

Pocahontas Special City Council Meeting

Pocahontas City Hall
February 18, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Futrell called the meeting to order. City Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Teel conducted roll call.

Alderman Present:

Tim Scott, Nathan Camp, Danny Swann, Rob Olvey, Jamey Sullinger, Kerri King

Absent: Rob Olvey (3:04 p.m.)

Property Maintenance Code / Condemnation Ordinance

The Council discussed adopting the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC), as recommended by legal counsel and staff.

- The proposed code is a 57-page consolidated document addressing maintenance standards for existing structures (interior, exterior, and utilities). It does not govern new construction. Adoption would provide clearer enforcement authority regarding dilapidated and nuisance properties, and noted that certain Arkansas codes (Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical) have not been formally adopted by ordinance and recommended correcting that oversight. Council members will receive a copy of the proposed code for review. No action was taken at this time.

Ordinance to Amend the 2026 Annual Budget for Fire Dept. – Step Pay

The Council considered an ordinance amending the 2026 Fire Dept. budget to implement a two-year transitional salary compensation step-pay plan.

Key Provisions:

- Year One Increase: \$53,774.62
- Year Two Increase: \$14,529.72
- Total Two-Year Impact: \$68,304.34
- Funds to come from unappropriated reserves.
- Fire Department employees excluded from annual percentage bonuses unless otherwise approved by Council.
- Transitional pay scale applies during the two-year implementation period 2026 & 2027.
- Certification requirements (EMT, HazMat, etc.) must be maintained to qualify for specific pay levels. Loss or Expiration of certification moves the firefighter to the appropriate category of requirements.
- Camp made a motion to place the ordinance on its first reading, seconded by Scott, and all members voted in favor. Grider then read the ordinance. Camp motioned to suspend the rules and proceed with the second and third readings by title only, and Swann seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Grider read the ordinance by title only. King moved to adopt

the ordinance, and Olvey seconded. The motion was approved by a roll call vote, with all members in favor. Motion by Olvey to adopt Emergency Clause, Seconded by Camp, approved by roll call vote (all in favor). This is **Ordinance 2026-05.**

Aquatic Center Credit Card Processing / Twilio Integration

The Council discussed updates to the Aquatic Center's credit card processing system since its introduction at the February 10th meeting, including integration with a communication platform (Twilio) to facilitate electronic receipts and marketing notifications.

A Motion was made by Olvey to prepare a resolution authorizing the updated credit card processing system for the Aquatic Center, and seconded by Sullinger, with all voting yes and approving.

ARDOT Contract – Black River Overlook Park Connector

The mayor presented correspondence from ARDOT requiring execution of contract documents within 60 days related to Resolution No. 12-2025 (80/20 grant). Camp made a motion; King seconded; and a roll-call vote was taken and approved, authorizing execution of the ARDOT contract for the Black River Overlook Park Connector project.

Street Department Vehicle Purchase

The Council considered purchasing a 2026 Ram 3500 Regular Cab 4WD Diesel (Dually) for the Street Department from Landers Chrysler (under state contract pricing).

- Total Purchase Price: \$56,095
- Vendor: Landers Chrysler, Little Rock, AR
- Purchase complies with Arkansas Code provisions allowing state contract vehicle purchases without bidding.

Camp motioned to read the resolution, seconded by Olvey, all voting yes. A second was made by Olvey, seconded by Scott, all voting in favor. This is **Ordinance 14-2026.**

Annexation Update (53 Acres)

The city attorney reported progress on annexation proceedings. Additional documentation is being finalized with the County Clerk and Tax Assessor. The matter is expected to be ready for Council action in March.

Mayors Comments

Baltz Lake Update: The lake is now at full pool and flowing over the constant flow structure. Cleanup and site improvements are ongoing. Parking area

improvements planned. Waiting for the Arkansas Department of Natural Resources inspection to certify completion. Fish stocking plans under review in coordination with Game & Fish. Additional grants are being pursued for continued improvements.

Quorum Court Update: The mayor reported that the Randolph County Quorum Court voted to deed approximately 4.5 acres at Black River Park to the City. This is for the Overlook Park TAP & Heritage Trails grant projects.

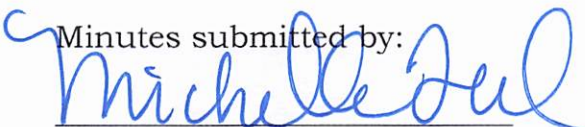
Trammel Deed: The city clerk's office received the executed deed from Cagle for the Trammel St. right-of-way.

Aquatic Center Heater: The heater control panel was installed, but was determined to be defective. A replacement part has been ordered. Repairs are pending the arrival of the new component.

Brown Shoe Litigation: A court date is currently set for July 2nd. Grider continues efforts to move the date forward.

Motion to adjourn made by Olvey; seconded by King; approved by voice vote; meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:


Michelle Teel
City Clerk/Treasurer,


Keith Futrell
Mayor

