

Pocahontas City Council Meeting
April 9, 2019

Mayor Keith Sutton called the regular scheduled meeting of the city council to order. Suzanne Hawkins, City Clerk/Treasurer conducted roll call. Councilmen present were: Wayne Broadway, Rainer DeClerk, Nathan Camp, Keith Futrell and Rob Olvey. City Attorney Alex Bigger was present. The media was represented by KPOC radio and the Pocahontas *Star Herald*.

Sutton asked for public comments. There were none.

Approval of March 2019 Financials – Olvey motioned to approve. Camp seconded. All voted yes.

Approval of March 12 Minutes – Broadway motioned to approve. Futrell seconded. All voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS – Proposed Ordinance for alcohol sales taxation/permits – Bigger discussed additions and changes he had made to the proposed ordinance since the last meeting. Bigger stated permit fees vary throughout the state. He stated he had inserted a nominal amount and asked for guidance from the council. Bigger said larger cities charge as much as \$500 per permit. DeClerk stated he felt the \$100 amount was adequate. Bigger advised additional review of the proposed ordinance. Olvey suggested a 1st reading of the ordinance. Futrell motioned to put ordinance on 1st reading by title only. Olvey seconded. All voted yes. Bigger read the title. Futrell motioned to have the 2nd & 3rd reading at the May 2019 meeting. Broadway seconded. All voted yes. This is proposed **Ordinance 2019-08**.

Resolution to approve purchase of Street Dept. truck – Sutton reminded the council they had approved this purchase at the March meeting. Olvey motioned to read the resolution. DeClerk seconded. All voted yes. Bigger read the resolution. DeClerk motioned to approve the resolution. Olvey seconded. All voted yes. This is **Resolution 07-2019**. Sutton noted the truck was received and has been on the road working hard for the city. He noted the truck was a good purchase.

Discussion regarding CAP 205 Flood Study - Sutton stated he had talked with County Judge Jansen regarding the Corp of Engineers study. Jansen would like to hear more from the Corp. DeClerk stated he felt the Corp. didn't appear to want to move forward with the project and didn't give the city options. He felt the city could be wasting funds for nothing if the Corp was allowed to continue. Futrell was concerned with the study cost. Futrell also stated there are other local alternatives that are less costly. Olvey questioned if they had the results from the 26' Model they were looking at. Sutton stated at this time the work being done now is subsidized by the Federal Government. Camp felt there was more information the Corp could have shared. Sutton stated that he & Jansen would be contacting the Corp to discuss another meeting.

Airport Maintenance Bids- Sutton stated Pocahontas Outdoors had loaned a mower to the Airport. Mowing the airport had taken 28.2 hrs. with a 60" mower. Sutton stated a 72" mower should reduce the time to approximately 23 hrs. Danny Ellis, Airport Chair stated the commission had approved today the purchase of a Gravely 72" mower from Pocahontas Outdoors. Kelly Rose, Airport Commissioner prepared a Pro-forma regarding the mower. He discussed the results. Rose stated the commission's strategy is to acquire a mower every 2 yrs. and use airport employees to maintain the airport. Broadway wants to give the airport funds to let them buy a tractor. No other council commented. DeClerk stated the local business bids is exactly what the council was asking for at the previous meeting. DeClerk

motioned that the airport should pursue the mower from Pocahontas Outdoors. Camp seconded. All voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS – Branding - Tim Scott, Chamber Director, discussed a branding program the chamber has been discussing. Scott stated the chamber would like to establish a brand or “logo” for all of Randolph County which includes the county and all the municipalities. He stated Jennifer Clay, Chamber Board Chairman prepared a document for the council to review. Scott stated the branding logo would make Randolph County recognizable. He stated there would be a cost to the city of approximately \$1500 depending on the county also agreeing to participate. Futrell asked about the design team. Scott stated Jennifer Clay would work on the design and the board would make a final decision. Olvey motioned to table the discussion to May. Camp seconded. All voted yes.

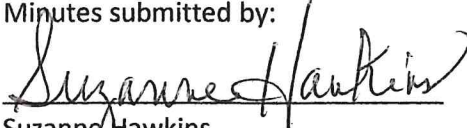
Street Dept. Equipment – Sutton stated there were several pieces of old equipment that are no longer on the inventory list that he would like to get rid of. Sutton stated there is no reason to move the items to the new location. DeClerk stated he thinks the city should get out of the junk yard business. Hawkins stated any item that is under \$1500 can be disposed of by the Mayor. Sutton said he doubted any item would bring \$1500. DeClerk motioned to get out of the junk yard business and take the old generator off the inventory when sold. Futrell seconded. All voted yes.


Water Works/Sewer Line @ Airport – Sutton asked Bruce Brodell, Water Works manager to discuss the airport sewer line that the FAA is requiring to be moved. They stated there would not be an expense to the city. The FAA would be handling the costs.

Futrell asked about leaks in the roadways around town. He mentioned several locations that have continual leaks. Brodell stated the locations Futrell mentioned would be moved out of the roadway. Brodell stated there had been a big lightning strike over the past weekend on Broadway which caused new leaks resulting in needed repairs in that area.

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

Minutes submitted by:


Suzanne Hawkins
City Clerk/Treasurer


Keith Sutton
Mayor