

**MINUTES
OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a special meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021.

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 6:45 p.m.

A roll call was as follows: Present: Parson, DeGaris, Horton, Cornman, Taylor, Davis, Smith; Absent: None.

Also present were City Manager Matt Winters, City Attorney Mark L. Richardson 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.

No conflict of interest was disclosed.

**CITIZENS'
INPUT**

Each person in the audience was given the 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.

**ITEMS FOR
ACTION AT
SPECIAL
MEETING**

In accordance with Section 110.040 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, entitled "Compensation of Councilman", the City Manager presented to each Councilperson their salary for services to the City of Poplar Bluff for fiscal year 2020 - 2021.

**Compensation of
Councilman**

At this time, City Manager Matt Winters presented a plaque to each Councilmember bearing a silver dollar for their services to the City of Poplar Bluff during the past year. He also presented a Mayor's plaque to Robert L. Smith and a Mayor Pro Tem's plaque to Steve Davis.

**Presentation of
Abstract of Votes**

The City Clerk presented to the City Council for their approval the abstract of votes cast at the Municipal Election held Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

City Clerk Nevada Young addressed the Council and stated on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, the City of Poplar Bluff conducted a Municipal Election for the purpose of electing a Councilmember from the Second Ward and a Councilmember from the Fourth Ward. She stated there was one candidate for the Second Ward, Jerrica Fox who received 160 votes. Ms. Young stated the winner of this race was Jerrica Fox. She stated there were two candidates for the Fourth Ward, Shane Cornman who received 190 votes and Robert E. Durbin who received 110 votes. She stated the winner of this race was Shane Cornman. Ms. Young stated also on the ballot was a

proposition for the implementation of an internet use tax. She stated the votes on this item were 377 yes votes and 379 no votes. She stated a manual recount was done on April 14, 2021 with a result of 377 yes votes and 380 no votes. Ms. Young stated this ballot proposition failed.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilman DeGaris and carried to accept the abstract of votes as presented by the City Clerk.

**Remarks from
Councilman Ed
DeGaris**

Retiring Councilman from the Second Ward, Ed DeGaris, addressed the City Council.

Councilman DeGaris addressed the Council and stated he is proud of the accomplishments the City has had during his tenure as a Councilman, especially Poplar Bluff being designated as a Veteran Friendly City and the initiative to end veteran homelessness. He stated he is proud of the many wonderful employees the City has and their dedication to the citizens of Poplar Bluff. Mr. DeGaris thanked the citizens and his fellow Councilmembers for their support during his time on the Council.

**Remarks from
Councilman
Shane Cornman**

Retiring Councilman from the Fourth Ward, Shane Cornman, addressed the City Council.

Councilman Cornman addressed the Council and stated he would like to thank the voters in the Fourth Ward for electing him to another three-year term. He stated he would like to see the momentum the City has right now to keep going.

**Swearing In of
Elected
Councilmembers**

At this time City Clerk Nevada Young administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilwoman of the Second Ward Jerrica Fox, newly elected Councilman of the Fourth Ward Shane Cornman.

At this time Mayor Smith presented a key to the City to Former Councilman Ed DeGaris in recognition of his exemplary service to the City of Poplar Bluff. Mayor Smith also presented a proclamation to Ashton DeGaris in recognition of his volunteer efforts in the community.

**Election of Mayor
& Mayor Pro Tem**

The new City Council conducted an election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and a Mayor Pro Tem for the year 2021-2022.

The Chair at this time received nominations for the office of Mayor for the City of Poplar Bluff for the year 2021-2022. Councilman Smith placed in nomination the name of Steve Davis for the office of Mayor of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for the year 2021-2022. The nomination was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. The Chair asked if there were any further nominations for the office of Mayor. There being none, Steve Davis was elected Mayor of the City of Poplar Bluff for the year 2021-2022 by acclamation. The Chair declared Steve Davis Mayor of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for the year 2021-2022.

The Chair at this time received nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Poplar Bluff for the year 2021-2022. Mayor Davis placed in nomination the name of Shane Cornman for the office of Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for the year 2021-2022. The nomination was seconded by Councilwoman Parson. The Chair asked if there were any further nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem. There being none, Shane Cornman was elected to the office of Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Poplar Bluff for the year 2021-2022 by acclamation. The Chair declared Shane Cornman Mayor Pro Tem for the year 2021- 2022.

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 Cornman and carried that this regular meeting be adjourned.

Mayor Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nevada J. Young
City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF,

MISSOURI, THIS 17th DAY

OF May, 2021.