

**SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF POCAHONTAS CITY COUNCIL
May 18, 2017**

Mayor Kary Story called the special called meeting to order. City Clerk/Treasurer Suzanne Hawkins conducted roll call. Councilpersons present were: Verna Dudley, Keith Futrell, Wayne Broadway, Ben Pond, and Rob Olvey. The media was represented by the *Star Herald*.

Story asked for public comments. There were none.

Story stated the insurance adjusters had toured the flood damaged city properties. Story presented a proposed ordinance to the council that would waive bidding for repair to flood damaged properties. Story stated this ordinance was similar to the ordinance that was adopted in 2011. Story said he would like to give contractors the go ahead to begin repair of the properties listed on the ordinance. There was discussion regarding responsibility issues with the Black River Area Development buildings: Head Start and the Senior Wellness Center. There was also discussion about various properties and the repair needed.

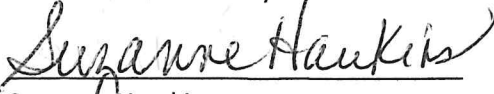
Pond motioned to read the ordinance. Olvey seconded. All voted yes. Hawkins read the ordinance. Olvey motioned put the ordinance on 2nd & 3rd reading by title only. Futrell seconded. All voted yes. Hawkins read the title. Futrell motioned to adopt the ordinance. Dudley seconded. All voted yes. Futrell motioned to adopt the emergency clause. Broadway seconded. All voted yes. This is **Ordinance 2017-08**.

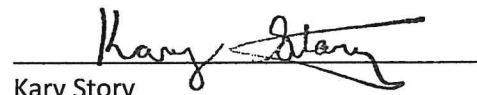
Hawkins addressed council concerning the payout of flood repairs. She stated the emergency fund will more than likely be expended quickly with the multiple buildings that are damaged. Council discussed how to handle this issue. After discussions it was decided to temporarily use funds from the Economic Development account to pay for excess expenditures due to city property flood repairs. Pond motioned to use the Economic Development Funds as a source for payment for the flood repairs. Broadway seconded. All voted yes.

Futrell inquired about large trucks on Park Street.

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

Minutes submitted by:


Suzanne Hawkins
City Clerk/Treasurer


Kary Story
Mayor