

**Village of Folsom
General Meeting
March 12, 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 researched the USDA utility rates study and found a better solution to keep the first 2,000 Gallons at \$9.00 (rather than \$11.00 per USDA recommendation) and increase \$2.10 per thousand across the border after the first 2,000 gallons of Water and keep Sewer rates the same. Alderman Willie stated with this Water increase it will help bring us to compliance with USDA.

Previous Water Rates:

Up To 2,000 Gallons	\$9.00
2,001 to 5,000	Additional \$2.10 per Thousand
5,001 to 10,000	Additional \$1.10 per Thousand
Over \$10,001	Additional \$1.00 per Thousand

New Water Rates:

Up To 2,000 Gallons	\$9.00
2,001 to 5,000	Additional \$2.10 per Thousand
5,001 to 10,000	Additional \$2.10 per Thousand
Over \$10,001	Additional \$2.10 per Thousand

On motion of Alderman Willie, seconded by Alderman Burris to have a across the border increase of \$2.10 over the first 2,000 Gallons of Water. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The motion carried.

Item No. II Approval of unpaid debt: FEMA Bill: – Mayor informed board members and citizens again that last month we received an outstanding FEMA Loan from 2005 in the amount of \$5,350.00 since interest accrual amount due is \$6,142.59. Alderman Willie stated that he has looked into the FEMA Loan and agrees that this bill isn't going anywhere and needs to be paid off. Mayor asked Board member if they want to pay this loan off by installments or pay in full with Sales Tax Funds, Alderman Willie requested that we pay full amount of FEMA bill from Sales Tax Fund. Motion of Alderman Willie to pay this FEMA loan in full with Sales Tax Funds second by Alderman Burris (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The motion carried.

New Business:

Item No. I RESOLUTION - ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL (Fair and Reasonable Regulations on Wetland Habitat): – Alderman Burris stated that he has review study and feels strongly about it. Mayor asked Municipal Clerk to read Resolution to Board members and citizens. Mayor then stated that this resolution on Wetlands doesn't effect us in Folsom but the Parish is asking that we support them with this study by helping them accept this Resolution. Motion of Alderman Burris, that we accept this Resolution, seconded by Alderman Willie. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The motion carried.

Item No. II Employee Insurance Benefits: – Mayor stated that Insurance rates are steady rising and he has brought MetLife aboard to research different rates or a better plan for our employees. Mr. Chris Delamain spoke about the Market Survey manual they put together for the Board members that will help them compare rates in order to make a decision. Mr. Delamain also informed us that we may qualify to file for our Small employer tax credit from our Federal government that will give us a 35% reimbursement on the premiums we have paid in 2011 and 2012. In order to qualify for this credit we must have fewer than 25 employees on payroll and pay at least 50% of employee premiums. If we remain with the same Insurance Company then we are looking at the 22% increase but we can still file for tax credit. Motion of Alderman Willie, to remain with the same plan and take advantage of this tax credit and later in the future if rates increase again then we can make a change on policy seconded by Alderwoman Mathies. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The motion carried.

Item No. III Approval of unpaid Debt – Risk Managment: – Mayor informed Board members and citizens that we have met with Risk Management in reference to an outstanding debt that was miscoded we have with them from 2008 with Worker Compensation Program that was never paid in the amount of \$2,202.48. Alderman Willie stated that this bill isn't going anywhere and needs to be paid. Mayor stated that this debt must be paid in full and we also have an outstanding balance for 2011 in the amount \$9,220.88 to be paid off to bring us current for 2012. Motion of Alderman Willie, to pay this debt in full so that we can continue to use Risk Managements Services, seconded by Alderman Burris. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The motion carried.

Also, in other business Healing Healthy with Adriona Taylor, ANP-C and Ashley Steinhauer, ANP-C is planning to come out and offer free clinical services to the residents the days we have our Village Market from 10-2 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Alderman Willie, seconded by Alderman Burris. (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 March 12, 2012.

Attest:

Susan Willie
Municipal Clerk