

**Village of Folsom  
General Meeting  
February 9, 2015**

Present: Mayor Bettye M. Boggs  
Alderman Lance Willie  
Alderwoman Paulette Lee  
Attorney Delbert Talley

Absent: Alderwoman Jill Mathies

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established. The invocation was led by Mayor Boggs, pledge was then led by Alderman Willie. Motion of Alderman Willie to amend the Agenda by adding the Fire Department board nomination and followed by approval for bank account transfer for PD and Sewer, seconded by Alderwoman Lee. Financial statements were approved on motion of Alderman Willie, seconded by Alderwoman Lee. The motion carried. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays)

**Old Business:**

**Item I = Beer & Liquor License 2015 (El Milagro):**

Mayor Boggs stated that from the last month we were able to secure the payment of El Milagro's 2014 and 2015 Beer and Liquor license; also he was in arrears of his Occupational License for 2013 and 2014 and was able to clear that.

**Item II = Curtis Environmental / Maintenance Position:**

Mayor Boggs stated that the contract with Curtis Environmental and last month approval was given for this contract; we are still in negotiation and in addition to filling the maintenance position for supervisor. We have had several meetings, site walks and have a potential candidate for position. Then at that time we will be able to negotiation the final contract with Curtis Environmental. No comments or questions from the board or audience.

**Item III = Utility Rate Study:**

Mayor Boggs stated she has a meeting with Tim Lemoine with LRWA (Louisiana Rural Water Association) and once we get his final figures we will put them together with the figures we have been securing from other municipalities regarding their water and sewage rates. Then at that time we will be able to address a possible change in our rates for water and sewage. No comments or questions from the board or audience.

**New Business:**

**Item I = Maintenance Agreement – Pan American Power:**

Mayor Boggs stated we have a maintenance agreement that I would like for you to consider. This would be a new contract for our generator at the main water tower on Hay Hollow Road. After

looking at repairs in the past what we would like to do is to contract with Pan American Power, where they will come in and do a full inspection, oil filter change, load test to keep generator in service should we need it. We can set the date and would like to have maintenance for June right prior of hurricane season. Alderman Willie asked if this is one time a year. Mayor Boggs stated, "yes". Clerk Willie then stated there is another option for semi-annual which is two times maintenance. Alderman Willie stated can we shop around for a better quote. Mayor Boggs stated that our maintenance negotiated this for us and this is what they recommended. We have no contract with them; we are paying them every time they come out. Alderman Willie and Alderwoman Lee suggested that they would rather them come out twice. Motion by Alderman Willie, to sign a contract with Pan American Power for a semi-annual inspection contract, second by Alderwoman Lee. Motion carried. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays)

### **Item II = Change of Healthcare Agent:**

Mayor Boggs introduced Kay Frost who went into detail about the existing plan that is up for renewal for April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Frost stated it's her recommendation that we continue our contract with Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Louisiana but make some changes to the policy. There is a new policy that complies with healthcare reform that they can change to with very little benefit changes that will save the village \$35,000 over the next 6 months. I have provided you all with copies of this policy and also a copy of a dental proposal that Mayor requested to check on this possible extra benefit to be added for employees. Mrs. Frost stated I'm here tonight because this plan change must be given to BCBS by March 1<sup>st</sup>. A resident asked how much are they currently paying at this time, and Mrs. Frost stated they are currently paying a premium close to \$9,000 a month. The new plan is going to save them right at \$3000 a month, this is a substantial savings. Mayor Boggs stated and when you look at the coverage there is actually better coverage as well. Mrs. Frost continued informing board and residents of coverage in reference to current vs new policy and dental coverage. (Refer to tape between 21:36 – 28:35.) Motion by Alderman Willie, to accept Kay Frost as our insurance agent, to go ahead with Plan A and the option for dental for all employees on the plan, second by Alderwoman Lee. Motion carried. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays)

### **Item III = Board nomination to Fire District 5:**

Mayor Boggs stated she would like to make the nomination to Fire District 5 board of Terry Saux, to fill the position vacated by Alderwoman Lee. Motion by Alderman Willie, to accept the nomination to Fire District 5 board, second by Alderwoman Lee. Motion carried. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays)

### **Item III = Bank Fund Transfers:**

Mayor Boggs stated after detailed meetings with our CPA, and verifying we could make this bank transfer and speaking to Mr. Talley to look into the legality of it, we are recommending that we transfer \$20,000 out of a \$27,713 old Capital One account that's been dormant since 1990. We are in a situation from our previous administration that took a great deal of funding that was going to maintain the police department to fund the sewer department. We now have a situation where the police department is gradually losing ground financially. They are not able to function with what they're getting, and I'm recommending that we transfer \$20,000 from this fund to the police department fund. Mayor Boggs stated she spoke to Chief Killingsworth and he stated that this amount should carry them over until we prepare the new budget this spring. The remaining \$7,713.83 we can transfer into the sewer department. Motion by Alderman Willie, to transfer this

\$20,000 from this dormant account into the police fund and also transfer \$7,713.83 into the sewer fund, second by Alderwoman Lee. Motion carried. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Mayor Boggs asked about announcements and if Alderwoman Lee wants to speak to us about the market. Alderwoman Lee stated she spoke to two different electricians to upgrade the market electrical wise for plug in boxes. Mayor Boggs also stated we are looking into running water for them. Maybe if we can provide water and electricity our number can grow for the farmers market. Mayor apologized that we haven't gotten our microphone setup but hopefully by the next meeting it will. Mayor reminded everyone also of the Mardi Gras parade at 1:30 on Mardi Gras day. Alderman Willie reminded residents of all the new business coming to Folsom: Wacky Daiquiris, Big Box Bargains, Don Juan's Mexican Restaurant in 2 weeks, and private member Z Polo Club. Mayor Boggs stated please keep in mind that all these businesses are revenue and we operate on sales revenue which provides for our citizens. Also this is public knowledge but there is a possibility that a medical clinic in Franklinton maybe closing and relocating here in Folsom. I met with the attorney last week, they are looking for Hwy 25 frontage, and to work out the agreement with St. Tammany Parish Hospital that is running the facility at this time in Franklinton.

This would be a BIG Boom for the Village because we then get residents from Franklinton, Mississippi, Covington and that would attract more businesses to our area. This would also give our residents local doctors to go to. I'm planning to meet with STPH to offer them our help in any way possible. Alderman Willie spoke to Mr. Beard about his concern with the alley way in his subdivision and possibly getting a culvert put in. Mayor Boggs spoke to Mr. Beard also about getting street lights for Village Trace.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Alderman Willie, seconded by Alderwoman Lee. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays) The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Bettye M. Boggs, Mayor

I attest that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes taken at the General Meeting held February 9, 2015.

Attest:

Susan Willie  
Municipal Clerk