

**MINUTES  
OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI  
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a regular meeting on Monday, January 4, 2016.

Notice of this regular meeting of the City Council was given in the Daily American Republic, a newspaper of general circulation located in the City of Poplar Bluff. A copy of the agenda of this meeting was posted on a bulletin board located in the City Municipal building at 101 Oak Street in the City of Poplar Bluff, twenty-four hours prior to this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Betty Absheer at 7:00 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Absheer called for a moment of silence in memory of former Councilwoman Angela Pearson who passed away January 2, 2016.

The invocation was given by Mr. Don Poe of Fellowship General Baptist Church.

A roll call was as follows: Present: DeGaris, Crocker, Tinsley, Fox, Johnson, Absheer; Absent: None.

Also present were City Manager Mark Massingham, City Attorney Robert L. Smith and City Clerk Pamela Kearbey who performed the duties of their respective offices.

**DISCLOSURE  
OF  
INTEREST**

Each member of the City Council was given the opportunity to disclose any possible conflict of interest dealing either with any item on the printed agenda or with any matter discussed at a previous meeting.

Councilman DeGaris stated he had a conflict with Workshop Item H and Action Required Item EE and would abstain from these items.

**CITIZEN'S  
INPUT**

Each person in the audience was given the opportunity to address the City Council on any matter which was not on the printed agenda.

No one from the audience appeared before the Council.

**WORKSHOP  
ITEMS FOR  
DISCUSSION**

**Application for a  
Taxicab Service**

The City Council reviewed a proposed application for a taxicab service. The applicant is Donny Arbuckle, d/b/a Arbuckle City Cab, located at 440 Highway 53.

City Manager Mark Massingham addressed the Council and stated Mr. Arbuckle bought City Cab from Mr. Billy Morgan. He stated City Ordinance requires the other cab companies be notified of a new cab business opening and be given the opportunity to voice any objections they may have. He stated there were no objections to this business by any of the other existing cab companies.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilman DeGaris, seconded by Councilman Tinsley and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held tonight. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson voted not to move this item to the voting session to be held tonight.

**Bids for 14<sup>th</sup>  
Street Property**

The City Council reviewed bids received for the sale of City property located on 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mr. Massingham addressed the Council and stated there were two bids on the property with the high bid being from Mr. Rick Cisne in the amount of \$2,000. He stated he recommends the Council accept the high bid.

After further discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilman DeGaris, and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held January 19, 2016.

**Bids for 1935  
Barron Road  
Property**

The City Council reviewed bids received for the sale of City property located at 1935 Barron Road.

Mr. Massingham addressed the Council and stated there were two bids received on the property with the high bid being from Mr. Sam Schalk in the amount of \$7,005. He stated he recommends the Council accept the high bid.

After further discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilman DeGaris and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held January 19, 2016.

**The Spyglass  
Group, LLC,  
Proposal**

The City Council reviewed a proposal from the The Spyglass Group, LLC, relative to an audit performed on the City's telephone land lines, cell phones and internet services.

Mr. Massingham addressed the Council and stated this item was previously brought before the Council. He stated to this point in the audit, The Spyglass Group has found a savings of \$1,500 not including our cell phone services. He stated he is suggesting this item be passed to the next voting session.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilman DeGaris, seconded by Councilman Tinsley and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held January 19, 2016.

**Barron Road  
Extension**

The City Council discussed accepting the Barron Road extension, west to Highway W from Hillis Developments, LLC to the City of Poplar Bluff.

Mr. Massingham addressed the Council and stated this is the portion of Barron Road next to Municipal Utilities. He stated this acceptance is for the extended roadway to the north. He stated the road was built to City Code and was certified by Smith and Company Engineers. He stated it was also inspected by the Street Superintendent.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilman DeGaris, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held January 19, 2016.

**CDBG  
Administration**

The City Council reviewed proposals received for grant administration of CDBG fund for a project consisting of a flood buyout with relocation and a hydraulic study of a local creek.

Mr. Dennis Avery, City Planner, appeared before the Council. He stated this is for administration services for the Community Development Block Grant relative to the flood buyout for the area of Hillcrest Park. He stated Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission will charge a fee of \$10,000 plus four percent of the grant award amount. He stated the City's portion on this grant will be in-kind only with no money out of pocket.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilman Crocker, seconded by Councilman Tinsley and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held January 19, 2016.

**Lease Agreement  
for Agricultural  
Land**

The City Council discussed a proposed ordinance accepting a bid and authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement for agricultural land.

Mr. Bill Bach, Municipal Utilities General Manager, appeared before the Council. He stated the site of this property is on the east side where the old lagoon once was. He stated previously this property has been leased for five years but a three year lease is recommended at this time as the property may be needed for wetlands mitigation at some point in the future. Mr. Bach stated Mike Nelson has leased this property for quite some time and has bid the same amount he has in the past which is \$6,250 per year. He stated this item is recommended by the Municipal Utilities Advisory Board for Council approval.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilman DeGaris, seconded by Councilwoman Fox and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held tonight.

**IBEW, Local 702,  
Union Agreement**

The City Council discussed a proposed ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to execute an agreement between the City of Poplar Bluff and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 702, for its members who are employees of the City of Poplar Bluff Electric Department.

Mr. Bach addressed the Council and stated negotiations are complete and the only changes to this agreement from the last one are wage increases and the term of the agreement. He stated the wage increase is two percent for 2016 and four percent for 2017 and the term of the agreement is for two years. Mr. Bach stated he recommends Council approval of the agreement.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilman Tinsley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held tonight. Councilman DeGaris abstained from this item.

