

**CITY OF
POPLAR BLUFF
AND
MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES
FY 2017
BUDGET**



CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF

CITY HALL, 501 Vine Street
POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI 63901

December 8, 2016

Dear Mayor and City Council:

The following pages represent the Fiscal Year 2017 budget for the City of Poplar Bluff. As all of you are aware this has been a very difficult budget to prepare. I was hoping to present you with a balanced budget for General Fund this year but was unable to do that.

The projected expenses for General Fund are \$186,228 more than the projected revenues for 2017. There are six full time positions eliminated in this budget to help get us to a better fiscal condition. There are two positions eliminated in the Street Department, one building inspector in the Planning Department, one clerk in the Municipal Court Department and the equivalent of two patrol officers in the Police Department. This was not an easy decision to make because we need all of these employees to continue offering the services we now provide to our citizens. We have also eliminated the \$50,000 from general fund for the funding of the Downtown Director's salary. I have included \$25,000 in the Tourism Account for funding part of the salary with the hopes that DPB will fund the other half of the salary. We have also eliminated paying for dental insurance for the employees and this saved approximately \$75,000. This was a benefit we added years ago when our Health Insurance Fund was flush with over a million dollars in reserves. I did not eliminate optical insurance for the employees but this would save an additional \$10,000. The 2016 budget reflected a 2% pay increase for all General Fund employees but the 2017 budget reflects no pay increase for General Fund employees.

I am hoping General Fund will have a starting balance in 2017 of around six million dollars. This is still a healthy balance but if we were to continue the road we have been going down we could be at critical condition in a couple of years.

It is hard to convince employees and the residents that we are eliminating positions but planning on constructing a six or seven million dollar city hall and police station. As you all know that project will be funded by capital improvement sales tax dollars. Those funds cannot be used for salaries and benefits.

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The Capital portion of the budget is also very straightforward this year. This will be the first payment to assist in paying for the 67/Oak Grove Road bypass and is in the amount of \$537,675. We have a bond payment of \$1,009,056 for the Coliseum/Golf Course expansion/Library expansion/sports complex projects. Also, our third payment for the Southern Bank loan in the amount of \$537,676 of which Utilities will be paying \$290,000 for their portion of the loan. I have budgeted \$175,000 towards the demolition of the old City Hall building and some architect fees for the new building. Hopefully we will not need to use this amount and it can come out of project funds. I was a little more generous with the capital funds this year than normal but I do believe it is for equipment and vehicles that we do need.

Under the Municipal Utilities portion of the budget, General Manager Bill Bach has included a management letter similar to this which explains both revenues and expenditures for Utilities in a very detailed manner. I would encourage the Council to review Mr. Bach's management letter.

This is a brief overview of the budget for Fiscal Year 2017. I can tell you that it is a budget and that is all as it's basically a best guess of what will happen next year. We will continue to monitor the budget as the year progresses and do our best to make it work for the citizens of Poplar Bluff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Massingham', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Massingham
City Manager

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CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF

CITY GOVERNMENT

Elected Legislative Branch

<i>Ed DeGaris</i>	<i>Mayor</i>
<i>Philip Crocker</i>	<i>Mayor Pro Tem</i>
<i>Susan McVey</i>	<i>Councilwoman</i>
<i>Barbara Horton</i>	<i>Councilwoman</i>
<i>Peter Tinsley</i>	<i>Councilman</i>
<i>David Johnson</i>	<i>Councilman</i>

City Council Appointed Administrative Branch

<i>Mark Massingham</i>	<i>City Manager</i>
<i>Pamela Kearbey</i>	<i>City Clerk/Treasurer</i>
<i>Dean Million</i>	<i>Municipal Judge</i>

City Manager Appointed Administrative Branch

<i>Mark Richardson</i>	<i>City Attorney</i>
<i>Michelle Deken</i>	<i>Accounting Manager</i>
<i>Dennis Avery</i>	<i>City Planner</i>
<i>Danny Whiteley</i>	<i>Police Chief</i>
<i>Ralph Stucker</i>	<i>Fire Chief</i>
<i>Denis Kearbey</i>	<i>Street Superintendent</i>
<i>Mike Smith</i>	<i>Airport Manager</i>
<i>Bill Bach</i>	<i>Utilities Manager</i>
<i>Robert Godwin</i>	<i>Black River Coliseum Director</i>

Other Appointed Administrative Branch

<i>Clark Allen</i>	<i>Park Director</i>
<i>Tina Magill</i>	<i>Museum Director</i>

TAX RATE AND PROPERTY VALUATION ANALYSIS FOR FY 2007-2016

ANALYSIS OF TAX RATE					
Fiscal Year	General Fund	Library Fund	Park Fund	P & F Pension Fund	Total
2007	0.4690	0.1380		0.0919	0.6989
2008	0.4700	0.1387		0.0923	0.7022
2009	0.4712	0.1387		0.0923	0.7022
2010	0.4669	0.1374		0.0914	0.6957
2011	0.4753	0.1399		0.0930	0.7082
2012	0.5131			0.1000	0.6131
2013	0.5300			0.1000	0.6300
2014	0.5300			0.1000	0.6300
2015	0.5127			0.0967	0.6094
2016	0.5127			0.0967	0.6094
ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY VALUATIONS					
Fiscal Year	Real Property	Personal	State/Local Assessed Property	Enterprise Zone	Total
2007	154,722,523	50,553,372	1,617,640	6,886,384	213,779,919
2008	159,018,108	52,838,999	1,414,517	5,604,150	218,875,774
2009	156,646,401	55,023,502	1,331,308	10,877,788	223,878,999
2010	159,277,230	54,596,177	1,417,878	12,374,102	227,665,387
2011	160,385,793	51,053,558	1,328,126	12,374,333	225,141,810
2012	166,200,550	63,701,121	1,305,313		231,206,984
2013	166,103,940	55,016,570	1,365,161		222,485,671
2014	167,490,210	57,121,216	1,416,751		226,028,177
2015	184,097,460	56,555,046	1,468,849		242,121,355
2016	186,765,551	58,414,490	1,543,985		246,724,026

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