

**MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a regular meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023.

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 Steve Davis at 7:00 p.m.

The invocation was given by Pastor Arnold Edmondson of First Church of God.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Steve Davis.

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

Also present were City Manager Matt Winters, City Attorney Mark Richardson and City Clerk Lori J. Phelps 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 of interest were disclosed.

CITIZENS INPUT

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

Mr. Spencer Jones, who gave his address as 903 N. Garfield, appeared before the Council and expressed his concern with the lack of African Americans in the Police and Fire Departments and with the lack of progress dedicating a City street as Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard.

**PRESENTATION
OF
PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Davis presented proclamations to the Westwood Baptist Academy Eagles and Lady Eagles Basketball teams for their accomplishments during the 2022 - 2023 season.

**WORKSHOP
ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION**

The City Council considered bids received for the Black River Coliseum Aquatic and Fitness Center roof renovation project.

**Black River
Coliseum Aquatic
& Fitness Center
Roof Renovation**

City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and stated the replacement of the roof over the Aquatic and Fitness Center of the Black River Coliseum was recently put out for bid. He stated two bids were received, one from Zoellner Construction for \$770,000 and the other from J.R. Kennedy Construction for \$414,651. Mr. Winters stated he recommends the Council accept the bid from J.R. Kennedy Construction. He stated the proposed timeline for completion is 120 days. He stated the leaks are significant and with the wind and rain recently the roof is continuing to deteriorate

therefore he is asking for this item to be workshopped and voted on tonight. Mr. Winters stated the insurance company originally paid \$200,000. He stated he has sent the bids to the insurance adjuster, and they are reviewing the claim.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Lisa Parson, seconded by Councilwoman Chris Taylor and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held tonight.

**Annual Net
Metering
Disclosure**

The City Council considered recommendations from the Municipal Utilities Advisory Board regarding the annual net metering disclosure.

Municipal Utilities General Manager Bill Bach addressed the Council and stated to comply with Missouri State Statutes, regarding net metering, a utility must annually submit a report to the local governing body and disclose the availability of the net metering program to each of its customers. He stated upon Council approval, this report will be posted on the City's website. He stated the City now has 20 customer generator facilities, with the generation from those at 257.8 kilowatts and in 2022 they delivered 28,923 kilowatt hours. Mr. Bach stated this was discussed at an earlier Municipal Utilities Advisory Board meeting and is recommended for Council approval.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Jerrica Fox, seconded by Councilwoman Parson and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held March 20, 2023.

**Southwestern
Power
Administration
Power Supply
Agreement**

The City Council considered a recommendation from the Municipal Utilities Advisory Board regarding a proposed power supply agreement between the City of Poplar Bluff and Southwestern Power Administration.

Municipal Utilities General Manager Bill Bach addressed the Council and stated the City has had a power sales agreement with Southwestern Power Administration since 1964. He stated this agreement is basically the same as the current agreement except for the exclusion of the Interconnection Agreement. He stated these agreements have been separated due to Southwestern Power Pool's Regional Transmission Organization. He stated the Interconnection Agreement will be a separate document presented to the Council at a later date. He stated this agreement is for 15 years with no rate increases included. He stated this was discussed at an earlier Municipal Utilities Advisory Board meeting and he is recommended for Council approval.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Parson, seconded by Councilman Robert Smith and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held March 20, 2023.

**Code of
Ordinances
Addition of
Section 210.2640
"Camping"**

The City Council considered an addition to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 210, Section 210.010 entitled "Definitions" and the addition of Section 210.2640 entitled "Camping".

City Planner James Sisk addressed the Council and stated this ordinance will be added to miscellaneous offenses. He stated this has always been enforced but it has been scattered out between the building code and some other places in the Code of Ordinances and has been called "temporary housing". He stated the City has had several people set up camp in some of the parks on the riverbank and there are several people with campers in their back yards housing relatives. He stated this addition will cover these issues.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Fox, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held March 20, 2023.

**ACTION
REQUIRED
ITEMS**

**Poplar Bluff
Paving and
Drainage
Improvements
2020-PF-20**

The City Council took action on an ordinance accepting a bid for the Poplar Bluff Paving and Drainage Improvements Project No. 2020-PF-20. Motion was made by Councilwoman Parson and seconded by Councilman Robert Smith that Bill No. 8455, **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BID FROM ROBERTSON CONTRACTORS, INC., OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI FOR THE POPLAR BLUFF DRAINAGE AND PAVING IMPROVEMENTS 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 Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Smith that Bill No. 8455 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 Davis asked if there was any discussion of this bill. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Parson and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor that Bill No. 8455 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Parson, Fox, Horton, Smith, Taylor, Cornman, Davis; 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. 23 - 12.

**Black River
Coliseum Aquatic
& Fitness Center
Roof Renovation**

The City Council took action on an ordinance accepting a bid for the Black River Coliseum Aquatic and Fitness Center roof renovation project. Motion was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilwoman Fox that Bill No. 8456, **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BID FROM J.R. KENNEDY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR ROOF RENOVATIONS TO THE BLACK RIVER COLISEUM AQUATICS AND FITNESS CENTER IN POPLAR BLUFF**, 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 Councilwoman Parson and seconded by Councilwoman Fox that Bill No. 8456 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 Davis asked if there was any discussion of this bill. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Smith that Bill No. 8456 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Fox, Horton, Smith, Taylor, Parson, Cornman, Davis; 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. 23 - 13.

**Arts & Museum
Advisory Board
Appointment**

The City Council took action on a resolution making an appointment to the Arts and Museum Advisory Board. Motion was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Smith that Resolution No. 2004, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE POPLAR BLUFF ARTS AND MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI**, 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 Davis asked if there was any discussion of this resolution. There being none, motion was made by Councilwoman Fox and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor that Resolution No. 2004 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Horton, Smith, Taylor, Parson, Fox, Cornman, Davis; 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. 2004 and was thereupon duly signed and approved by the Mayor and attested to by the City Clerk.

Call for a Closed Session

Mayor Davis stated no closed session is needed tonight.

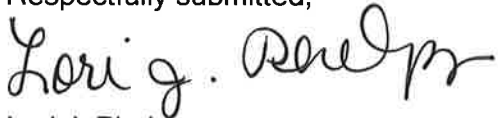
City Manager's Report

City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and congratulated Lanny Corcimiglia on being presented with the 2022 Community Resource Council Person of the Year Award. He stated Lanny does a great job for the Parks & Recreation Department and our community. Mr. Winters stated there are several events coming to the Black River Coliseum this month including the rodeo, the 2023 Regional Camp Meeting, and Extreme Dwarfators Wrestling. He stated Greg Smith is doing a great job with the Coliseum and his work and effort is much appreciated. Mr. Winters stated the 700 block of Cynthia Street is closed to thru traffic for the next couple of weeks due to work being performed as part of Stormwater Community Development Block Grant. He stated also included in this grant are the culverts under Maud Street and some ditch improvements on Valley Street. He stated with the award of the bid tonight, the Street Department will start asphaltting the gravel sections of Abington, Bradley, Clyde, East Center, Claire, Marion and North Riverview.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lori J. Phelps
City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF,

MISSOURI, THIS 17th DAY

OF April, 2023.