

**MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a regular meeting on Monday, March 20, 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 Tim Ingle of the Memorial Baptist Church of Poplar Bluff.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Steve Davis.

A roll call was as follows: Present: Parson, Fox, Horton, Smith, Taylor, Corman 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.

No one from the audience appeared before the Council.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

The minutes of the City Council meetings held February 6, 2023 and February 20, 2023 and a special meeting held February 27, 2023 were presented to the City Council for their approval.

**Approval of
Minutes for the
Month of
February 2023**

The City Clerk reported that each Councilperson had before them a report on fund balances, investments, and collections as of February 28, 2023. She reported on funds on deposit in the Commerce Bank in the amount of \$5,812,566.78 in the Peoples Community State Bank \$506,674.92; in the First Midwest Bank \$22,768,149.61; in Sterling Bank \$169,105.37 and in the First Missouri State Bank \$1,055,095.01. She stated this reflects a grand total of all funds in all banks in the amount of \$30,311,591.69. She stated of this amount, total funds on deposit for the account of City Hall is \$11,924,288.39, total amount on deposit for the Coliseum is \$169,105.37, total amount on deposit for the Park Department accounts is \$711,620.42 and total funds on deposit for the account of the Municipal Utilities Department is \$17,506,577.51.

**CITY CLERK'S
REPORT**

**Report on Fund
Balances,
Investments &
Collections as of
February 28,
2023**

The City Clerk reported that each member of the City Council had before them the following reports for the month of February 2023: a list of Bills Paid, a report from the Fire Department, a Municipal Court report, a Payroll report by departments, a report from the Planning Department, a Police Department/Animal Control/Code Enforcement report, a Street Department report and a list of payments from the Police and Fire Pension Fund for the month of February, 2023.

After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Robert Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Jerrica Fox and carried to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**WORKSHOP
ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION**

The City Council considered an amendment to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Poplar Bluff and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 702 for employees of the Dispatchers Group of the Poplar Bluff Police Department.

**Dispatchers Local
Union No. 702
Amendment**

City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and stated this is an addendum to the existing union contract for the dispatchers. He stated this addendum will reflect the 4.5% pay increase included in this year's budget. Mr. Winters stated a proposed starting pay rate to the current one-year pay rate is also included.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Fox, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Parson and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held April 3, 2023.

**Sub-Award
Agreement 2023
ARPA Fire
Protection Grant**

The City Council considered an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign a Subaward Agreement relative to the 2023 American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Fire Protection Grant.

City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and stated a few months ago the Council approved the submission of a grant to purchase three turn-out gear extractors. He stated the amount of the grant is \$16,490.96 with the same amount of local cash match required. He stated this will allow the department to purchase the three turn out gear extractors, putting one at each station and retire the current 15-year-old machine. Mr. Winters stated these machines remove contaminants from fighting fires, including potential carcinogens. He stated they are designed to clean the turnout gear's size and weight.

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

**Vacant Property
Bid**

The City Council considered a bid received for the sale of City-owned vacant property located in the 900 block of Butler Street.

City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and stated this is one of the vacant lots the City purchased from the Butler County Collector's Office. He stated it was previously put out for bid and did not sell. He stated the bid is in the amount of \$100 from a neighboring property owner. Mr. Winters stated he recommends this bid be accepted.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Parson, seconded by Councilwoman Fox and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held April 3, 2023.

Interconnection Agreement Southwestern Power Administration

The City Council considered an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Interconnection Agreement between the City of Poplar Bluff and Southwestern Power Administration.

Municipal Utilities General Manager Bill Bach addressed the Council and stated this agreement was previously included in the Power Sales agreement with Southwestern Power Administration. He stated due to Poplar Bluff moving into the Southwest Power Pool RTO market a separate agreement must be made. 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 Parson, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held April 3, 2023.

ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS

Southwestern Power Administration Power Supply Agreement

The City Council took action on an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Power Supply Agreement with Southwestern Power Administration. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fox and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Bill No. 8457, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A POWER SALES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SOUTHWESTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION (SWPA) RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASE OF HYDROELECTRIC POWER AND ENERGY**, 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 Taylor that Bill No. 8457 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. 8457 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 - 14.

Code of Ordinances Addition of Section 210.2640 "Camping"

The City Council took action on an ordinance making an addition to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 21, Section 210.010 entitled "Definitions" and adding Section 210.2640 entitled "Camping". Motion was made by Councilwoman Fox and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Bill No. 8458, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI CODE OF CITY ORDINANCES, SECTION 210 RELATING TO TEMPORARY HOUSING AND CAMPING IN THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI**, 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 Taylor that Bill No. 8458 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 Fox and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Bill No. 8458 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 - 15.

Sub-award agreement 2023 ARPA Fire Protection Grant

The City Council took action on an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign a Subaward Agreement relative to the 2023 American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Fire Protection Grant. Motion was made by Councilwoman Parson and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor that Bill No. 8459, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SUB-AWARD AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM**, 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. 8459 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 Fox and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shane Cornman that Bill No. 8459 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 ordinance adopted and the bill was thereupon duly numbered Ordinance No. 23 - 16.

Annual Net Metering Disclosure

The City Council took action on a resolution approving and adopting an annual net metering report for the City of Poplar Bluff Municipal Utilities Department. Motion was made by Councilwoman Parson and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor that Resolution No. 2006, **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN ANNUAL NET METERING REPORT FOR THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**, 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 Parson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cornman that Resolution No. 2006 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Smith, Taylor, Parson, Fox, Horton, 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. 2006 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.

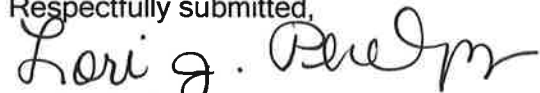
City Manager's Report

City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and stated the Annual Elk's Law Enforcement Banquet was held last Saturday night. He stated this banquet is held to honor members of Probation & Parole, Ripley County Sheriff's Department, Butler County Sheriff's Department, the Butler County Prosecutor's Office, the Missouri Highway Patrol, and the Poplar Bluff Police Department. He stated three awards were presented to City Officers including Poplar Bluff Police Officer of the Year to Joshua Woodrum, the Danny Whiteley award to Lieutenant Joe Ward and the Elk's Officer of the Year award to Detective Joey Woodruff. He expressed his appreciation for their service and dedication to the department and our citizens. Mr. Winters stated the Street Department has started working on a grant project laying asphalt on Riverview. He stated work has started on the Stormwater Grant Project. He stated the Street Department has started working on Cynthia Street and will be replacing culverts on Maud Street shortly. He stated the Atlanta Rhythm Section will be at the Black River Coliseum this weekend. Mr. Winters stated two informational meetings regarding the Use Tax are scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at Wheatley School and Thursday, March 23, 2023 at the Temple Baptist Church Annex Building. He encouraged everyone to attend.

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

Mayor Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 7:17 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.