

# *Village of Folsom*

Mayor – Lance Willie

Alderman – Shawn Dillon  
Alderwoman – Jill Mathies  
Alderman – George Garrett



Margra Steele - Municipal Clerk  
Ronnie Killingsworth – Police Chief  
Roy Burns – Village Attorney

## **Public Hearing 6:00 p.m. August 9, 2021**

### **Present:**

**Mayor Lance Willie**  
**Alderwoman Jill Mathies**  
**Alderman Shawn Dillon**  
**Municipal Clerk Margra Steele**

Mayor Willie called the Public Hearing to order and the Municipal Clerk established quorum. Mayor Willie led the pledge and invocation was led by Pastor Will.

### **Item 1 Ordinance No 2021-3 of Chapter 33 Amending Streets and Drainage Fund**

Mayor announced Item and asked if there was anything from Board or Public. Mayor stated that based on the recommendation from our CPA we are amending the Street and Drainage Fund.

No comments from the Board or Public, Mayor called for Motion to adjourn Public Hearing.

Mayor called for motion to adjourn meeting. Motion made to adjourn by Alderman Garrett seconded by Alderman Dillon (3 Yeas, 0 Nays). Motion carried.

## GENERAL MEETING

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor announced Item and requested to amend the agenda to add the Introduction of an Ordinance to amend the Municipal Clerk and Police Chief pay.

Mayor call for motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion made by Alderman George Garrett and seconded by Alderman Shawn Dillon. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays). Motion carried.

### **Approval of Financial Statements**

Mayor announced Item and called for motion to approve financial statements for March, April, May and June of 2021. Alderwoman Jill Mathies stated that she would like to table the financials.

Financials for March, April, May and June of 2021 was tabled.

### **Approval of Budget Discussion Minutes (6.14.21)**

Mayor announced Item and called for motion to approve Budget Discussion minutes.

Motion made by Alderwoman Jill Mathies and seconded by Alderman Shawn Dillon (3 Yeas, 0 Nays). Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes (7.12.21)**

Mayor announced Item and called for motion to approve minutes from General Meeting.

Motion made by Alderwoman Jill Mathies and seconded by Alderman George Garrett. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays). Motion carried.

### **Engineer Report/Maintenance Report**

Mayor Willie announced Item and Village engineer Jay Pittman began speaking. Mr. Pittman began stating that the Village Trace survey is complete and the Study is ongoing. Mr. Pittman continued by explaining that he has some copies of some Ordinances from someone Spangler Engineering worked closely with from the City of Hammond who now works with Tangipahoa Parish Government. Mr. Pittman expressed that he wants Mayor and Board to look over and review/study them to see how in depth and critical these Ordinances can be, then we can get together and decide what your goals are. Mr. Pittman concluded by explaining the state/government has a program second to ARP called Water Sector Initiative under DHADEQ and it is 300 million dollars. Each municipality can apply for up to 5,000,000.00 and only pay back twenty-five percent of what you are granted, this grant is effective August 1<sup>st</sup> and closes at end of September.

Maintenance supervisor Wayne Cyprian began by mentioning that the maintenance department has a new part-time worker and although the Parish has been coming to help the Village out they cannot continue for they are backed up as well. Also, Jackson Street will be getting two culverts next week and Village Farms will get one culvert this week on Wednesday.

Alderswoman spoke explaining that there may become a drainage issue near Chris Holden's property in Village Farms and Mayor stated for maintenance to keep an eye on it.

Mayor asked about the digging on Barney Core Road and Mr. Cyprian explained that they have dug to the first driveway and Mayor stated for them to keep digging as well as they can.

### **Police Report**

Mayor announced Item and Officer Paul Blair began mentioning that as of Friday school has started and with the flow of traffic, a lot of people are not paying attention to the light, so now they are only giving warnings, but after this first week they will have to start writing tickets. Also, there still a problem with getting parents to realize they cannot park in the intersection.

Mayor asked Officer to look into some cameras and Dash Cams.

There was some further discussion concerning speeding down Hay Hollow Road and wrecking of several mailboxes in doing so.

