

Village of Folsom
Mayor - Lance Willie

Alderwoman - Paulette Lee
Alderwoman - Jill Mathies
Alderman - George Garrett



Andree Core - Municipal Clerk
Ronnie Killingsworth - Chief of Police
Roy Burns - Village Attorney

General Meeting
April 9, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Lance Willie
Alderwoman Paulette Lee
Alderman George Garrett
Alderwoman Jill Mathies
Attorney Roy Burns

Mayor Willie called the General Meeting to order. The Municipal Clerk established a quorum. Pastor Will Robbins from First Baptist Church led the invocation and Mayor Willie led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Alderman Garrett and the motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Approval of Financial Statements. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve the March financial statements. It was seconded by Alderwoman Lee and the motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Approval of Minutes. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve the March minutes. It was seconded by Alderwoman Lee and the motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Engineer Report. Mayor Willie asked Village engineer, Jay Pittman, was there anything new to report this month. Mr. Pittman stated that the USDA notices for contract work will be issued April 16th 2018. He stated that a whole lot of activity will not be seen early on but in about eight to twelve weeks. He plans that a ton of activity will be seen realistically in the beginning of June. A discussion was held. Mayor Willie asked him to give a timeline and he replied that work should be completed before or by the end of the year.

Maintenance Report. Mayor Willie asked Wayne Cyprian what did he have to report this month. Mr. Cyprian stated that Mr. Darl with RG3 Meters will be coming in next week to look at some water meter issues and Rural Water (RWA) will be coming in also to check on evaporation of water. Mayor Willie mentioned that we have been discussing purchasing a zero-turn mower and some weed – eaters for the village. Alderwoman Mathies stated that the village bought a zero-turn mower about a year and a half ago, correct? Mr. Cyprian replied that it got ruined and they only have one, the old one. Mayor Willie said they are currently using the big boom mower/scag but it needs to be put in the shop to get pins fixed. A discussion followed.

Alderwoman Mathies asked will we be getting someone to strictly cut grass? Mayor Willie answered no, maintenance will be doing it. He said that he and the supervisor have talked about it and the plan is to use Ronnie as the main grass cutter, maybe even coming in on Saturdays sometimes to strictly cut grass. Mayor Willie stated a weekly log will be started to list all equipment repairs, oil changes, etc...

Mayor Willie announced there is no old business on the agenda so we will move on to new business.

New Business:

Item 1 - Acknowledgement of Assignment of LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT Contract by

Delbert G. Talley to Roy K. Burns, Jr. Mayor Willie asked Village Attorney, Roy Burns, to inform us all on the information regarding the legal service agreement. Mr. Burns stated that he has taken over as Village Attorney and is replacing Attorney Delbert Talley, who has assigned all executor work in connection to the sewer treatment plant. Attorney Burns stated that he is asking the board to acknowledge and consent to the legal contract that has been obligated to him from Mr. Talley.

Mr. Burns asked for the acknowledgement on the obligation of the re-assignment of the garbage contract as well. Alderwoman Mathies made motion to accept consent of the contracts and Alderman Garrett seconded. The motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

Item 2 – Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention. Mayor Willie stated that we want Folsom to know that we stand up for child abuse prevention. Mayor Willie read the Proclamation and announced the month of April is dedicated as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Item 3 – Ratify and award bids received 3/29/2018 for “LA Hwy 25 Water Main Relocation” to the low bidder, Lawson-Bonet Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$146,825.00.

Mayor Willie asked Village engineer Jay Pittman to update us on the project information. Mr. Pittman stated that on March 29th we opened bids at the Town Hall for the upcoming water main relocation for the DOTD widening project of La. Highway 25. He said with a construction project cost of \$160,000.00 and the low bidder is Lawson-Bonet Construction, Inc. with a base amount of \$146,825.00. This is a good contractor stated Mr. Pittman.

Alderwoman Mathies mentioned, they had discussed how no contractor can come back and say they incurred this or that problem and need more money. Mr. Pittman replied, no it is a unit price and no contractor can come back for more money, unless it is an unforeseen condition. There was no further discussion. Alderwoman Mathies made motion to accept the bid from Lawson-Bonet Construction, Inc. and it was seconded by Alderwoman Lee. The motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

Item 4 – RG 3 Meter Company. Mayor Willie informed that there is no additional information on this item since it was addressed by Mr. Cyprian in the maintenance report.

Item 5 - Utility Adjustments.

- Christian Florane – the adjustment was tabled from the previous meeting. No additional information provided and it has gone back down to normal usage. The board denied any credits.
- Wesley Burris is requesting an adjustment for \$85.00 due to a faulty meter. Maintenance Supervisor said the meter was a manual meter and was not spinning when checked. A discussion followed. Mayor Willie asked Wayne to replace the meter tomorrow and he replied he will change the meter and it will be monitored. