

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

Present: Mayor Phillip Bickham  
Alderswoman 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 Pastor Garrett. The Agenda was approved on motion of Alderman Burris, seconded by Alderman Willie. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The motion carried.

**Item No. I – Introduction of Ordinance issuing the certification of indebtedness:**

Mayor introduced Mr. Trevor Haynes with Foley & Judell Attorney's and Counselors at Law. Mr. Haynes gave us the steps needed for this process for the \$150,000 Certificate of Indebtedness to be introduced followed by a Special Meeting being held on August 27<sup>th</sup>, then on September 12<sup>th</sup> the Sale of delivery will follow. We have gotten a few offers and Whitney Bank being the lowest offer at 2.4% for \$128,000 and \$22,000 will be interest free from LPFA (Louisiana Public Facilities Authority). Mayor stated that we will be going in front of the Bond Commission Office on Thursday, August 16, at 10:00 at the State Capital. Motioned by Alderman Burris to proceed with the ordinance of Certificate of Indebtedness second by Alderman Willie. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

**Item No. II – Select Official Journal for a One year Term:**

Board selected St. Tammany Farmer as our Official Journal for a term of one year, on motion of Alderswoman Mathies, seconded by Alderman Burris. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The motion carried.

**Item No. III – Resolution for LGAP:**

Mayor stated to the board that we need a Resolution to submit an application for LGAP Grant, which needs to be a project to enhance the Community. Mayor gave a few examples of possible projects that we can consider for this Grant. The Lift-Station on West Burris Street pumps are getting weaker due to excessive debris being found in it (ex. Rags); Control panels of pumps; Radio Read Meters; shut off valves in certain areas of the Village for when there is a leak. Mayor gave an estimated quote that we would need \$3 to \$5 thousand for Control Panel and Pumps are around \$3 thousand a piece. As for the Shut-off Valves it would cost more and we would need to get an Engineer involved. Mayor stated he apologizes because he thought Mr. Burris was going to be here tonight to better explain this matter. Mayor asked Board to meet with Wesley and himself this week or next at the latest to determine where we want to use it, we must submit by September 14, 2012. Mayor stated to the Board he think the maximum of \$25,000 is what is given to a Village. Motion of Alderman Burris to issue a Resolution to do the proper procedure application for LGAP and to meet with the council to see where we can utilize the monies the most, second by Alderman Willie (3 Yeas, 0 Nays). The motion carried.

**Item No. IV – Southern Lights LLC approval of Ordinance**

Mayor explained to the Board that Southern Light's wants to install some communication cable and that Mr. Talley the Village Attorney will enlighten us in this matter. Mr. Talley stated that there is a request by Southern Lights to lay some fiber optic cable which they have the right to lay but our concern is that the cost of this cable when damaged can become very expensive. We have finally come to an agreement with an ordinance and

agreement that Southern Lights will indemnify the Village and the Village employees if there is any damage to the fiber-optic cable and Mr. Talley stated that Southern Light's finally agreed. This can only be controlled thru a Zoning Ordinance and they are not wanting to pay a Franchise Fee and Mr. Talley informed them our legal cost in redrafting and working with Southern Light's is \$362.50. Mr. Talley stated that he made them aware in notice that ordinance would be contingent in Southern Lights once board passes ordinance they will to pay legal cost. Alderman Burris then questioned about the 3% franchise fee how often does this occur and Mr. Talley stated that they issue us statements with quarterly reports. That can bring in maybe \$2000 to \$2500 a year. Alderwoman Mathies then asked if this is just an introduction to this ordinance and the board will have time to look over this, Mr. Talley said that this ordinance is in contingent and all we are really asking them to do is pay the legal cost before the ordinance is signed and becomes law and this will protect the Village. Mr. Talley stated that with the permitting as per Mayor we are not trying to make anything on it we just want to cover the cost. Motion of Alderman Burris to accept this ordinance and as per his review he has found that it's specified the protecting and safety of the Village, second by Alderman Willie (3 Yeas, 0 Nays). The motion carried.

**Item No. V – Approval of Renovations @ Magnolia Park:**

Mayor informed board members that he received a set of plans from Magnolia Park wanting to add restrooms and a concession stand. Mr. Tim Bartholomew gave board the specs and the location that the renovation would be in the back of the property between field two and field three. Motion of Alderman Burris to accept approval of renovations to Magnolia Park, second by Alderman Willie (3 Yeas, 0 Nays). Mayor informed Mr. Bartholomew just needs to come in and get his application and permits to start process. The motion carried.

Also, in other business Alderwoman Mathies mentioned that Spencer's is having their annual hunting Kick-Off, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

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 August 13, 2012.

Attest:

Susan Willie  
Municipal Clerk