

**MINUTES  
OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI  
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a regular meeting on Monday, June 19, 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 Shane Cornman at 7:00 p.m.

The invocation was given by Reverend Frank Chlastak of the First Christian Church of Poplar Bluff.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Shane Cornman.

A roll call was as follows: Present: Parson, Horton (at 7:14 p.m.), Massingham, Fox, Cornman; Absent: Smith, Duckett.

Also present were City Attorney Mark Richardson, 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.

No one from the audience appeared before the Council.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

The minutes of the City Council meetings held May 1, 2023 and May 15, 2023 were presented to the City Council for their approval.

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

The City Clerk reported that each Councilperson had before them a report on fund balances, investments, and collections as of May 31, 2023. She reported on funds on deposit in the Commerce Bank in the amount of \$4,937,596.41; in the Peoples Community State Bank \$510,312.82; in the First Midwest Bank \$21,650,907.69; in Sterling Bank \$205,115.14 and in the First Missouri State Bank \$1,056,937.43. She stated this reflects a grand total of all funds in all banks in the amount of \$28,360,869.49. She stated of this amount, total funds on deposit for the account of City Hall is \$11,604,858.87, total amount on deposit for the Coliseum is \$205,115.14, total amount on deposit for the Park Department accounts is \$647,401.14 and total funds on deposit for the account of the Municipal Utilities Department is \$15,903,494.34.

**CITY CLERK'S  
REPORT**

**Report on Fund  
Balances,  
Investments &  
Collections as of  
May 31, 2023**

The City Clerk reported that each member of the City Council had before them the following reports for the month of May, 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 report, a Street Department report and a list of payments from the Police and Fire Pension Fund for the month of May, 2023.

After discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jerrica Fox, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Parson and carried to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The City Council considered a request to approve the discharge of fireworks inside City limits at Poplar Bluff Motorsports Park on Saturday, July 1, 2023.

**WORKSHOP  
ITEMS FOR  
DISCUSSION**

**Fireworks Display**

Mr. Jeremy Roth, who gave the Motorsports Park address as 1989 Speedway Drive, appeared before the Council and requested permission from the Council to discharge fireworks on July 1, 2023, at the racetrack. He stated he has spoken with the Fire Department and they do have a plan in place.

After further discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Jerrica Fox, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Parson to approve the fireworks display. With all in favor and none opposed, the motion was approved.

**Dump Truck Bids**

The City Council considered bids received for dump trucks for the Street Department and the use of ARPA funds for the purchase.

Street Superintendent Jerry Lawson addressed the Council and stated the department has been running two 1995 Internationals and one 2000 Ford. He stated one of the Internationals is beyond repair and is being used for parts to keep the other International operational. He stated the new dump truck would replace the inoperable 1995 International.

City Manager Matt Winters stated three bids were received, all from TAG Truck Center. He stated the low bid and the truck that met the specifications is a 2022 Freightliner at a cost of \$110,467. Mr. Winters stated he recommends the bid be accepted.

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

**Airport Board  
Appointment**

The City Council considered an application received for the Airport Advisory Board.

City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and stated Chris Yarbrow applied for reappointment to the Airport Advisory Board.

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

**ACTION  
REQUIRED  
ITEMS**

**Purchase of new  
Fire Truck**

The City Council took action on an ordinance amending the FY 2023 budget to transfer monies from the American Rescue Plan Act fund to the Fire Department Capital Budget for the purchase of a fire truck. Motion was made by Councilwoman Parson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fox that Bill No. 8482, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF AND ACCEPTING LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR A FIRE TRUCK FOR THE POPLAR BLUFF FIRE 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 Mayor Pro Tem Fox and seconded by

Councilman Mark Massingham that Bill No. 8482 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 Cornman asked if there was any discussion of this bill. There being no discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fox and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Bill No. 8482 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Parson, Massingham, Fox, Cornman; No: None; Absent: Horton, Smith, Duckett; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor thereupon declared such ordinance adopted and the bill was thereupon duly numbered Ordinance No. 23 - 39.

#### Dump Truck Bids

The City Council took action on an ordinance accepting a bid received for a dump truck for the Street Department and authorizing the use of ARPA funds for the purchase. Motion was made by Councilman Massingham and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Bill No. 8483, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF AND ACCEPTING LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR A DUMP TRUCK FOR THE POPLAR BLUFF STREET 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 Mayor Pro Tem Fox and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Bill No. 8483 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 Cornman asked if there was any discussion of this bill. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Parson and seconded by Councilwoman Barbara Horton that Bill No. 8483 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Horton, Massingham, Parson, Fox, Cornman; No: None; Absent: Smith, Duckett; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor thereupon declared such ordinance adopted and the bill was thereupon duly numbered Ordinance No. 23 - 40.

#### Airport Board Appointment

The City Council took action on a resolution making an appointment to the Airport Advisory Board. Motion was made by Councilman Massingham and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Fox that Resolution No. 2011, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE POPLAR BLUFF AIRPORT 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 Cornman asked if there was any discussion of this resolution. There being none, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Fox and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Resolution No. 2011 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Massingham, Parson, Horton, Fox, Cornman; No: None; Absent: Smith, Duckett; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor thereupon declared such resolution duly adopted and was thereupon duly numbered Resolution No. 2011 and was thereupon duly signed and approved by the Mayor and attested to by the City Clerk.

#### Resignation of Councilman Robert Duckett

Mayor Cornman read a resignation letter from Councilman Robert Duckett which stated Mr. Duckett's resignation as effective immediately. Mayor Cornman stated he wished Mr. Duckett the best in his future endeavors.

City Manager Matt Winters stated anyone interested in the open At-Large seat should submit a letter of interest to City Hall addressed to the Mayor's attention. He stated the Council will appoint a replacement to serve until the next Municipal Election in April, 2024.

#### City Manager's Report

City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and stated this past weekend there were Monster Trucks at the Racetrack. He stated several Juneteenth events were held this weekend. He stated starting last week and again this week the Rib City Shootout Basketball Tournament will be held at the Black River Coliseum. Mr. Winters stated

the Street Department is planning an overlay of Cravens Road the last week of the month.

Moment of

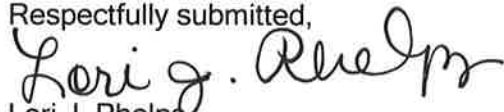
Silence for the  
Tim Davis family

Councilman Massingham addressed the Council and stated Retired Police Officer Tim Davis passed away. He stated Tim Davis was the brother of past Mayor Steve Davis. He requested a moment of silence for the Davis family.

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

Mayor Cornman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori J. Phelps  
City Clerk

**APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

**OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF,**

**MISSOURI, THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY**

**OF July, 2023.**