

MEETING MINUTES
The City of Polk City
Work Session
5:00 p.m., Monday, February 12, 2024
City Hall Council Chambers

A Council Work Session was held on February 12, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers in Polk City, Iowa.

<p><u>Mayor and City Council Members Present:</u> Steve Karsjen Mayor Jeff Walters Pro Tem Rob Sarchet City Council Member Jeff Savage City Council Member Mandy Vogel City Council Member Nick Otis City Council Member</p>	<p><u>Staff Members Present:</u> Chelsea Huisman City Manager Jenny Coffin City Clerk/Treasurer Mike Schulte Public Works Director Jeremy Siepker Police Chief Jamie Noack Library Director Jason Thraen Parks & Recreation Director Karla Hogrefe Fire Chief Cody Olson Building Official</p>
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Public Works Director Schulte presented the history of how and why the brush pile was started as an alternative to burning. He reviewed how the waste has grown year over year to an insurmountable amount, especially financially, and the amount that must be hauled away. Schulte also shared the challenges of illegal dumping at the site, both of unacceptable materials and of non-Polk City residents and contractors unlawfully using the site. Staff recommendation would be closing the operation down now that every resident has the option to participate in curb side pick up of yard waste. The Mayor and Council discussed various ideas.

Ken Morse, 1308 Westside Dr. addressed the Mayor and Council with his thoughts on managing the site.

Ron Anderson, 710 Tyler Street, shared his thoughts on the history and value of the site.

Council asked for more information on both the brush pile and Metro Waste Authority Recycling Center to provide Council with options to discuss at a future work session.

Motion was made by Walters and seconded by Otis to Adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

Motion carried Unanimously.

Steve Karsjen, Mayor

Attest

Jenny Coffin, City Clerk