

**Village of Folsom
General Meeting
February 13, 2012**

Present: Mayor Phillip Bickham
Alderwoman Jill Mathies
Alderman Lance Willie
Alderman Donald Burris

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established. The invocation and pledge were led by Alderman Burris. The Agenda was approved on motion of Alderman Burris, seconded by Alderman Willie. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The motion carried.

Old Business:

Item No. I Water/Sewer Rates: Alderman Willie stated that he has reviewed some information in reference to the Water and Sewer rates. Alderwoman Mathies stated that she still would like to meet with LRWA to get his input. Alderman Burris stated that he would like for us to go ahead and schedule a meeting with LRWA Mr. Lemoine, on motion of Alderman Willie seconded by Alderman Burris this matter was tabled till next meeting. The motion tabled.

New Business:

Item No. I Approval of unpaid debt: FEMA Bill: Mayor informed board members and citizens that there is an outstanding bill with FEMA from 2005 in the amount of \$5,350.00 but has accrued interest since then and has a balance of \$6,106.14, previous officials were waiting for FEMA to forgive this debt but they didn't. Alderwoman Mathies stated that she has been researching loan and found that we were approved for \$100,000 but only borrowed \$5,350 and deposited into General Fund. Mayor stated that even after 7 audits no one has found anything so it must be legit, FEMA wants to be paid and we are accruing interest daily needs to be paid out of the Sales Tax Funds. Alderman Burris suggested also that we take care of this loan rather than let it linger on and we continue being charged interest. Alderman Willie and Alderwoman Mathies both stated they want to table till next month which will give them time to research exactly what the funds were spent on, motioned by Alderman Willie and second by Alderwoman Mathies. The motion tabled.

Item No. II USDA Repair Suggestions: Mayor informed board members that a few months ago a member from USDA stated came by and inspected the Town Hall for violations that the Village must correct in order for us to be in compliance with the Civil Rights Law for Handicap individuals. They spoke about how the maintenance crew might be able to handle and how we may need to bring in a contractor to repair others. Alderwoman Mathies stated that she would like a list of items that maintenance vs contractor will be able to fix along with a price list. A discussion on repair funds being spent out of the Sales Tax Fund rather than General Fund that Alderwoman Mathies had suggested, - on motion of Alderman Burris, seconded by Alderman Willie to get these repairs up to compliance. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The motion carried.

Item No. III Revoke Police Department 14% tax: – Mayor stated that a few months ago the Police Department was issued a 14% increase on their Sales Tax since their revenue was down, their funds have since then increased to where the department is no longer in financial struggle,

they will remain collecting their 40%. Mayor suggested that the 14% be used for the water and sewer funds which are in desperate need of funds. Mayor stated that in 4 or 5 months the audit will be coming up and we need to be in compliance with the USDA this year since we were not last year. Motion of Alderman Willie, seconded by Alderman Burris that the 14% be revoked and used towards the Water and Sewer funds. Alderwoman Mathies opposed. (2 Yeas, 1 Nays) The motion carried.

Also, in other business upcoming events and information was introduced to citizens about the Folsom Mardi Gras Parade being celebrated February 21 @ 2:00, Farmers Market restarting in March and continuation of the Block Parties.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Alderman Burris, seconded by Alderman Willie. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip Bickham, Mayor

I attest that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes taken at the General Meeting held February 13, 2012.

Attest:

Susan Willie
Municipal Clerk