

**MINUTES
OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a special meeting on June 15, 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 6:30 p.m.

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

Also present were City Manager Mark Massingham, 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 addressed 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 2019 - 2020.

**Compensation of
Councilman**

At this time, City Manager Mark Massingham 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.

Police Chief Danny Whitely presented a plaque of appreciation to retiring City Councilman Ron Black.

**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, June 2, 2020.

City Clerk Nevada J. Young addressed the Council and stated on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, the City of Poplar Bluff conducted a Municipal Election for the purpose of electing a Councilmember from the Fifth Ward and two Councilmembers from the At Large Ward. She stated there was one candidate for the Fifth Ward, Robert Louis Smith, who received 159 votes. She stated there were eight unresolved write-in votes. Ms. Young stated Robert Louis Smith was declared the winner of this race. She stated there were nine candidates for the two At-Large Ward positions, Robert

Duckett who received 317 votes, Chester Pumphrey who received 21 votes, Steve Davis who received 503 votes, Logan V. Gilham who received 109 votes, Jim Chrisman who received 341 votes, Peter Tinsley who received 260 votes, Chris Taylor who received 487 votes, Brent Eason who received 124 votes, Robert Durbin who received 61 votes and 11 unresolved write-in votes. She stated the winners of this race were Steve Davis and Chris Taylor.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Parson, seconded by Councilman Black and carried to accept the abstract of votes as presented by the City Clerk.

Remarks from Councilman Ron Black

Retiring City Councilman from the At-Large Ward, Ron Black, addressed the City Council.

Councilman Ron Black addressed the Council and stated he loves the City of Poplar Bluff and he is thankful for the opportunity to have served on the City Council. He stated it has been a privilege to serve the City and he appreciates the Council, City Manager and employees of the City for all their help.

Remarks from Mayor Pro Tem Steve Davis

Retiring City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem from the At-Large Ward, Steve Davis addressed the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Davis addressed the Council and stated it has been a privilege to serve on the City Council for the past three years. He stated he believes a lot of positive things are happening in Poplar Bluff and he looks forward to serving the citizens in the future.

Remarks from Mayor Robert L. Smith

Retiring Mayor Robert L. Smith addressed the City Council.

Mayor Robert L. Smith addressed the Council and thanked everyone who has trusted in him over the past several years and he appreciates the support from the Council, the community and City leaders. He stated he would like to recognize his special guests in the audience.

Swearing In of Elected Councilmembers

At this time City Clerk Nevada J. Young administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilman of the Fifth Ward Robert Louis Smith, newly elected Councilman of the At-Large Ward Steve Davis and newly elected Councilwoman of the At-Large Ward Chris Taylor.

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 2020-2021.

The Chair at this time received nominations for the office of Mayor for the City of Poplar Bluff for the year 2020-2021. Councilman Davis placed in nomination the name of Robert L. Smith for the office of Mayor of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for the year 2020-2021. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Cornman. The Chair asked if there were any further nominations for the office of Mayor. There were no additional nominations. A roll call vote to elect Robert L. Smith as Mayor for the 2020-2021 term was as follows: Yes: Parson, DeGaris, Horton, Cornman, Taylor, Davis, Smith; No: None, Absent: None. The Chair declared Robert L. Smith Mayor of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for the year 2020-2021.

The Chair at this time received nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Poplar Bluff for the year 2020-2021. Councilwoman Parson placed in nomination the name of Steve Davis for the office of Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for the year 2020-2021. The nomination was seconded by

Councilman Cornman. The Chair asked if there were any further nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem. There were no additional nominations. A roll call vote to elect Steve Davis as Mayor Pro Tem for the 2020-2021 term was as follows: Yes: Parson, DeGaris, Horton, Cornman, Taylor, Davis, Smith; No: None, Absent: None. The Chair declared Steve Davis Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for the year 2020-2021.

There being no further business to come before this meeting of the City Council, motion was made by Councilwoman Parson, seconded by Councilman DeGaris and carried that this regular meeting be adjourned.

Mayor DeGaris declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nevada J. Young
City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF,

MISSOURI, THIS 20th DAY

OF July, 2020.