

*Village of Folsom*  
*Bettye M. Boggs, Mayor*

Alderwoman – Paulette Lee  
Alderwoman – Jill Mathies  
Alderman – Lance Willie



Andree Core – Municipal Clerk  
Ronnie Killingsworth – Chief of Police  
Delbert G. Talley – Village Attorney

**General Meeting**  
**March 13, 2017**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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

Mayor Boggs called the meeting to order and the municipal clerk established a quorum. Mayor Boggs led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda - Mayor Boggs called for the approval of the agenda. Alderwoman Mathies made the motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Aldermen Willie and the motion carried (3 yeas, 0 nays).

Approval of Financial Statements - Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve the January financial statements and table the February financial statements. It was seconded by Alderman Willie (3 yeas, 0 nays).

Approval of Minutes – Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve the January minutes with changes and table the February minutes. It was seconded by Alderman Willie. (3 yeas, 0 nays).

**Old Business:**

Item 1 – Policy & Procedure for Water Leaks. There was discussion between the board and Mr. Talley regarding this item. Mr. Talley will request an additional attorney general opinion on the item and include the drafted village Policy and Procedure for Water Leaks with that opinion. Mayor Boggs explained to audience how the Village is addressing water leaks that are not entering our sewer system. Alderwoman Lee requested that a photograph be included in the drafted policy and procedure.

Item 2 – WST Lighting of Village Trace & Village Farms. Mayor Boggs indicated that she and Alderman Willie met with Jeff Mizell from WST. He recommended the village add four light poles to the inner circle of Village Trace and the cost will be \$540.00. There was a motion from Alderman Willie

and seconded by Alderwoman Mathies to spend \$540.00 on this project. The motion carried (*3 yeas, 0 nays*). It was reported that Jeff Mizell recommended eight lights at a cost of \$35.00 each for Village Farms. A survey was taken from some residents on Village Farms in which mixed opinions were received regarding the lighting. Alderman Willie suggested that we make the offer and wait for specific requests for this lighting on an optional basis. Alderwoman Lee requested lighting at the intersection of Highway 40 and Olive Street.

Item 3 – Increased Rates for Sewer Only Customers. There was a discussion with Engineer Jay Pittman regarding this item. These customers were omitted in the recent increase in rates. Alderman Willie stated he will meet with Mr. Pittman to discuss some figures to present to the board in the form of a proposed ordinance. Alderwoman Mathis suggested that we include a process for collection on delinquent sewer-only bills. Mayor Boggs indicated she contacted LMA and an email was provided to the board regarding their collection program. Alderman Willie requested that Mr. Talley check on the legality of shutting on a person's sewer system.

Item 4 – Introduction of Ordinance Chapter 6 2017-1. Mayor Boggs opened the floor for discussion of the ordinance that the board requested Mr. Talley to draft. Alderwoman Mathies stated that she is not interested in introducing this item. Alderman Willie stated that he would like to discuss the ordinance outside the meeting with Mr. Talley and recommended to table the ordinance until next month.

### **New Business:**

Item 1 – Health Insurance for Employees. Mayor Boggs introduced Kay Wheat, the village health insurance agent. Mrs. Wheat explained the rate information for the current policy the village has will increase by 10% effective on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. She presented two options for review and informed a decision was needed. She stated that Blue Cross insurance is here to stay, and she recommends the board keep the plan the village is with now. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve the insurance plan, with the 10% rate increase. It was seconded by Alderman Willie and the motion carried (*3 yeas, 0 nays*).

Item 2 – Renewal of Parish Sales Tax, Jail and Justice Center Complex. Mayor Boggs introduced Trilby Lenfant, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for St. Tammany Parish, who stated that she was here to discuss the two quarter cent sales tax renewals on the April 29<sup>th</sup> election. She stated that one supports the operation and maintenance of our Justice Center Complex and the second one supports our operation and maintenance of our Jail Center. Mrs. Lenfant outlined that these are two critical important taxes to us because both, the Justice Center and our Jail Center, are important to us for our quality of life we enjoy in St. Tammany Parish.

Mrs. Lenfant outlined the taxes were originally passed in 1998 and were quarter cents sales taxes for the construction operation and maintenance of the Justice Center Complex and the Jail. We are now 20 years later and about to pay off the bonds that were issued for the construction of those facilities, so we are now able to shorten the term of the tax from a 20 year tax to a 10 year tax. She stated that by shortening the term we eliminated any major capital improvements focusing on operations and maintenance of those facilities for the next 10 years. So as a result they are asking for a reduction in the

sales tax from a quarter of a cent to a fifth of a cent, reducing the terms by 50 percent and tax rate by 20 percent.

Mrs. Lenfant spoke also on the Specialty Courts operating out of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District which are Drug Court, Family Preservation Court, Adult Behavioral Health Court, Sobriety Court and re-entry Court, stating that they have been very successful courts, also mentioning that in April a Veterans Court will be added. Mrs. Lenfant continued by stating that these courts are funded totally by grants, which are not always certain, so they have spoken to the Judges of the 22<sup>nd</sup> District and are asking the voters to let us rededicate a minimum of 10 percent from the Justice Center Tax to provide a fund for the Specialty Courts.

Mayor Boggs presented the following resolution: RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF THE REDUCTION, CONTINUATION, AND REDEDICATION OF THE JAIL AND JUSTICE CENTER SALES TAXES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF THE FACILITIES WHICH WILL BE VOTED ON BY ST. TAMMANY PARISH RESIDENTS ON APRIL 29, 2017. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve the resolution, it was seconded by Alderman Willie and the motion carried (*3 yeas, 0 nays*).

Item 3 – Resolution for Safe Water Drinking Fee. Mayor Boggs stated the Safe Water Drinking Fee was imposed on all municipalities in the past, which was \$3.20 a year for all customers. She stated the state legislature has passed statute which changed the fee to \$12.00 a year with stipulations on how it is to be collected, which cannot be collected less than quarterly. She read a portion of the statute in which it states the fee is to be collected from each metered customer. After discussion and comments from the audience, Alderwoman Mathies read a section of the statute regarding the use of these fees. Mayor Boggs presented the following resolution: A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE VILLAGE OF FOLSOM PROVIDING FOR THE BILLING OF THE ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE FEE CHARGED PURSUANT TO THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT TO EACH CUSTOMER FOR EACH METERED CONNECTION. After further discussion, Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Alderman Willie and the motion carried (*3 yeas, 0 nays*).

Item 4 – Credit Card Procedures. Mayor Boggs presented the item and Alderwoman Lee stated that she and the mayor have discussed this and Alderwoman Lee asked to take the item off the agenda.

Item 5 – Engineer Report. Mayor Boggs introduced the Village Engineer, Jay Pittman. Mr. Pittman discussed the plans regarding the third lane down Highway 25. He informed this will provide subservice drainage throughout Folsom. The village has a water main in direct conflict with this project with DOTD, on the west side of the road of Hwy 40 West to the intersection of Rosa Cryer. Jay Pittman estimated about 1,200 feet of conflict. The village engineer is proposing to relocate them to the east side of the road. The estimated cost is \$140,000. Mr. Pittman said that he walked the job along with another engineers and a discussion followed.

Mr. Pittman stated the state would like to be under construction by June 2017. Alderman Willie asked how long it would take to complete the relocation project. Mr. Pittman stated the state law states you have thirty days to advertise, and it should take approximately thirty days to complete. He said there should not be any down time for any of the businesses in the village. The Village of Folsom can request for assistance from the state to help with funding. A discussion took place. Alderwoman Mathies made a

motion to authorize Jay Pittman to start the planning and specifications for the relocation of the water lines down Hwy 25. It was seconded by Alderman Willie and the motion carried (3 yeas, 0 nays).

Item 6 – Utility Adjustments. Mayor Boggs presented three utility adjustments for approval. Travis Priest needs to be credited \$68.95 due to his meter being read incorrectly. Greg Boggs needs to be credited \$27.78 due to his bill being charged on a credit card but not being entered into the payment system. M&J Stables needed to be credited \$92.17 due to his meter being read incorrectly. A discussion followed. Alderman Willie made a motion to approve all three utility adjustments. It was seconded by Alderwoman Mathies and the motion carried. (3 yeas, 0 nays).

**Adjournment:**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Alderman Willie, seconded by Alderwoman Mathies and the motion carried. (3 yeas; 0 nays) The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Bettye M. Boggs, Mayor /s/*

*I attest that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes taken at the Public Hearing and General Meeting held at Town Hall on March 13, 2017.*

*Attest:*

*Andree Core, Municipal Clerk*