

**Pocahontas City Council Meeting
May 14, 2019**

Mayor Keith Sutton called the regular scheduled meeting of the city council to order. Meeting time was publicized to be moved up to 3pm due to the 1pm meeting with the Corp of Engineers. Suzanne Hawkins, City Clerk/Treasurer conducted roll call. Councilmen present were: Rainer DeClerk, Nathan Camp, Keith Futrell and Rob Olvey. City Attorney Alex Bigger was present. The media was represented by: KPOC radio and Pocahontas Star Herald.

Sutton asked for public comments. ProMed President Ken Kelley shared that May is National EMS month. Kelley stated that some of the finest EMS workers are in the Pocahontas area. He said that Tuesday, the 21st at 11am there will be the CAP meeting to discuss EMS in the community and 4PM for EMS appreciation at the ProMed location.

Sutton asked if there were any other comments.

APPROVE APRIL 2019 FINANCIALS – Olvey motioned to approve. DeClerk seconded. All voted yes.

APPROVE APRIL 9th Minutes –Futrell motioned to approve. Olvey seconded. All voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS – Proposed ordinance for alcohol sales taxation/permits – Bigger stated the council had a 1st reading at the April meeting. He had added a section for consideration governing festival permits. There was discussion. DeClerk asked if the festival permit was necessary. Futrell stated he felt it was to be able to have some control. The Mayor was designated as the person to authorize the festival area. Futrell motioned to put the ordinance on 1st reading title only due to the addition of the section regarding festivals. Olvey seconded. All voted yes. Bigger read the title. Futrell motioned to put the ordinance on 2nd & 3rd reading by title only. Olvey seconded. All voted yes. Bigger read the title. DeClerk motioned to adopt. Olvey seconded. All voted yes. Bigger noted there is no emergency clause which will give businesses 60 days to comply. This is **Ordinance 2019-08.**

CAP 205 Flood Study – Sutton noted that the meeting that was held earlier today with the Corp of Engineers regarding the flood study. Sutton stated the Quorum Court had voted to end the study. Olvey said he felt that the city had no choice since we don't have the funds to take on the study cost by ourselves. Futrell agreed that the city could not afford to pay \$325,000 just for the study. Sutton reminded council that the approval for the federal funds was a competition and was not assured. DeClerk motioned to do what the quorum court voted to do. Olvey said he wanted to hear more about the details of the proposed plan the Quorum court was considering. DeClerk withdrew his motion and motioned that the Mayor work with the County Judge on the possible option. There was not a second. Camp motioned to terminate the CAP 205 Flood Study. Olvey seconded. Futrell stated that due to the feasibility of the study compared to the financial situation of the city, this is the reason to terminate the study. All voted yes to approve the motion to terminate the CAP 205 study.

Resolution to purchase airport mower – This was approved in the April Meeting. Futrell motioned to read the resolution. DeClerk seconded. All voted yes. Bigger read the resolution. Olvey motioned to adopt the resolution. Futrell seconded. All voted yes. This is **Resolution 08-2019.**

NEW BUSINESS – **Recreation Facilities** – Mark Tanner addressed the council asking for approval of the Silver Sneakers program for 65+ to help pay for the membership to the Aquatic Center. DeClerk motioned to approve. Olvey seconded. All voted yes.

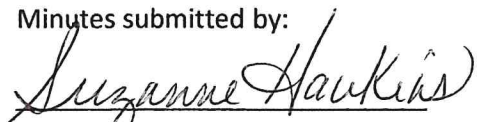
Mayor Update – Sutton stated that an older red truck that was the previous Fire Chief truck had a new motor placed in the out of commission truck. This truck will be used as a blade truck for the Street Department. This repair of the truck has the Street Department now in good shape with their inventory. Sutton stated the brushes came in that were ordered for the Street Department. One piece of old equipment, a 5 ft. bush hog was sold in April. Sutton said that he had declined an offer on some trucks. However, he said he had some others that would be coming to look at trucks this week.


City Truck – Sutton said he has found a 2018 Chevrolet Crew cab, 2 wheel drive truck with 900 miles on it. He stated it does have some damage to it but can be repaired. He said the truck was a 2 wheel drive so he suggested it be used by the Park department. Futrell motioned to purchase the 2018 Chevrolet crew cab for up to \$25,000 with additional for taxes paid by the Recreation Facility fund. Olvey seconded. All voted yes.

Planning & Zoning Nomination – Futrell motioned to accept Steve Fernimen for the committee. Camp seconded. All voted yes. This will be a 4 year term.

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

Minutes submitted by:


Suzanne Hawkins
City Clerk/Treasurer


Keith Sutton
Mayor