

**MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a public hearing on Monday, February 1, 2016.

Notice of this public hearing 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 public hearing was called to order by Mayor Betty Absheer at 6:45 p.m.

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 S. 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.

No conflict of interest was disclosed.

**ITEM TO BE
DISCUSSED AT
PUBLIC
HEARING**

**2011 CDBG
Program ,
Disaster
Recovery
Funding**

The purpose of this public hearing was to discuss the City's submission of an application for the fiscal year 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, Disaster Recovery Funding. The City is proposing a flood buyout program, using post flood appraisals and will include relocation allocations. The area proposed for the flood buyout experienced flood damages from the flooding event of April 2011 in the area of Hillcrest Park. The proposed project will also include a study of Pike Creek that will result in suggested actions to mitigate future flooding along Pike Creek. The total project cost is estimated at \$995,000. All citizens were encouraged to attend in order to comment on the proposed activities.

Mr. Matt Winters of Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, 3019 Fair Street, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, appeared before the Council .He stated the money for this funding is from the year 2011 and is money that wasn't used and is being reclaimed to be used for projects as a result of the flooding in 2011. He stated the amount of grant is \$995,000 with the City providing \$10,500 worth of in-kind services of which \$2,000 will be for administrative services and \$8,500 will be for inspection services. Mr. Winters stated this flood buyout is for 21 properties in the Hillcrest Park area and does include relocation expenses. He stated residential structures will not be allowed to be rebuilt on the properties that are bought out. He stated this is completely voluntary for the residents to sell if they so choose.

Mr. Dennis Avery, City Planner, appeared before the Council and stated the section of Pike Creek basically from PP Highway to the bridge on 67 Highway at the 53 junction has some chronic flooding issues that does affect some properties along PP Highway, Maud Street, Old Street and the 53 junction. He stated this study hopefully will result in money being allocated for drainage improvements to be made when Shelby Road is extended.

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 February 16, 2016.

There being no further business to come before this public hearing of the City Council, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Fox and carried that this public hearing be adjourned.

Mayor Absheer declared the public hearing adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Pamela S. Kearbey
City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF,

MISSOURI, THIS 21st DAY

OF March, 2016.