

**MINUTES
OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a special meeting on Thursday, February 4, 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 1:00 p.m..

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

Also present were City Manager Matt Winters and City Clerk Nevada J. Young who performed the duties of their respective offices. City Attorney Mark Richardson was absent.

**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 of interest were disclosed.

**CITIZENS'
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 came forward to address the Council.

**ITEMS TO BE
WORKSHOPPED**

**Consider a
request to submit
a grant
application for
rescue equipment**

Fire Department Captain Steve Burkhead of 329 Stone Creek Drive, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, addressed the Council and informed them that the Fire Department is applying for a grant through the Assistance to Firefighters grant program for needed rescue equipment. The equipment they currently have is over 15 years old and shutting down under stress. The cost to repair the old equipment exceeds the value. The equipment requested would include struts and shoring to stabilize the trucks when at a fire scene. The cost of the new equipment would be approximately \$153,225.00 of which there would be a 5% cost share from the city equaling approximately \$7000-\$7300.00. Burkhead stated that the grant is due to be submitted on February 12, 2021.

Mayor Smith stated that he's in favor of this grant so that firefighters can get what they need to use without equipment failure.

With no other discussion reported, Councilman Ed DeGaris made a motion, second by Councilwoman Parson and carried to move this item to the request to the voting session to be held at today's meeting. With seven (7) in favor, Parson, DeGaris, Horton, Cornman, Taylor, Davis and Smith, the request was approved unanimously.

Consider a request to submit a grant application for a ladder truck.

Captain Burkhead addressed the Council and informed them that this is a separate grant application through the Assistance to Firefighters grant program for a ladder truck to replace the existing truck which is a 1997 model. The current value of the existing truck is around \$30,000.00 and they had at least \$23,000.00 in maintenance last year. The 1997 truck has shut down on the way to calls. To apply for the grant, the Fire Department will have to take the current truck out of service with the option of scrapping it or donating it to a non-emergency agency. The Fire Department would like to donate the decommissioned truck to the Three Rivers fire training program as they have other equipment in the past. Captain Burkhead stated that a new ladder truck, with no special equipment added, is estimated at \$850,000.00 with the city having a cost share of 5%, which would equal approximately \$40,000-\$43,000. He added between the two grants the city would receive approximately \$1,000,000 in equipment for around \$50,000.

Councilman Cornman asked how long it would be before they would know if they've received the grant. Captain Burkhead said the first round will happen in the Fall, around August and if awarded, they would have the truck and equipment within 12 to 15 months. The share cost would probably come out of the 2022 budget.

With no other discussion reported, Councilman Ed DeGaris made a motion, second by Councilwoman Horton and unanimously carried to move this request to the voting session to be held at today's meeting.

ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS

Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Application - Rescue Equipment

The City Council took action on a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an application for a grant for a grant from Assistance to Fire Fighters grant program for rescue equipment. Motion was made by Councilman DeGaris and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor that Resolution No. 1941, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM FOR RESCUE EQUIPMENT**, be read by caption only. Said bill was then placed upon its reading and was read by caption only and duly passed by unanimous vote. At this time Mayor Smith asked if there was any discussion of this resolution. There being no discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Davis and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Resolution No. 1941 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Parson, DeGaris, Horton, Cornman, Taylor, Davis and Mayor: No: None; Absent: None. Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor thereupon declared such resolution duly adopted and was thereupon duly numbered Resolution No. 1941 and was thereupon signed and approved by the Mayor and attested to by the City Clerk.

Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Application - Ladder Truck

The City Council took action on a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an application for a grant for a grant from Assistance to Fire Fighters grant program for a new ladder truck. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis and seconded by Councilman DeGaris that Resolution No. 1942, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM FOR A LADDER TRUCK**, be read by caption only. Said bill was then placed upon its reading and was read by caption only and duly passed by unanimous vote. At this time Mayor Smith asked if there was any discussion of this resolution. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilman DeGaris and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Resolution No. 1942 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Parson, DeGaris, Horton, Cornman, Taylor, Davis and Mayor: No: None; Absent: None. Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor

thereupon declared such resolution duly adopted and was thereupon duly numbered Resolution No. 1942 and was thereupon signed and approved by the Mayor and attested to by the City Clerk.

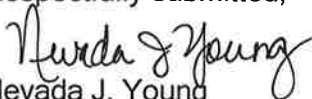
**CITY
MANAGER'S
REPORT**

City Manager Winters informed the Council members that the extra property that is not needed for the Police facility has been put out to bid. There are five parcels and bids are due by March 2, 2021. Winters also informed the Council members that the final payment was made this week to pay off the Highway 67 North to Fredricktown loan.

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

Mayor Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:30 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.