

**MINUTES
OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a special meeting on Monday, April 18, 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 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 Mark L. Richardson 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.

**CITIZENS'
INPUT**

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

Fire Chief Ralph Stucker appeared before the Council and presented Mayor Betty Absheer with a plaque of appreciation for her years of service to the City of Poplar Bluff.

**ITEMS FOR
ACTION AT
SPECIAL
MEETING**

In accordance with Section 110.040 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, entitled "Compensation of Councilman", the City Manager presented to each Councilperson their salary for services to the City of Poplar Bluff for fiscal year 2015 - 2016.

**Compensation of
Councilman**

At this time, City Manager Mark Massingham presented a plaque to each Councilmember bearing a silver dollar for their services to the City of Poplar Bluff during the past year. He also presented a Mayor's plaque to Betty Absheer and a Mayor Pro Tem's plaque to David Johnson.

City Manager Massingham presented Mayor Absheer with a 43 inch flat screen television on behalf of himself, the City Clerk, various former City Manager's and various Councilmembers in appreciation of her 26 and half years of service to the City of Poplar Bluff as a member of the City Council.

**Presentation of
Abstract of Votes**

The City Clerk presented to the City Council for their approval the abstract of votes cast at the Municipal Election held Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

City Clerk Pamela Kearbey addressed the Council and stated on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, the City of Poplar Bluff conducted a Municipal Election for the purpose of

electing a Councilmember from the First Ward, a Councilmember from the Third Ward and a Councilmember from the At Large Ward. She stated there were two candidates for the First Ward, Susan McVey who received 135 votes and David Sloan who received 58 votes. Ms. Kearbey stated the winner of this race was Susan McVey. She stated there were two candidates for the Third Ward, Barbara Horton who received 99 votes and Jim Champion who received 45 votes. She stated the winner of this race was Barbara Horton. Ms. Kearbey stated there were three candidates for the At Large Ward, Jerrica Fox who received 967 votes, Jim Chrisman who received 339 votes and write-in candidate Larry Leeds who received 12 votes. She stated the winner of this race was Jerrica Fox.

Motion was made by Councilman Crocker, seconded by Councilman Tinsley and carried to accept the abstract of votes as presented by the City Clerk.

**Remarks from
Councilwoman
Jerrica Fox**

Retiring Councilwoman from the At Large Ward, Jerrica Fox, addressed the City Council and stated she would like to thank the Council for their guidance and she has enjoyed the past eight months of serving on the Council. She stated she would also like to thank her constituents for their support and looks forward to serving them for another year.

**Remarks from
Mayor and
Councilwoman
Betty Absheer**

Retiring Councilwoman from the Third Ward, and Mayor, Betty Absheer addressed the City Council and stated she would like to thank those in attendance tonight who came to support her at her last meeting. She stated she is grateful for the opportunity to grow up in Poplar Bluff and is thankful for all those who she's come into contact with who have blessed her life. Mayor Absheer stated she is thankful for her constituents in Ward 3 and has enjoyed working with the various City Councilmembers and City Staff. She stated she wishes the best of luck to Barbara Horton who will be taking her place as the Councilwoman in Ward 3.

**Swearing In of
Elected
Councilmembers**

At this time City Clerk Pamela Kearbey administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilwoman of the First Ward Susan McVey, newly elected Councilwoman of the Third Ward Barbara Horton and newly elected Councilwoman of the At Large Ward Jerrica Fox.

**Election of Mayor
& Mayor Pro Tem**

The new City Council conducted an election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and a Mayor Pro Tem for the year 2016-2017.

The Chair at this time received nominations for the office of Mayor for the City of Poplar Bluff for the year 2016-2017. Councilman Crocker placed in nomination the name of Ed DeGaris for the office of Mayor of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for the year 2016-2017. The nomination was seconded by Councilwoman McVey. The Chair asked if there were any further nominations for the office of Mayor. There being none, motion was made by Councilwoman McVey, seconded by Councilman Crocker and carried by a unanimous vote of the City Council that nominations cease and Ed DeGaris be elected Mayor of the City of Poplar Bluff for the year 2016-2017 by acclamation. The Chair declared Ed DeGaris Mayor of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for the year 2016-2017.

The Chair at this time received nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Poplar Bluff for the year 2016-2017. Councilwoman McVey placed in nomination the name of Philip Crocker for the office of Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for the year 2016-2017. The nomination was seconded by Councilwoman Fox. The Chair asked if there were any further nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem. There being none, motion was made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman McVey and carried that nominations cease

