

**MINUTES
OF A REGULAR 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 regular 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 Steve Davis 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 Law Summers of Boy Scout Troop 4166.

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

Also present were City Manager Matt Winters, City Attorney Mark 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 possible conflicts of interest were disclosed.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

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

Mr. Law Summers, who gave his address as 891 Mockingbird Lane, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, appeared before the Council. He stated his Boy Scout troop has put around 150 flags around town the past several years for holidays such as July 4th, Memorial Day and Labor Day. Mr. Summers stated he is working on his Eagle Scout project of building another 150 to 200 flags to place on additional poles. He stated he is asking the City to repair or replace bases for the flags on poles that have been damaged or broken. He stated he will go around and see which ones need repaired or replaced and bring the list back to the City.

Mayor Davis stated he believes this is a good idea. There was a consensus of the Council to repair or replace the broken bases for the flags.

CONSENT AGENDA

The minutes of the City Council meetings held March 1, 2021 and March 15, 2021 were presented to the City Council for their approval.

Approval of Minutes for the Month of March, 2021

The City Clerk reported that each Councilperson had before them a report on fund balances, investments and collections as of March 31, 2021. She reported on funds on deposit in the Commerce Bank in the amount of \$3,271,945.43; in the Peoples Community State Bank \$344,217.12; in the First Midwest Bank

**CITY CLERK'S
REPORT**

**Report on Fund
Balances,
Investments &
Collections as of
March 31, 2021**

\$18,704,576.21; in Sterling Bank \$85,643.54 and in the First Missouri State Bank \$1,073,686.54. She stated this reflects a grand total of all funds in all banks in the amount of \$23,480,068.84. She stated of this amount, total funds on deposit for the account of City Hall is \$5,116,809.00, total amount on deposit for the Coliseum is \$85,643.54, total amount on deposit for the Park Department accounts is \$782,904.23 and total funds on deposit for the account of the Municipal Utilities Department is \$17,494,712.07.

The City Clerk reported that each member of the City Council had before them the following reports for the month of March, 2021: a list of Bills Paid, a report from Downtown Poplar Bluff, Inc., a report from the Fire Department, a Municipal Court report, a Payroll report by departments, a report from the Planning Department, a Police Department/Animal Control/Code Enforcement report, a Street Department report and a list of payments from the Police and Fire Pension Fund for the month of March, 2021.

After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Parson and carried to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**WORKSHOP
ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION**

**Residential
Requirements for
City Employees**

The City Council reviewed Chapter 120.060 Residential Requirements regarding personnel.

City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and stated a few weeks ago it was presented to the Council to possibly expand the residency boundaries for City employees. He stated there has been some difficulty in recruitment of employees recently. He stated he included in the Council packet a list of 49 communities' residency requirements and Poplar Bluff is one of the most restrictive. Mr. Winters stated his proposal is to expand the residency requirement to include those counties (Carter, Wayne and Ripley) adjacent to Butler County, with the City Manager still being required to live in the City limits and Municipal Utilities employees to remain within the twelve (12) mile radius of the Business 60/67 Intersection.

Councilwoman Taylor expressed her concern relative to the outbreak of a major fire. She stated if firefighters were an hour and a half away it could compromise the safety of our citizens. She asked if it could possibly be different for different departments.

City Manager Winters stated yes, that is a possibility.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Smith to table this item.

Councilwoman Fox asked if this is something the Department Heads could voice their opinions on.

City Manager Winters stated he would provide a written statement from Department Heads in the next Council packet for the Council to review.

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to move this item to the next workshop session.

City Attorney Mark Richardson stated since a motion is on the floor, no other motion can be made at this time. He stated he recommends to amend the current motion to move this item to the next Workshop Session to be held May 3, 2021.

The previous motion to table the item failed with only two yes votes (Councilwoman Taylor and Councilman Smith).

After further discussion, Councilwoman Taylor amended the previous motion to table this item and to move this item to the Workshop Session to be held May 3, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

The City Council considered an agreement between the City of Poplar Bluff and MoDOT regarding the Wolf Creek TAP-5100 (012) trails grant.

**MoDOT Agreement
Relative to the Wolf
Creek Trail Grant**

City Manager Winters addressed the Council and stated the City has been awarded a grant from MoDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program in the amount of \$274,088 to construct the Wolf Creek Connector Trail to connect sidewalks in the City to the Wolf Creek Trail located in the Mark Twain National Forest. He stated this project is a collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, Butler County and the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Winters stated all matching funds will be provided by the Chamber of Commerce. He stated the total project estimate is \$500,364 and this agreement simply allows the City to accept the grant funds.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Parson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cornman and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held May 3, 2021.

**ACTION
REQUIRED ITEMS**

**Police Department
Antiquated Records**

The City Council took action on an ordinance regarding a request to destroy antiquated records retained by the Poplar Bluff Police Department as prescribed by the Missouri Secretary of State's Records Retention Schedule. Motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that Bill No. 8301, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF ANTIQUATED RECORDS BY THE POPLAR BLUFF POLICE 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 Councilwoman Parson and seconded by Councilwoman Horton that Bill No. 8301 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 Davis asked if there was any discussion of this bill. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor that Bill No. 8301 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Parson, Fox, Horton, Smith, Taylor, Cornman, Davis; No: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor thereupon declared such ordinance adopted and the bill was thereupon duly numbered Ordinance No. 21 - 16.

**Annexation of
Property Located at
700 Shelby Road**

The City Council took action on a resolution with respect to the annexation of a certain unincorporated area to the City of Poplar Bluff, such property being located at 700 Shelby Road and owned by Bell Real Estate LLC. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cornman and seconded by Councilwoman Fox that Resolution No. 1945, **A RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ANNEXATION OF A CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED AREA INTO THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, SUCH PROPERTY BEING LOCATED AT 700 SHELBY ROAD IN BUTLER COUNTY, MISSOURI AND OWNED BY BELL REAL ESTATE, LLC**, 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 Davis asked if there was any discussion of this resolution. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Fox that Resolution No. 1945 be

adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Fox, Horton, Smith, Taylor, Parson, Cornman, Davis; No: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None. There being a favorable vote the Mayor thereupon declared such resolution duly adopted and was thereupon duly numbered Resolution No. 1945 and was thereupon duly signed and approved by the Mayor and attested to by the City Clerk.

Call For a Closed Session

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff called for a closed meeting in which they would discuss such matters which are exempted under the open meetings law Section 610.021.1, RSMo, Section 610.021.2, RSMo, Section 610.021.3, RSMo, Section 610.021.9, RSMo, Section 610.021.11, RSMo, Section 610.021.12, RSMo, Section 610.021.13, RSMo, and Section 610.021.14, RSMo. Motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Parson that the City Council move into a closed meeting immediately after this regular meeting of the City Council. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Parson, Fox, Horton, Smith, Taylor, Cornman, Davis; No: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None. The motion carried unanimously to move into closed session immediately after this regular meeting of the City Council.


City Manager's Report

City Manager Winters addressed the Council and congratulated new Mayor Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Cornman on their appointments and welcomed Councilwoman Fox to the Council. He stated he would also like to congratulate the Three Rivers Lady Raiders on their win in the national basketball tournament.

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

Mayor Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 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.