**ACTION  
REQUIRED  
ITEMS**

**Awarding a Bid  
for the HeRO  
Grant Project**

The City Council took action on an ordinance awarding a bid on the HeRO Grant Project. Motion was made by Councilman Tinsley, seconded by Councilman Crocker that Bill No. 7871, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AWARDING A BID FOR THE HERO GRANT PROJECT**, be read for the first time by caption only. Said bill was then placed upon its first reading, was read by caption only and duly passed by unanimous vote. Motion was made by Councilman Tinsley and seconded by Councilman DeGaris that Bill No. 7871 be placed upon its second and final reading whereupon such bill was read by caption only and duly passed by unanimous vote. At this time Mayor Absheer asked if there was any discussion of this bill. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilman Tinsley and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson that Bill No. 7871 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: DeGaris, Crocker, Tinsley, Fox, Johnson, Absheer; No: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor thereupon declared such ordinance duly adopted and the bill was thereupon duly numbered Ordinance No. 7668.

**Southwestern  
Power  
Administration**

The City Council took action on an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an addendum agreement to the current power supply agreement between the City of Poplar Bluff and Southwestern Power Administration. Motion was made by

**Addendum  
Agreement**

Councilman DeGaris, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson that Bill No. 7872, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF AND SOUTHWESTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION**, be read for the first time by caption only. Said bill was then placed upon its first reading, was read by caption only and duly passed by unanimous vote. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and seconded by Councilman Tinsley that Bill No. 7872 be placed upon its second and final reading whereupon such bill was read by caption only and duly passed by unanimous vote. At this time Mayor Absheer asked if there was any discussion of this bill. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilman Tinsley and seconded by Councilman Crocker that Bill No. 7872 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Crocker, Tinsley, Fox, DeGaris, Johnson, Absheer; No: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor thereupon declared such ordinance duly adopted and the bill was thereupon duly numbered Ordinance No. 7669.

**Taxicab License**

The City Council took action on a proposed ordinance issuing a taxicab license to Arbuckle City Cab. Motion was made by Councilman Tinsley, seconded by Councilman DeGaris that Bill No. 7873, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TAXICAB LICENSE TO ARBUCKLE CITY CAB**, be read for the first time by caption only. Said bill was then placed upon its first reading, was read by caption only and duly passed by unanimous vote. Motion was made by Councilman Tinsley and seconded by Councilman Crocker that Bill No. 7873 be placed upon its second and final reading whereupon such bill was read by caption only and duly passed by unanimous vote. At this time Mayor Absheer asked if there was any discussion of this bill. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilman Tinsley and seconded by Councilman DeGaris that Bill No. 7873 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Tinsley, Fox, DeGaris, Crocker, Johnson, Absheer; No: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor thereupon declared such ordinance duly adopted and the bill was thereupon duly numbered Ordinance No. 7670.

**Lease Agreement  
for Agricultural  
Land**

The City Council took action on an ordinance accepting a bid and authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement for agricultural land. Motion was made by Councilman Tinsley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson that Bill No. 7874, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIKE NELSON AND THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND**, be read for the first time by caption only. Said bill was then placed upon its first reading, was read by caption only and duly passed by unanimous vote. Motion was made by Councilman Tinsley and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson that Bill No. 7874 be placed upon its second and final reading whereupon such bill was read by caption only and duly passed by unanimous vote. At this time Mayor Absheer asked if there was any discussion of this bill. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilman Tinsley and seconded by Councilman DeGaris that Bill No. 7874 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Fox, DeGaris, Crocker, Tinsley, Johnson, Absheer; No: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor thereupon declared such ordinance duly adopted and the bill was thereupon duly numbered Ordinance No. 7671.

**IBEW, Local 702,  
Union Agreement**

The City Council took action on an ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to execute an agreement between the City of Poplar Bluff and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 702, for its members who are employees of the City of Poplar Bluff Electric Department. Motion

was made by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilman Tinsley that Bill No. 7875, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS (IBEW), LOCAL 702, be read for the first time by caption only. Said bill was then placed upon its first reading, was read by caption only and duly passed by unanimous vote. Motion was made by Councilman Tinsley and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson that Bill No. 7875 be placed upon its second and final reading whereupon such bill was read by caption only and duly passed by unanimous vote. At this time Mayor Absheer asked if there was any discussion of this bill. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilman Tinsley and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson that Bill No. 7875 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Crocker, Tinsley, Fox, Johnson, Absheer; No: None; Absent: None; Abstained: DeGaris. There being a favorable vote the Mayor thereupon declared such ordinance duly adopted and the bill was thereupon duly numbered Ordinance No. 7672.

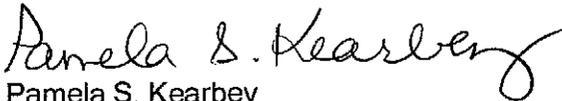
**City Manager's  
Report**

City Manager Massingham addressed the Council and stated we had a lot of water last week but it could have been worse. He stated he would like to thank all agencies involved in helping with the flooding issues.

There being no further business to come before this meeting of the City Council, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilman Crocker and carried that this regular meeting be adjourned.

Mayor Absheer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela S. Kearbey  
City Clerk

**APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

**OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF,**

**MISSOURI, THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY**

**OF February, 2016.**