

**MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a regular meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021.

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 501 Vine Street in the City of Poplar Bluff, twenty-four hours prior to this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert L. Smith at 7:00 p.m.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Lisa Parson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Robert L. Smith.

A roll call was as follows: Present: Parson, DeGaris, Horton, Cornman, Taylor, Davis and Smith; Absent: None.

Also present were City Manager Matt Winters, City Attorney Mark Richardson, and City Clerk Nevada J. Young 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 conflicts were disclosed.

CITIZENS INPUT

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

Mr. Spencer Jones, who gave his address as 904 North Garfield Street, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, appeared before the Council. He stated he would like to make sure the designation of a thoroughfare as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street is followed through on. He stated he would also like to see the African American firefighters and police officers in the City of Poplar Bluff.

City Manager Matt Winters stated he spoke with Mr. Kevin Ellis a few times and he had a meeting scheduled with various legislative leaders which was cancelled. He stated he hopes to have the meeting rescheduled soon.

**WORKSHOP
ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION**

The City Council considered Certificates of Participation relative to the financing of the proposed Police Department facility.

**Police
Department
Facility Financing**

City Manager Winters addressed the Council and stated several documents relative to the execution of the Certificates of Participation were included in the Council packet. He stated the principal amount will be \$12,000,000 with a 20-year payback of approximately \$18,000,000 with approximate principal and interest payments of \$798,000 for 20 years. He stated previously it was thought the credit rating for the project would not come in high or even be rated at all but we learned this week the

rating will be graded at BBB+ which will provide an approximate savings of \$25,000 on the debt service as well as a lower fee paid to the underwriter.

After further discussion, motion was made by Mayor Tem Davis, seconded by Councilman DeGaris and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held February 16, 2021.

**Contract with
Navigate Building
Solutions LLC**

The City Council reviewed the contract between the City of Poplar Bluff and Navigate Building Solutions LLC.

City Manager Winters addressed the Council and stated upon review of the contracts with Navigate and Police Facility Design Group the majority of items they are contractually obligated or provide during construction of the new Police Department are also provided by Police Facility Design Group or will be the responsibility of the City. Mr. Winters stated it is his recommendation to terminate the contract with Navigate Building Solutions.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilman DeGaris, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and carried to terminate the contract with Navigate Building Solutions and to appoint the City Manager to fulfill the duties previously provided by Navigate Building Solutions. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Parson, DeGaris, Horton, Taylor, Davis, Smith; No: Cornman; Absent: None, Abstained: None. The motion carried by majority vote to terminate the contract with Navigate Building Solutions,

**Statewide Court
Automation Fund**

The City Council considered implementing a \$7.00 surcharge fee to go specifically to the Statewide Court Automation Fund.

City Manager Winters addressed the Council and stated the State of Missouri is implementing a statewide system for courts, Sho Me Courts. He stated as part of this automation update the City will be required to collect a \$7.00 surcharge for each case that is processed through the new system and the fee will then go to the State. Mr. Winters stated the City will begin using this system on May 1, 2021. He stated this is an effort by the State to provide uniformity among the courts for process, procedures and fines.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Parson, seconded by Councilwoman Horton and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held February 16, 2021.

**ACTION
REQUIRED
ITEMS**

**Police
Department
Facility Bid**

The City Council took action on an ordinance accepting a bid for the construction of the proposed Police Department facility to be erected at 911 Shelby Road. Motion was made by Councilman DeGaris and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Bill No. 8287, **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BID FROM BROCKMILLER CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF FARMINGTON, MISSOURI FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POPLAR BLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY**, 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 Davis and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor that Bill No. 8287 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 Smith asked if there was any discussion of this bill. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilman DeGaris and seconded by Councilman Cornman that Bill No. 8287 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Parson, DeGaris, Horton, Cornman, Taylor, Davis, Smith; No: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor thereupon

declared such ordinance adopted and the bill was thereupon duly numbered Ordinance No. 21 - 02.

Call For a Closed Session Mayor Smith stated there is no need for a closed session this evening.


City Manager's Report City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and introduced new Accounting Manager for the City, Ms. Laura Stagner-Crites.

Mayor Smith encouraged everyone to continue wearing masks, washing hands and keeping their distance.

There being no further business to come before this meeting of the City Council, motion was made by Councilwoman Parson, seconded by Councilwoman Horton and carried to adjourn this regular session of the City Council.

Mayor Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Nevada J. Young
City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF,

MISSOURI, THIS 15th DAY

OF March, 2021.