



*Mayor - Phillip Bickham
Alderswoman - Jill Mathies
Alderman-Donald Burris
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**Village of Folsom
General Meeting
May 12, 2014
7:30PM**

Present:

**Mayor: Phillip Bickham
Alderswoman: Jill Mathies
Alderman: Donald Burris
Attorney: Delbert Talley
CPA: Minda Raybourn**

Absent:

Alderman: Lance Willie

Meeting was called to order and quorum established. Invocation lead by Alderman Burris followed by Pledge.

The Agenda was approved on motion by Alderswoman Mathies, seconded by Alderman Burris. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays)

New Business:

Item 1 = Amend 2013-2014 Budget

Motion made by Alderman Burris to introduce the amended 2013-2014 Budget to be adopted in next meeting. Motion carried.

Item 2 = Introduction of 2014-2015 Budget

Motion made by Alderswoman Mathies to introduce 2014-2015 Budget. Motion carried.

Item 3 = Revoke 14% Sewer Fund Sales Tax for Police Fund

Mayor stated that he spoke with CPA on that, then CPA Minda Raybourn began, stating that she doesn't think that this is a good idea. Explaining that
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she doesn't think the Sewer Fund can afford that to happen because it relies on that to help keep it going. Continuing stating that she ran a financial statement just on the Sewer Fund thru March and based upon it user fees are at \$58,000.00, expenditures are \$89,000.00 and a portion of sales tax fund that come in are at \$27,000.00, and it is still losing about \$4,500.00 even with the sales tax. Raybourn ended with stating that if we revoke the 14% we could not afford to have sewer. Mayor then stated to Raybourn that they would have to get together with Clerk Willie and look at the funds that are going into sales tax and see if we can move a percentage of that over into the Police Fund. Mayor addressing Chief Killingsworth in the audience stating that we are going to have to do something because we are just affording to take care of your obligations monthly. Chief Killingsworth began speaking stating that they had some savings built but it is going on down to about nothing now. Chief continued stating that they have only used 75% of what they were budgeted and don't want anyone to think that the department has been just blowing and going and mentioning that we have a month left and they shouldn't have to use much more. Mayor then stated that we understand what has happened and that is a percentage of our intake has to go to streets & drainage now and that has cut every bodies piece of the power in the budget. Mayor ended stating to Raybourn, that he will get together with her to look at this again and see were we are headed and that we are aware that we are going into our fiscal year in July.

Alderman Burris commented that he agree's that Mayor Bickham, CPA Raybourn, and Clerk Willie should get together and see were we are and to keep everything safe. After Burris spoke Mayor asked if there was anything in old Business and Alderwoman Mathies asked where are we as for as redoing the garbage bids.

Mayor stated that we have given out the bids again and they will be re-advertised the Tuesday after the June meeting and we will decide at the July meeting.

Mayor then asked if there was anything else from Board or public and Mrs. Boggs from the Planning & Zoning Commission spoke up and said that she has a question regarding the budget, stating that looking at the total revenue and total expenditures there is not a lot of leeway there. Mrs. Boggs continued stating that given the fact that she knows thru P & Z that we are looking at a tremendous amount of development right now, residential and commercial; that is going to put a drain on our infrastructure such as sewer, water, roads, police coverage, asking how are we going to pay for all this. Mrs. Boggs mentioned that a number of years ago we talked about looking at impact fees, rather than current residence pay for new construction let the

new people coming in pay for the drain that they are going to put on the Village. Mrs. Boggs continued with stating that services have to be provided and we're running such a narrow margin between our total revenue and total expenditures for next year by having to move money. Mrs. Boggs continued explaining that it seems the Village needs to look into generating more funds to operate the future budget and future needs of this Village and have personally contacted P & Z in Abita and have info regarding what they are doing and on some other municipalities and if we can't figure out another way to generate income I would like the Board and the Mayor to look at the feasibility of impact fees, infrastructure and assessment, something to pay for the services the Village is going to have to provide for all of this new development.

Mayor then asked if there was any response from Board. Alderwoman Mathies, stated that there are several things we will have to look at as for as businesses moving into the Village.

Before closing Mayor mentioned that maybe we can look at infrastructure and that the development of subdivisions being built at the Village expense is one thing that is impacting the Village more than anything else.

For more comments and discussions from audience please view Recorder, from General Meeting 5-12-2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Alderman Burris, seconded by Alderwoman Mathies. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays) 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 May 12, 2014.

Attest:

Diane Sanders, Acting Municipal Clerk