

**MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a regular meeting on Monday, February 3, 2020.

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 Robert L. Smith at 7:00 p.m.

The invocation was given by Pastor Cameron Kreager of the First Church of God.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Robert L. Smith.

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

Also present were City Manager Mark Massingham and City Clerk Nevada J. Young 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.

Councilwoman Parson disclosed a possible conflict of interest with Workshop Item B.

CITIZENS INPUT

Each person in the audience was given the opportunity to address the City Council on any matter not on the printed agenda.

No one from the audience appeared before the Council.

**WORKSHOP
ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION**

**Mow to Own
Proposal**

The City Council discussed a "Mow to Own" proposal from the Planning Department.

Mr. Matt Winters, City Planner, addressed the Council and stated this recommendation also comes from the Residential Housing Advisory Board. He stated this program would allow vacant lots owned by the City to be purchased by an owner or occupant within a four-block radius of the lot by providing in-kind work of mowing and maintaining it. He said these lots typically are not buildable lots and this program would reduce maintenance costs to the City and would get properties back on the tax rolls.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilman Black, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held February 18, 2020.

**Annual Net
Metering
Disclosure**

The City Council discussed a recommendation from the Municipal Utilities Advisory Board regarding the annual net metering disclosure.

Mr. Bill Bach, Municipal Utilities General Manager, appeared before the Council and stated in order to comply with Missouri State Statutes utility companies are required to annually submit a report in regards to net metering to their governing bodies as well as disclose the availability of the net metering program to its customers. He stated upon Council approval the report will be posted on the City's website. He stated the Municipal Utilities Advisory Board does recommend Council approval of this item.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilman Black, seconded by Councilman DeGaris and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held February 18, 2020.

Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Briggs & Stratton)

The City Council discussed authorizing the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to issue its taxable industrial revenue bonds (Briggs & Stratton Corporation Project), Series 2020, in a principal amount not to exceed \$42,900,000.00 for the purpose of providing funds to finance a project for the benefit of Briggs & Stratton Corporation in the City; approving a plan for the project; and authorizing the City to enter into certain agreements and take certain other actions in connection with the issuance of the bonds.

City Manager Mark Massingham addressed the Council and stated these Chapter 100 bonds are allowed by State Statute and will include refinancing of the Series 2011 bonds. He stated these incentives will allow Briggs & Stratton to not only remain in Poplar Bluff but to bring in approximately 400 new jobs.

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

Community Assistance Program

The City Council reviewed a proposed Community Assistance Program agreement between the City of Poplar Bluff and the Department of Conservation concerning Sportsmans' Park.

City Manager Massingham stated we currently have an agreement in place with the Department of Conservation for the joint management of Sportsmans' Park. He stated that agreement is expiring and this will simply extend the agreement.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilman Black, seconded by Councilwoman Horton and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held February 18, 2020.

Aviation Grant Project 20-075A-1 Professional Consultant Services

The City Council discussed a recommendation for professional consultant services for the Aviation Grant Project 20-075A-1.

Mr. Billy Cobb with Smith and Company Engineers, 901 Vine Street, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, appeared before the Council. He stated this item is for consultant services for the runway reconstruction grant project. Mr. Cobb stated 90 percent of the fees will be paid for with grants funds.

After further discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilman Black and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held February 18, 2020.

Residential Housing Advisory

The City Council considered appointments to the Residential Housing Advisory Board.

**Board
Appointments**

City Manager Massingham stated there are vacancies on this board for a realtor and a citizen member which was recently added by the Council. He stated two applications were received and those two applicants are recommended for appointment.

Councilman Black stated it was suggested to him by a member of the Residential Housing Advisory Board to place this item on the voting session tonight so the two new members will be in place before the next meeting.

City Attorney Richardson stated that is at the discretion of the Council if they would like to vote on this matter tonight although it would be a deviation from normal procedure. He stated a proposed resolution is not ready tonight but could be prepared after the fact.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilman Black to move this item to the voting session to be held tonight. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Councilman Black, seconded by Councilman DeGaris and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held February 18, 2020.

**ACTION
REQUIRED
ITEMS**

**Taxable Industrial
Revenue Bonds
(Briggs &
Stratton)**

The City Council took action on an ordinance authorizing the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to issue its taxable industrial revenue bonds (Briggs & Stratton Corporation Project), Series 2020, in a principal amount not to exceed \$42,900,000.00 for the purpose of providing funds to finance a project for the benefit of Briggs & Stratton Corporation in the City; approving a plan for the project; and authorizing the City to enter into certain agreements and take certain other actions in connection with the issuance of the bonds. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilman DeGaris that Bill No. 8207, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, TO ISSUE ITS TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS (BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION PROJECT), SERIES 2020, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$42,900,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO FINANCE A PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION IN THE CITY; APPROVING A PLAN FOR THE PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN AGREEMENTS AND TAKE CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS**, 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 DeGaris and seconded by Councilwoman Horton that Bill No. 8207 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 being no discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Davis and seconded by Councilwoman Horton that Bill No. 8207 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: DeGaris, Horton, Black, Davis, Smith; No: None; Absent: Parson, Cornman; 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 - 08.

**Police Union
Contract**

The City Council took action on an ordinance approving the Police Union Contract. Motion was made by Councilman DeGaris, seconded by Councilwoman Horton that Bill No. 8208, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF AND THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL 702 FOR ITS EMPLOYEES AT THE POPLAR BLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES**, 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 Davis and seconded by Councilman Black that Bill No. 8208 be placed upon its second and final reading whereupon such bill was read by caption only and duly passed by unanimous vote. Bill No. 8208 died for lack of a motion to adopt.

City Attorney Richardson stated this item will now go back to the bargaining table to make some minor changes to the agreement.

**Municipal Court
Judge Re-
Appointment**

The City Council took action on a resolution reappointing the Municipal Court Judge. Motion was made by Councilman DeGaris and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, that Resolution No. 1916, **A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DEAN MILLION AS JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT 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 Smith asked if there was any discussion of this resolution. There being none, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Davis and seconded by Councilman DeGaris that Resolution No. 1916 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Horton, DeGaris, Davis, Smith; No: Black; Absent: Parson, Cornman; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor thereupon declared such resolution duly adopted and was thereupon duly numbered Resolution No. 1916 and was thereupon duly signed and approved by the Mayor and attested to by the City Clerk.

**Call for a Closed
Session**

City Manager Massingham stated there is no need for a closed session tonight.

**City Manager's
Report**

City Manager Massingham addressed the Council and stated construction of the Eleventh Street bridge is underway. He stated the tunnel that goes under Broadway and Main Street has been filled in with donated red clay.

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

Mayor Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nevada J. Young
City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF,

MISSOURI, THIS 16th DAY

OF March, 2020.