cube makers to refill and for regeneration of water softeners. Go to your water meter and record the current reading. Wait 30 minutes. (Remember, no water should be used during this period.) Read the meter again. If the reading has changed, you have a leak.

For more information about water conservation, please visit the District's website at <u>WaterMatters.org/Water101</u>.



\*\*If you have community activities or news that would be of interest to the Polk City service area, please contact Sheandolen Dunn – <u>sheandolen.dunn@mypolkcity.org</u> – 863-984-1375 x 238.