### **Old Business**

#### **Item 1 Ordinance No 2021-3 of Chapter 33 Amending Streets and Drainage Fund**

Mayor announced Item and asked if there was anything from Board or Public.

Bill McHugh from the Farmer asked why as low as it is.

After some discussion and reviewing by Mayor and Board, Ordinance was Tabled for further review from Board.

### **New Business:**

#### **Item 1 Discussion of Repair of Boom Mower**

Mayor announced Item and confirmed the price to repair the current boom mower is \$20,218.68.

After some discussion of price for a 21 year old mower, it was decided this was not too high of a price for a mower that has not been serviced for many years, and will get in touch with a licensed guy in Village Trace that may be willing to do maintenance on it and other equipment for the Village.

Mayor then asked for motion to approve repair of boom mower.

Motion to approve made by Alderswoman Mathies and seconded by Alderman Garrett (3 Yeas, 0 Nays).

Motion carried.

#### **Item 2- Vendor/Peddler/Fireworks Ordinances**

Mayor announced Item.

After some extensive discussion concerning the charging for these permits, or maybe do away with them all together, Mayor asked Municipal Clerk Margra Steele to find out what Covington, Madisonville & Sun is doing concerning Peddler's Permits and we will go from there.

### **Item 3 Introduction of Amending of Board Meeting Time Ordinance**

Mayor announced Item stating this is just an introduction to update an Ordinance that has already been changed. Changing time of meeting from 7:00pm to 6:00pm.

### **Item 4 Introduction of amending Employee Insurance Ordinance**

Mayor announced Item and Alderwoman Mathies explained this is just an introduction for clarification that new hire insurance must start after 30 days of employment.

### **Item 5 Introduction of Amending Board of Alderman Meeting Pay Ordinance**

Mayor announced Item and Alderwoman Mathies spoke stating this is to Remove line from Ordinance that states \$100.00 deduction fee for any Board member absent from meeting.

### **Item 6 Live Oak Mobile Home Park**

Mayor announced Item and confirmed trailer park is located west of Canton Street. Expressing that he has received complaints from so many residents concerning the condition of this park including large number of people in one home, with health issues and fire being a chief concern. Mr. Huey Jenkins, the owner of the park was contacted a few years ago.

Evan Wilkerson code enforcer for the Village spoke concerning all the issues he has observed in this park such as up to seven window a/c units in one home, dilapidated homes, additions added to homes that are not up to code, overgrown vegetation, junk vehicles and collection of tires on property.

Village attorney Roy Burns, began explaining there is a body of state law dealing with nuisances such as this and the most important thing to be done is Post & Notice according to your Ordinance. Mr. Burns suggested to start first with the most derelict home then decide on two or three things more at a time. In concluding, Mr. Burns advised hiring an Abstractor from the courthouse to help with getting a certificate of ownership which is needed for assessment.

### **Item 7 Introduction of Amending Municipal Clerk and Chief of Police Pay**

Mayor announced Item and read Ordinance stating that the Police Chief will be earning around \$53,900.00 annually and the Municipal Clerk around \$39,600.00, expressing that this is only an Introduction and is based on a two percent increase, and for now these figures are rounded.

**Announcements/Adjournment**

Mayor mentioned that Chad with Oscorp will be coming to do a lot of paving in Annendell Subdivision. Also, confirming the thirty two foot wood octagon gazebo with double shingled roof for the walking trail in back of town hall with a cost of \$54,565.00, could be shipped around the middle of November if ordered now. Mayor asked if there was any more foundation needed for the track for walking trail and Mr. Cyprian explained that the dirt is washing out from the backside due to a bad culvert so Mayor stated for a new culvert to be ordered.

Mayor called for motion to adjourn meeting. Motion made to adjourn by Alderman Garrett seconded by Alderman Dillon (3 Yeas, 0 Nays). Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lance Willie, Mayor /s/

I attest that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes taken at the General Meeting held at Town Hall on July 12, 2021.

Attest:  Margra Stettin Municipal Clerk /s/