

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
April 10, 2017
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Alderwoman Jill Mathies

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

Approval of Agenda. Alderman Willie made a motion to amend the agenda to remove Item #2 of old business, move the Engineer Report following the Approval of Minutes and keep it there for future meetings, and to add Patricia Richardson to the agenda to speak about the village property behind Town Hall. It was seconded by Alderwoman Lee and the motion carried. *(2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent)*

Approval of Financial Statements. Alderwoman Lee made a motion to approve the February financial statements and it was seconded by Alderman Willie. The motion carried *(2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.)* Alderwoman Lee stated she did not get them in time to review the March financial statements. Mayor Boggs stated that the auditors and the CPA's have suggested the village consider moving the General Meeting to a later date in the month, preferrably during the 3rd or 4th week, to facilitate the preparation of the financial statements. The suggestion has been made because the village cannot produce the financial statements until the bank statements are received and the sales tax are received and these are not received until the 9th of each month. Because of the continued delay on approval of the financial statements, the auditor and CPA have suggested for future consideration that the board consider moving the General Meeting to a later date in the month. Alderwoman Lee made a motion to table the March financial statements. It was seconded by Alderman Willie and the motion carried. *(2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent)*

Approval of Minutes. Alderwoman Lee made a motion to approve the corrected January mintues, it was seconded by Alderman Willie. *(2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent)*. Alderman Willie made a motion to approve the March minutes, it was seconded by Alderwoman Lee. The motion carried *(2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent)*.

Engineer Report. The village engineer, Jay Pittman, stated that he met with DOTD and they are moving

forward with the plans to move the water lines east of Highway 25. Alderman Willie asked if it would have an affect on the sidewalks. Mr. Pittman stated there will be some areas that will be affected because the water lines will be directly below the sidewalks and will result in directional boring. A discussion followed. Mr. Pittman stated the USDA sewer improvements have been sent to Washington D.C. and we may have a potential for some grant funds. He said the projected start date of the DOTD Hwy 25 project is set before the end of 2017. Mr. Pittman stated it will be approximately six to nine months of construction time. A discussion followed.

Old Business:

Item 1 – Introduction of Ordinance Chap. 16 - Rates for Sewer Only Customers. Mayor Boggs read the title of the ordinance and presented the introduction of the ordinance. A public hearing will be held the in May.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16 Entitled “Water and Sewer” Section 18 Entitled “Rates” To Increase The Sewer Rates For Sewer Users Who Do Not Also Receive Water From The Village Of Folsom To Thirty (\$30) Dollars Per Residential Customer And Fifty (\$50) Dollars For Commercial And Other Bodies Politic Customers

New Business:

Item 1 – Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mayor Boggs read the Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month for the month of April. There are several events scheduled to support this cause and she informed there will be a Build the Village concert on April 23rd at Bogue Falaya Park in Covington in addition to a Wear a Cap program every Friday to show support as well as the pinwheel challenge. The pinwheels are located in parts of the parish to alert our citizens that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Item 2 – Banking Accounts – Closing of Capital One. Alderman Willie made a motion to move the accounts from Capital One to Home Bank. It was seconded by Alderwoman Lee. The motion carried. (2 yea, 0 nays, 1 absent)

Item 3 – Introduction of Ordinance – Charitable Donation Boxes. Mayor Boggs read the title of the ordinance and presented the introduction of the ordinance. A public hearing will be held the in May.

An Ordinance Regulating and Limiting The Placement And Use Of “Charitable Donation Collection Boxes” Within The Village Of Folsom And Providing For Permit Fees And Fines.

Item 4 – Introduction of Ordinance – Chap. 21, Regulation of Lighting. Mayor Boggs read the title of the ordinance and presented the introduction of the ordinance. A public hearing will be held the in May.

An Ordinance Regulating The Use Of Flood Lights And Spot Lights And Laser Lights So As To Prevent Use Of Said Lights From Becoming A Nuisance And/Or Causing A Danger To Other Residences Or Vehicles And To Place Reasonable Restrictions On The Use Of Said Lights And To Provide Penalties For The Violation Of The Provisions Of Said Ordinance

Item 5 – Utility Adjustments. Mayor Boggs presented the utility adjustment and stated the Salvage Store had a water leak which affected the December and January bills and that the water leak did

not entered the sewer system as observed by the village maintenance department. Mayor Boggs indicated attached are two work orders and a usage history and that we are requesting an adjustment of \$144 for December and \$297 adjustment for January, for a total adjustment of \$441. Alderwoman Lee recommended tabling the adjustment until the village receives the Attorney General opinion. The Village Attorney Mr. Talley recommended doing the same. A discussion followed regarding the request for this opinion. Mayor Boggs stated she met with a Louisiana Rural Water Association representative and asked if he was aware of adjustments of the sewer bills from other municipalities if it can be proven the water did not go into the sewer system. He stated there are other municipalities that make these type adjustments. Alderman Willie stated he felt that we are charging for services that the customer did not get if it is not going into the sewer system. Mayor Boggs clarified that the owner is not contesting the water bill but the sewer portion that did not go into the sewer system as he understands that the water leak was his fault and is only requesting the sewer portion from that leak. Alderman Willie made a motion to approve the adjustment for \$441.00 to the Salvage Store. It was seconded by Alderwoman Lee and the motion carried. (2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent)

Item 6. Patricia Richardson was not present to speak. Mayor Boggs stated that she will contact her and will add her to the May agenda.

Announcements:

Mayor Boggs made an announcement regarding the meeting that will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. This meeting is with DOTD regarding the third lane project. She stated it is for business owners in the village and also invited the public to attend. She stated this meeting will be to address questions and concerns regarding the upcoming Hwy. 25 project.

Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Alderman Willie, seconded by Alderwoman Lee and the motion carried (2 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent). The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 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 April 10, 2017.

Attest:

Andree Core, Municipal Clerk