

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

The City Council of the City of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, convened in a regular meeting on Monday, August 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 Mayor Pro Tem Steve Davis.

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

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

Also present were City Manager Matt Winters, City Attorney Mark Richardson, and Deputy City Clerk Lori J. Phelps 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 conflicts of interest were disclosed.

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.

**PRESENTATION
OF AWARD**

Mr. Todd Hagen with Spire Gas Company presented the Silver Shovel Award to Street Superintendent Jerry Lawson for no at fault damages to their lines in 2019.

**WORKSHOP
ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION**

The City Council reviewed a recommendation from the Municipal Utilities Advisory Board regarding the sale of property located at Barron Road and Baugh Lane.

**Sale of Property
Located at Barron
Road & Baugh
Lane**

Mr. Bill Bach, Municipal Utilities General Manager, appeared before the Council and stated this is the former site of the Baugh Lane water tower which was torn down last year. He stated this property is no longer needed by the Electric Department nor the Water-Sewer Department. He stated the Municipal Utilities Advisory Board recommends Council approval of the sale of the property.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilman DeGaris, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held August 17, 2020.

**Network
Maintenance
Equipment Bid**

The City Council reviewed a bid recommendation for network maintenance equipment.

City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and stated this recommendation for equipment was made by the City's IT Manager, Michael Pry. He stated this equipment will serve as a backup in the event our network crashes because of malfunction. He stated this item was budgeted by Municipal Utilities and was put out for bid. Mr. Winters stated one bid was received from Today's Computers in the amount of \$39,249.00 which was significantly under budget.

After further discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilman DeGaris and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held August 17, 2020.

**Missouri
Department of
Public Safety
Grant Award**

The City Council discussed the acceptance of a grant awarded to the Poplar Bluff Police Department by the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Office of Homeland Security for the purchase of an upgraded 911 system.

Patrolman Austin Lemonds with the Poplar Bluff Police Department appeared before the Council and stated the Council passed a resolution in March which allowed for the submission of a grant application for the purchase of an upgraded 911 system. He stated the grant has been awarded in the amount of \$124,820.2 with \$83,213.48 being the responsibility of the City. Patrolman Lemonds stated the funds will be used for software, hardware and hosted services for the 911 system. He stated the Council simply needs to accept the grant award if they so choose.

After further discussion, motion was made by Councilman Cornman, seconded by Councilwoman Horton and carried to move this item to the voting session to be held August 17, 2020.

**Code of
Ordinances
Section 405.050 I
2 b Deletion**

The City Council discussed deleting Section 405.050 I 2 b of the Code of Ordinances relative to conditional use permit requirements for drive-in establishments including restaurants and theatres.

City Manager Winters addressed the Council and stated the current Code requires businesses with drive-thru windows to apply to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a conditional use permit which then goes to Council for final approval. He stated this process can add up to eight weeks to the timeline of a business trying to open. Mr. Winters stated drive-thru windows are reviewed by the Planning and Inspections Department and he believes removing this requirement will streamline the process for future commercial projects with drive-thru windows.

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 August 17, 2020.

**Aircraft Hangar
Door Bid**

The City Council reviewed bids received for the replacement of an aircraft hangar door at the Poplar Bluff Regional Business Airport.

Airport Manager Gary Pride appeared before the Council and stated the hangar door in need of replacement is on Hangar F, also known as the Libla Hangar. He stated the door will not close all the way and has become a liability for the City. He stated bids were let for a new hangar door and two bids were received. Mr. Pride stated the low bid was from Thatch Construction out of Ravenden Springs, Arkansas in the amount of \$49,790 and is recommended for Council approval.

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

**ACTION
REQUIRED
ITEMS**

**Conflicts of
Interest and
Substantial
Interests**

The City Council took action on an ordinance establishing procedures for the disclosure of potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain municipal officers. Motion was made by Councilman DeGaris, seconded by Councilman Cornman that Bill No. 8248, **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**, 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 DeGaris that Bill No. 8248 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 Councilman DeGaris that Bill No. 8248 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Cornman, Taylor, DeGaris, Horton, Davis, Smith; No: None; Absent: Parson; 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 - 47.

**Cell Tower Height
Request at 1017
Ridge Avenue**

The City Council took action on a cell tower height request at 1017 Ridge Avenue. Motion was made by Councilman Cornman, seconded by Councilman DeGaris that Bill No. 8249, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING NETWORK REAL ESTATE, AN AGENT OF AT&T, TO ERECT A PERMANENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS CELL TOWER LOCATED AT 1017 RIDGE AVENUE IN 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 Horton that Bill No. 8249 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 Councilman DeGaris and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor that Bill No. 8249 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Taylor, DeGaris, Horton, Cornman, Davis, Smith; No: None; Absent: Parson; 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 - 48.

**2020 Budget
Amendment**

The City Council took action on an ordinance amending the 2020 Annual Budget. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilman Cornman that Bill No. 8250, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF**, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Davis that Bill No. 8250 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 Councilman Cornman that Bill No. 8250 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Horton, Cornman, Taylor, Davis, Smith; No: DeGaris; Absent: Parson; 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 - 49.

**Aircraft Hangar
Door Bid
Acceptance**

The City Council took action on an ordinance accepting a bid for the replacement of an aircraft hangar door at the Poplar Bluff Regional Business Airport. Motion was made by Councilman DeGaris, seconded by Councilwoman Horton that Bill No. 8251, **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BID FROM THATCH CONSTRUCTION, INC. OF RAVENDEN SPRINGS, ARKANSAS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN AIRCRAFT HANGAR DOOR AT THE POPLAR BLUFF REGIONAL BUSINESS AIRPORT**, 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 DeGaris that Bill No. 8251 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 Councilman DeGaris and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis that Bill No. 8251 be adopted. A roll call vote was as follows: Yes: Horton, Cornman, Taylor, DeGaris, Davis, Smith; No: None; Absent: Parson; 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 - 50.

**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 Mayor Pro Tem Davis and seconded by Councilwoman Horton 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: DeGaris, Horton, Cornman, Taylor, Davis, Smith; No: None; Absent: Parson; Abstained: None. The motion carried unanimously to move into closed session immediately after this regular meeting of the City Council.

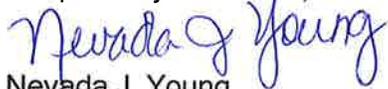
**City Manager's
Report**

City Manager Matt Winters addressed the Council and stated he would like to congratulate the Street Department on the Silver Shovel Award presented to them by Spire Gas Company. He stated he would like to recognize Police Chief Danny Whiteley for being chosen to sit on a panel for law enforcement by Senator Roy Blunt. Mr. Winters also stated he would like to encourage everyone to get out and vote tomorrow.

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

Mayor Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nevada J. Young
City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF,

MISSOURI, THIS 21st DAY

OF September, 2020.