

**MINUTES
OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a special meeting on Monday, April 17, 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 6:46 p.m.

A roll call was as follows: Present: Parson, Horton, Smith, Taylor, Cornman, Davis; Absent: Fox.

Also present were City Manager Matt Winters, City Attorney Mark L. 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 conflict of interest was disclosed.

**ITEMS FOR
ACTION AT
SPECIAL
MEETING**

In accordance with Section 110.040 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, entitled "Compensation of Councilman", the City Manager presented to each Councilperson their salary for services to the City of Poplar Bluff for fiscal year 2022 - 2023.

**Compensation of
Councilman**

At this time, City Manager Matt Winters presented a plaque to each Councilmember bearing a silver dollar for their services to the City of Poplar Bluff during the past year. He also presented a Mayor's plaque to Steve Davis and a Mayor Pro Tem's plaque to Shane Cornman.

**Presentation of
Abstract of Votes**

The City Clerk presented to the City Council for their approval the abstract of votes cast at the Municipal Election held Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

City Clerk Lori Phelps addressed the Council and stated on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, the City of Poplar Bluff conducted a Municipal Election for the purpose of electing a Council Member from the Fifth Ward and two Council Members from the At Large Ward. She stated there were two candidates for the Fifth Ward, Robert Louis Smith who received 108 votes and Spencer Jones who received 55 votes. Ms. Phelps stated the winner of this race was Robert Louis Smith. She stated there was one candidate on the ballot for the At Large Ward, Mark Massingham who received 870 votes and Robert Duckett received 16 write-in votes. She stated Mark Massingham and Robert Duckett were the winners of the two open Council seats in the At Large Ward.

City Clerk Phelps stated also on the ballot for Tuesday, April 4, 2023 was the Use Tax Proposition. She stated a total of 1,031 votes were cast with 423 yes votes and 608 no votes. Ms. Phelps stated the Use Tax Proposition failed by 185 votes.

Remarks from
Councilman
Robert L. Smith

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and carried unanimously to accept the abstract of votes as presented by the City Clerk.

Retiring Councilman from the Fifth Ward, Robert L. Smith, addressed the City Council and stated he is honored to serve on the Council, especially the residents of the Fifth Ward and he appreciates the voters confidence in him.

Remarks from
Councilwoman
Chris Taylor

Retiring Councilwoman from the At Large Ward, Chris Taylor, addressed the City Council and stated she believes it is important to lead with a servant's heart and to serve with purpose. She stated she appreciates the support she received from her family while serving on the Council.

Remarks from
Mayor Steve
Davis

Retiring Councilman from the At Large Ward, Mayor Steve Davis, addressed the City Council and stated he is honored to have served the citizens of Poplar Bluff as a Councilman and Mayor. He stated he believes a lot of progress has been made in our community and good things are ahead.

Swearing In of
Elected
Councilmembers

At this time City Clerk Lori Phelps administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilman of the Fifth Ward Robert Louis Smith and newly elected Councilman of the At Large Ward Mark Massingham.

Election of Mayor
& Mayor Pro Tem

The new City Council conducted an election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and a Mayor Pro Tem for the year 2023-2024.

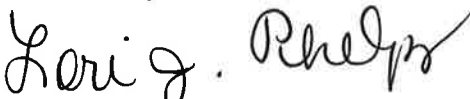
The Chair at this time received nominations for the office of Mayor for the City of Poplar Bluff for the year 2023-2024. Councilman Massingham placed in nomination the name of Shane Cornman for the office of Mayor of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for the year 2023-2024. The nomination was seconded by Councilwoman Parson. The Chair asked if there were any further nominations for the office of Mayor. There being none, Shane Cornman was elected Mayor of the City of Poplar Bluff for the year 2023-2024 by acclamation. The Chair declared Shane Cornman Mayor of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for the year 2023-2024.

The Chair at this time received nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Poplar Bluff for the year 2023-2024. Councilwoman Parson placed in nomination the name of Jerrica Fox-Lane for the office of Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for the year 2023-2024. The nomination was seconded by Councilwoman Horton. The Chair asked if there were any further nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem. There being none, Jerrica Fox-Lane was elected to the office of Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Poplar Bluff for the year 2023-2024 by acclamation. The Chair declared Jerrica Fox-Lane Mayor Pro Tem for the year 2023-2024.

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

Mayor Cornman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 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.