

**CITY OF POCAHONTAS**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Kary Story called the regular scheduled meeting to order. Deputy Clerk Annette Williams conducted roll call. Councilmen present were; Wayne Broadway, Rainer DeClerk, Keith Futrell, Rob Olvey, and Ben Pond. City Attorney Alex Bigger was present. The media was represented by the Star Herald and KPOC radio.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS & MEETING MINUTES -**

Approve Financials for Jan 2017 – Olvey motioned to approve. Pond seconded. All voted yes.  
Approve Minutes of 1-10-17 Meeting – Olvey motioned to approve. DeClerk seconded. All voted yes.  
Approve Minutes of 2-3-17 Spec. Meeting – Pond motioned to approve. Olvey seconded. All voted yes.

Amend 2016 Budget – Olvey motioned to read the resolution to approve the amended 2016 budget. Futrell seconded. All voted yes. Bigger read the resolution. Broadway motioned to accept the resolution. Olvey seconded. All voted yes. This is **Resolution 01-2017.**

**Monthly reports – Police Dept.** – Sgt. Brian Tilghman reported for the police department. He stated an increase in break-ins could be due to warmer weather. **Fire** – Chief Kester reported. Kester explained to Pond he is following up with a fire prevention program in about 2 wks. **Hospital** – CEO, Luther Lewis reported. Lewis stated admissions are up significantly. Lewis stated two different helicopter EMS companies are looking at locating in Pocahontas with no expense to the hospital. **Ambulance** - Ken Kelly, ProMed CEO reported. He commended Dr. Phillip Jansen for his active involvement as the local medical director with the EMS service. He stated all employees are being recertified due to state mandates. He said they would be having a water rescue class at the Aquatic Center for their employees. Kelly stated he would be getting with Bigger to review the ambulance franchise agreement regarding a possible rate increase by the ambulance service.

**Old Business – 1504 Park St** – Story asked if Caroline Carson was present. There was no response. Bids for Demolition of 1504 Park St. – Story opened the bids and read them aloud. They were: B.B Harper bid totaled \$5250, GW Farms bid totaled \$7200, and Big Iron Logistics bid totaled \$3200. Chris Rice, Big Iron Logistics, addressed the council. He understood the requirements to complete the project and level the lot. Story stated the Carson's were removing some items from the property. Story stated he had to contact Entergy to have the electric service discontinued but wasn't sure when Big Iron could start. It was felt 2-21-17 would be an additional week that would allow for these happenings.

**Repeal Ordinance 2017-03 for Annexation of Ryan Rose Property & Adopt 2017-05** – Bigger explained the issue with the property description creating an enclave which is not allowed. Pond motioned to read Ordinance 2017-05. Futrell seconded. All voted to approve. Bigger read the proposed ordinance. Pond motioned to place the ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only. Olvey seconded. All voted to approve. Bigger read the title. Pond motioned to adopt the ordinance. Olvey seconded. All voted to approve. This is **Ordinance 2017-05.**

Red Percy- Depot Museum Completion Project – Percy is unable to attend tonight due to illness. There was discussion regarding how to get a spec sheet together and possibly to have a committee get details for the council to review.

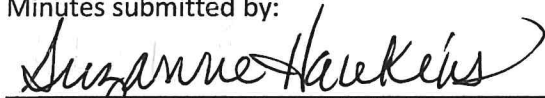
New Business – Proposed Nuisance Properties – Story stated Code Enforcement Officer, Kerry Crismon is unable to attend due to a family medical situation. Pond suggested waiting until next month to review the properties. Pond motioned to table until March. Olvey seconded. All voted to approve. Overlook Park Parking Need – Story stated the new play equipment is a big hit. Broadway had previously stated the parking would not be adequate. Story stated he is correct. Story asked Mark Tanner, Park & Recreation Director to address the council. Tanner stated the additional parking would allow for an additional 20+ parking slots. Tanner had information regarding cost estimates for an additional parking lot he had obtained with the help of Street Supervisor, Ben Wicker. Approximate costs would be \$15,000. Futrell motioned to approve \$15,000. There was no second. Pond stated \$15,000 is a very tight budget. He suggested increasing the project budget to \$20,000 to finish it off right. Futrell motioned to approve \$20,000 for the parking lot project. Broadway seconded. All voted to approve.

Business Cards for Councilman – Story stated if any councilman would like business cards they need to get their information to CJ Johnson, Police Administration. He stated CJ is working on all marketing for the city.

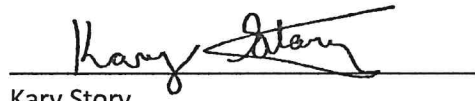
Water Works – Story stated he has discussed at the Water Commission meeting the need to move any new lines being replaced into the easement and out of the roadway. He stated the Water Works Commission agreed this needed to be considered and would be looked at on a case by case basis.

Olvey motioned to adjourn. Pond seconded. All voted to approve.

Minutes submitted by:



Suzanne Hawkins  
City Clerk/Treasurer



Kary Story  
Mayor