

**MINUTES  
OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI  
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a regular meeting on Monday, April 3, 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 Greg Gilberto of Northpoint Nazarene Church.

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.

No one from the audience appeared before the Council.

**WORKSHOP ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**

Chief of Police Mike McClain appeared before the Council and presented information relative to Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Chief of Police Mike McClain appeared before the Council and stated in 1994 President Clinton signed a Presidential Proclamation declaring the second week of April as National Public Telecommunicators Week. He stated this week is a time to celebrate and thank telecommunication personnel across our nation who serve their communities, citizens, and public safety personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He stated the Poplar Bluff Police Department Communications Division is comprised of Chief of Communications, Dave Williams, Jamie Burkhead, Rachel Riley, Courtney Berry, Trisha Thomas, Courtney Daughhetee, and Taylor Harlow. Chief McClain thanked each of these members for their dedicated service to the Poplar Bluff Police and Fire Departments, the citizens of Poplar Bluff and the many local, State, and Federal agencies they interact with daily. He stated in 2022 they answered 44,387 incoming calls, placed 18,053 outgoing calls, and answered 13,274 911 calls.

Mayor Davis thanked Chief McClain for this information and commended the Communications Division for their hard work.

**Amend FY 2023  
Budget**

The City Council considered amendments to the City of Poplar Bluff FY 2023 Budget.

City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and stated the budget adopted in December 2022 had a couple of errors on the line items. He stated no dollar amounts are changing just the line items they are coded to in the Fire Department's Capital Budget. He stated these items include Rolling Equipment Maintenance, Motor Vehicle Expense, and Rolling Stock Expense. He stated this change is needed to correctly code items when funds are spent.

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 April 17, 2023.

**Rezoning Request  
Barron Road and  
May Street**

The City Council considered a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a request to rezone property lying north of Barron Road and east of May Street from RS-2 General Residential to RA-1 General Apartment Residential for the future development of multi-family apartments and/or condominiums.

City Planner James Sisk addressed the Council and stated Glenda and Kevin Montgomery would like the property to be rezoned to build high end apartment/condominium units. He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission is recommending approval of this request.

Mr. Kevin Montgomery addressed the Council and stated these units will be very nice and will not create problems for the neighborhood. He stated the condos will be two bedroom, two bath units. He stated he would like to start with one building of eight units.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Parson, seconded by Councilwoman Jerrica Fox and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held April 17, 2023.

**ACTION  
REQUIRED ITEMS**

**Dispatchers Local  
Union No. 702  
Amendment**

The City Council took action on an ordinance amending the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Poplar Bluff and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 702 for its employees of the Dispatchers Group of the Poplar Bluff Police Department. Motion was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilwoman Barbara Horton that Bill No. 8460, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF AND INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL 702 FOR ITS EMPLOYEES OF THE DISPATCHERS GROUP OF THE POPLAR BLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT**, 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. 8460 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 Councilwoman Horton that Bill No. 8460 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 - 17.

**Vacant Property Bid**

The City Council took action on an ordinance accepting a bid for the sale of City-owned property located in the 900 block of Butler Street. Motion was made by Councilwoman Parson and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor that Bill No. 8461, **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BID FOR THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED IN THE 900 BLOCK OF BUTLER STREET AND OWNED BY THE CITY OF 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 Taylor and seconded by Councilwoman Fox that Bill No. 8461 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 Taylor that Bill No. 8461 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 - 18.

**Interconnection Agreement Southwestern Power Administration**

The City Council took action on an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Interconnection Agreement between the City of Poplar Bluff and Southwestern Power Administration. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fox and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor that Bill No. 8462, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERCONNECTION AND OPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SOUTHWESTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION (SWPA) RELATIVE TO INTERCONNECTIVITY BETWEEN THE ENTITIES**, 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 Councilman Robert Smith that Bill No. 8462 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 Councilwoman Fox that Bill No. 8462 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 - 19.

**Call for a Closed Session**

Mayor Davis stated no closed session is needed tonight.

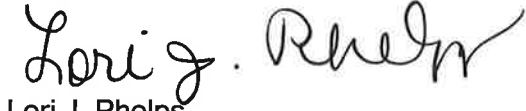
**City Manager's Report**

City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and commended the City Department Heads for their good working relationships not only within the City departments but also with outside agencies. He stated there have been a couple of severe weather threats this past week and the Department Heads have been working with Butler County, Three Rivers College, and the Poplar Bluff School District in preparation of these potential threats. Mr. Winters stated a State Gymnastics meet was held this weekend at the Black River Coliseum. He commended Greg Smith for the great work he has done keeping the Coliseum booked. Mr. Winters stated the street paving grant is moving along with asphalt work and getting more gravel streets paved. He stated tomorrow is election day with two At Large seats open and one Ward 5 seat open. He stated the Use Tax is also on the ballot. Mr. Winters encouraged everyone to get out and vote tomorrow.

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 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori J. Phelps  
City Clerk

**APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

**OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF,**

**MISSOURI, THIS 15th DAY**

**OF May, 2023.**