

**MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a regular meeting on Monday, June 5, 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 Pro Tem Jerrica Fox at 7:00 p.m.

The invocation was given by Pastor Darryl Friday of the Abundant Life Christian Center of Poplar Bluff.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Jerrica Fox.

A roll call was as follows: Present: Parson, Horton, Smith, Massingham and Fox; Absent: Duckett and Cornman.

Also present were City Manager Matt Winters 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.

Spencer Jones, who gave his address as 903 N. Garfield, appeared before the Council and stated he was troubled with the lack of progress being made regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard being established in Poplar Bluff.

Mayor Pro Tem Fox stated the Council would follow up with Representative Hardy Billington regarding this information and would relay Mr. Spencer's concerns.

**MINGO JOB
CORPS
STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION**

Carolyn Marshall addressed the Council and stated she appreciates the Council giving her students the opportunity to attend the Council meeting. She stated it is great training to see local government in action.

Samia Cotton addressed the Council and introduced herself as the Acting President and Secretary for the Student Government Association.

Jacob Marrazi and Jayden Slavings introduced themselves as Student Government Representatives.

Ms. Cotton stated their role in the Student Government Association is to listen to students and become their voice. She stated they take what information they are given and turn it into action to better the community and for the betterment of the students.

Mayor Pro Tem Fox thanked them for their appearance tonight.

**WORKSHOP
ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION**

The City Council considered a request to approve the discharge of fireworks inside City limits on Saturday, June 17, 2023 for a Juneteenth celebration.

Fireworks Display

Mayor Pro Tem Fox informed the Council that Nicki Johnson has asked permission to have a fireworks display on June 17, 2023 at Bacon Park. She stated Ms. Johnson has appeared in the past for this event making the same request. She stated there have never been any issues in the past and the Council has always approved.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilman Robert Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Barbara Horton to approve the discharge of fireworks at Bacon Park on June 17, 2023. With all in favor and none opposed, the motion was approved.

**Change Order
No. 2 Project No.
18-DP-MIT19**

The City Council considered a request to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Community Development Block Grant Stormwater and Drainage Improvements Project No. 18-DP-MIT19.

City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and stated this Change Order is for the improvements made along Maud Street that were funded with a Community Development Block Grant. He stated there are five items included in this change order including some utility interferences, additional sidewalk replacement and repairs on Maud Street, additional asphalt pavement to areas on Cynthia Street and additional street repair on Cynthia Street. He stated the total amount in the change order is \$48,028.75. He stated this project was completely funded by the grant and this addition will also be included. He stated no City funds will be used for the additional cost.

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

**Purchase of new
Fire Truck**

The City Council considered a request to use American Rescue Plan Act funds for the purchase of a new fire truck.

City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and stated last year the Fire Department ordered a new ladder truck with a total cost of \$969,484 which was included in this year's budget. He stated he is asking to use \$500,000 in ARPA funds to supplement the Capital Budget that was included for this year. He stated this will not take away from current projects budgeted with ARPA funds including the demo of the old City Hall building and stormwater projects. He stated this will help relieve the Capital Fund in this year's budget.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Parson, seconded by Councilwoman Horton and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held June 19, 2023.

**ACTION
REQUIRED
ITEMS**

The City Council took action on an ordinance accepting a bid for a vehicle lift for the Motor Pool Department. Motion was made by Councilman Massingham and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Bill No. 8478, **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BID FROM AUTOTECH SYSTEMS OF CATAWISSA, MISSOURI FOR A VEHICLE LIFT**

- Vehicle Lift Bids** **FOR THE MOTOR POOL 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 Horton that Bill No. 8478 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 Pro Tem Fox asked if there was any discussion of this bill. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilman Massingham and seconded by Councilman Smith that Bill No. 8478 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Parson, Horton, Smith, Massingham, Fox; No: None; Absent: Duckett, Cornman; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor Pro Tem thereupon declared such ordinance adopted and the bill was thereupon duly numbered Ordinance No. 23 - 35.
- Easement 2006 South 11th Street** The City Council took action on an ordinance granting an easement to Spire, Inc. for City-owned property located at 2006 South 11th Street. Motion was made by Councilman Massingham and seconded by Councilwoman Horton that Bill No. 8479, **AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO SPIRE MISSOURI, INC., FOR AN UNDERGROUND NATURAL GAS LINE ALONG AND SOUTH OF SOUTH ELEVENTH STREET IN 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 Councilman Massingham that Bill No. 8479 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 Pro Tem Fox asked if there was any discussion of this bill. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilman Massingham and seconded by Councilman Smith that Bill No. 8479 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Horton, Smith, Massingham, Parson, Fox; No: None; Absent: Duckett, Cornman; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor Pro Tem thereupon declared such ordinance adopted and the bill was thereupon duly numbered Ordinance No. 23 - 36.
- BRC Basketball Courts Filler Panels and End Ramping** The City Council took action on an ordinance amending the 2023 FY Budget for the City of Poplar Bluff relative to the purchase of basketball court equipment for the Black River Coliseum. Motion was made by Councilwoman Parson and seconded by Councilman Massingham that Bill No. 8480, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF AND ACCEPTING THE LOWEST AND BEST PROPOSAL FOR PORTABLE BASKETBALL COURT ACCESSORIES FOR THE BLACK RIVER COLISEUM**, 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 Councilman Massingham and seconded by Councilwoman Horton that Bill No. 8480 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 Pro Tem Fox asked if there was any discussion of this bill. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilman Massingham and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Bill No. 8480 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Smith, Massingham, Parson, Horton, Fox; No: None; Absent: Duckett, Cornman; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor Pro Tem thereupon declared such ordinance adopted and the bill was thereupon duly numbered Ordinance No. 23 - 37.
- Change Order No. 2 Project No. 18-DP-MIT19** The City Council took action on an ordinance approving Change Order No. 2 for the Community Development Block Grant Stormwater and Drainage Improvements Project No. 18-DP-MIT19. Motion was made by Councilman Massingham and seconded by Councilwoman Horton that Bill No. 8481, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2**

RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NUMBER 18-DP-MIT19 FOR 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 Parson and seconded by Councilman Massingham that Bill No. 8481 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 Pro Tem Fox asked if there was any discussion of this bill. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilman Massingham and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Bill No. 8481 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Massingham, Parson, Horton, Smith, Fox; No: None; Absent: Duckett, Cornman; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor Pro Tem thereupon declared such ordinance adopted and the bill was thereupon duly numbered Ordinance No. 23 - 38.

**Board
Appointments**

The City Council took action on a resolution making appointments to the Airport Advisory Board, Downtown Poplar Bluff Board, Municipal Utilities Advisory Board, Tree Advisory Board, Residential Housing Advisory Board and Zoning Board of Adjustments. Motion was made by Councilman Massingham and seconded by Councilwoman Horton that Resolution No. 2008, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD, DOWNTOWN POPLAR BLUFF INC. BOARD, MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ADVISORY BOARD, ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS, TREE ADVISORY BOARD, AND RESIDENTIAL HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD**, 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 Pro Tem Fox asked if there was any discussion of this resolution. There being none, motion was made by Councilwoman Parson and seconded by Councilman Massingham that Resolution No. 2008 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Parson, Horton, Smith, Massingham, Fox; No: None; Absent: Duckett, Cornman; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor Pro Tem thereupon declared such resolution duly adopted and was thereupon duly numbered Resolution No. 2008 and was thereupon duly signed and approved by the Mayor Pro Tem and attested to by the City Clerk.

**Board
Appointments**

The City Council took action on a resolution making appointments to the Animal Control Advisory Board, Arts and Museum Advisory Board, Fair Housing Committee, Historical Preservation Commission, Housing Authority Board, Library Board of Trustees, Park Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Disabilities Advisory Board, Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority and the Black River Coliseum Advisory Board of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Motion was made by Councilman Massingham and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Resolution No. 2009, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD, ARTS AND MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD, LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PARK BOARD, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD, LAND CLEARANCE FOR REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE BLACK RIVER COLISEUM ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF**, 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 Pro Tem Fox asked if there was any discussion of this resolution. There being none, motion was made by Councilwoman Parson and seconded by Councilman Massingham that Resolution No. 2009 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Smith, Massingham, Parson, Horton, Fox; No: None; Absent: Duckett, Cornman; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor Pro Tem thereupon declared such resolution duly adopted and was thereupon duly numbered Resolution No. 2009 and was thereupon duly signed and approved by the Mayor Pro Tem and attested to by the City Clerk.

**Board
Appointments**

The City Council took action on a resolution making appointments to the Plumbing Board, Electrical Wiring Board, Building Standards Board and the Heating and Air Conditioning (HVACR) Board of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Motion was made by Councilwoman Parson and seconded by Councilman Smith that Resolution No. 2010, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLUMBING BOARD, ELECTRICAL WIRING BOARD, BUILDING STANDARDS BOARD, AND THE HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION (HVACR) 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 Pro Tem Fox asked if there was any discussion of this resolution. There being none, motion was made by Councilman Massingham and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Resolution No. 2010 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Horton, Smith, Massingham, Parson, Fox; No: None; Absent: Duckett, Cornman; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor Pro Tem thereupon declared such resolution duly adopted and was thereupon duly numbered Resolution No. 2010 and was thereupon duly signed and approved by the Mayor Pro Tem and attested to by the City Clerk.

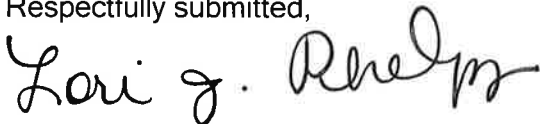
**City Manager's
Report**

City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and stated it was a busy weekend for the City with many events being held. He stated the Margaret Harwell Art Museum held their Plein Air Festival that ended Saturday with a family festival. He stated the Parks & Recreation Department held their Welcome to Summer event at Whiteley Park last Saturday with many activities including the first 'Cruise In' of the year. He stated the Aaron Lewis concert was also held last Saturday at the Black River Coliseum. Mr. Winters stated the first basketball games on the new floors will be held in the Black River Coliseum starting next Wednesday. He stated the Fourth of July parade will be sponsored by the Daily American Republic this year. Mr. Winters stated the Farmers' Market is in full swing and encouraged everyone to stop by and see all the vendors. Mr. Winters thanked Carolyn Marshall for bringing her students from the Mingo Job Corp to the meeting. He stated it is important for young people to be introduced and get involved in local government. He stated June 11th through 20th Operation Healthy Delta will be held with between 75 to 100 members of the Military providing no cost health care at Three Rivers College. He stated the City is proud to partner with Ann Smith and the South Central Community Action Agency in providing some recreational opportunities for the Military members during their down time while in town. He stated 1,500 or more people are expected to receive services during this event.

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 Pro Tem Fox declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 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 July, 2023.