

**MINUTES
OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020**

In honoring Missouri Governor Parson's executive order to contain the Covid-19 pandemic, City Council must avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people and practice social distancing. Therefore, the City Council Chambers was closed to the public. A teleconference system was put in place to allow citizens to hear and participate in the meetings. A telephone number and access code was provided to the public through social media, the local newspaper and city hall window postings.

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a special meeting on Monday, March 30, 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, Horton, Cornman, Davis and Smith; Absent: Black and DeGaris.

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

Those who reported attending via teleconference were citizens Anna Brummitt 2577 Stoneridge Drive, Chris Taylor 1824 Barron Road, City Planner Matt Winters 501 Vine Street and DAR Reporter Donna Farley 206 Poplar Street.

**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**

Temporary
Suspension of the
provisions of
Chapter 600.045
*Temporary
Location for Liquor
by the drink,
caterers - Permit-
Fee Required.*
Pursuant to
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11CSR 70-2.010
(5)

City Manager Mark Massingham explained that with the Governor's state of emergency order most restaurants are closed to the public and are only selling to-go orders by curbside or drive-thru window. Several restaurant businesses have asked that the City follow Governor Parson's order to allow "liquor by the drink" licensees to sell mixed drinks as a to-go item. The proposed Governor's temporary order reads that mixed drinks can be sold to-go with meal purchases. There are specific stipulations of how and what can be sold. This ordinance would expire when the Governor lifts the state of emergency executive order.

City Attorney Mark Richardson, City Attorney, added that with the quarantine/stay-in-place order, allowing those businesses that hold a Liquor by the Drink license to sell mixed drinks by curbside could make a difference in a business remaining open during this crisis. This would only be a temporary order and the city would follow any guidelines set forth by the Governor's order.

Mayor Pro-Tem Davis asked for more information regarding how this would affect regulations for selling alcohol to minors.

Mr. Richardson explained that laws regarding the sell of alcohol to minors has and will not be changed by this ordinance or the Governor's order. If a merchant holding a liquor license with the City of Poplar Bluff and the State of Missouri, who delivers alcohol to their table during normal situations or delivering it to the curb per the executive order, will be subject to all liquor laws in the State of Missouri. If they are found to be in violation of the laws, they will be liable and they will be charged.

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

**ACTION
REQUIRED
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The City Council took action on an ordinance temporarily suspending the provisions of Chapter 600.045. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Davis, seconded by Councilman Cornman that Bill No. 8220, **AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 600.045 OF THE CODE OF CITY ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE SALE OF LIQUOR BY THE DRINK FOR ESTABLISHMENTS CURENTLY HOLDING VALID LICENSES FROM THE CITY OF 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Davis and seconded by Councilwoman parson that Bill No. 8220 be placed upon it's 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 Cornman, seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Bill No. 8220 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Parson, Horton, Cornman, Davis, Smith: No: none. Absent: Black, DeGaris. Abstained: none. There being a favorable vote the Mayor thereupon declared such ordinance duly adopted and the bill was thereupon duly numbered Ordinance No. 20-20.

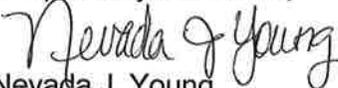
**City Manager's
Report**

No City Manager's report given.

There being no further business to come before this special meeting of the City Council, a 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 4th DAY

OF May, 2020.