

**MINUTES
OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a special meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2020.

Notice of this special 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 Robert L. Smith at 1:00 p.m..

A roll call was as follows: Present: Parson, DeGaris, Horton, Cornman, Davis and Smith; Absent: Black.

Also present were City Attorney Mark Richardson, and City Clerk Nevada J. Young who performed the duties of their respective offices. City Manager Mark Massingham was absent.

**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 reported.

**WORKSHOP
ITEMS TO BE
DISCUSSED**

**Highway 67
recommendation
for
Consultant**

Mr. Bill Robison, of Smith and Company Engineers and Chairman of the Highway 67 Corporation, addressed the Council and gave handouts to the Council. Mr. Robison gave the Council an overview of the expansion of Highway 67 from Poplar Bluff to the Arkansas line. The first section of Highway 67 has been completed. The current environmental evaluation is 15 years old and before construction timelines and federal funding can be sought, a new evaluation has to be completed for the preferred alignment for the four lane project.

Mr. Robison stated that it is imperative that the evaluation process be started to meet the deadline to apply for federal funding in April 2020. Being ahead in the process would give an advantage to the Highway 67 project possibly seeing federal funding approval. If approved, federal funding would help finance the first six miles of road between the Poplar Bluff and the Arkansas state border.

Mr. Robinson stated that the Highway 67 Corporation rated the Environmental Evaluation submittals; there were four submissions. The Highway 67 Corporation recommends Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions Inc. Mr. Robison stated that Wood Environment did the original environmental study and are familiar with the requirements. Mr. Robison stated that it is imperative to move quickly on this decision because federal funding could be jeopardized.

With no other discussion reported, Councilman Davis made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Horton and unanimously approved to pass this item to the today's voting session.

**ACTION
REQUIRED
ITEMS**

Highway 67
recommendation
for
Consultant

The City Council took action on an ordinance selecting a consultant for the Highway 67 environmental study for consulting services. Motion was made by Councilman DeGaris, seconded by Councilwoman Horton that Bill No. 8206, **AN ORDINANCE SELECTING A CONSULTANT FOR THE HIGHWAY 67 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF AND WOOD ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. OF BALLWIN, MISSOURI TO RE-EVALUATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION IN 2005**, 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 Davis and seconded by Councilman Cornman that Bill No. 8206 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 Smith asked if there was any discussion of this bill.

There was no discussion, motion was made by Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Bill No. 8206 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Parson, DeGaris, Horton, Cornman, Davis, Smith: No: none. Absent: Black. Abstained: none. There being a favorable vote the Mayor thereupon declared such ordinance duly adopted and the bill was thereupon duly numbered Ordinance No. 20-07.

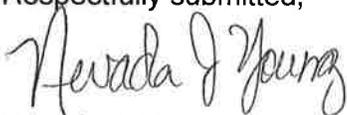
City Manager's
Report

City Manager Mark Massingham was absent from the meeting therefore no report was available.

There being no further business to come before this special meeting of the City Council, motion was made by Councilwoman Parson, seconded by Councilwoman Horton and carried to adjourn this session of the City Council.

Mayor Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nevada J. Young
City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF,

MISSOURI, THIS 18th DAY

OF February, 2020.