

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
February 3, 2017

Mayor Kary Story called to order the special called meeting of the City of Pocahontas City Council. City Clerk/Treasurer Suzanne Hawkins conducted roll call. Aldermen present were: Verna Dudley, Rainer DeClerk, Wayne Broadway, Ben Pond and Rob Olvey. The media was represented by the Pocahontas Star Herald.

Story opened the meeting up for public comment. No one requested to speak.

Story explained to council the reason for the special meeting. The 2016 Dodge Ram truck purchased new in January 2017 for the Police Department had been totaled when the communication tower fell off the municipal building on January 26th. Municipal League Vehicle Insurance is covering the incident with a \$1000 deductible being withheld from the reimbursement to the city. Story stated he needed council approval to purchase a new vehicle to replace the damaged one. He stated Chief Tackett had located an identical vehicle to the damaged one at Landers in Little Rock. This vehicle is the same state contract rate (\$24,621) as the previously purchased vehicle. Broadway motioned to approve the purchase of a 2016 Dodge truck for the police department. DeClerk seconded. All voted to approve the motion.

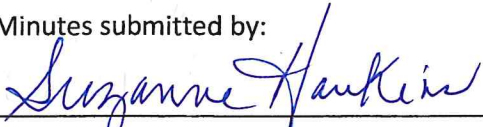
Olvey asked about the damage to the roof. Story stated he was still waiting on the estimate from Jonesboro Roofing. Hawkins stated she was waiting on an estimate from Paragould Communications & the roofing company. Story stated the roof has been patched by Jonesboro roofing until they can come do the permanent repairs. Story stated all city buildings with towers have been inspected after this incident.

Pond commented about the Museum section of the Depot building. He stated that Verna & he were going to the depot after this meeting to review the facility. He asked to see the specs for the bid prior to the bid advertisement being publicized. Story stated Red Percy would be at the next council meeting to discuss the project. Pond stated he would like to see the parking lot paved.

There was discussion concerning various parks and a concern about parking at Overlook Park with the new playground/work out pad and the Aquatic Center parking. Suggestions were made to plan a Park & Recreation Committee meeting to plan for upgrades to the city park playgrounds and pavilions. It was decided a survey of Thomas O. Marr Park needed to be completed if one was not on record with DeClerk-Throesch Engineers.

Olvey motioned to adjourn. Broadway seconded. All voted to adjourn.

Minutes submitted by:



Suzanne Hawkins
City Clerk/Treasurer



Kary Story
Mayor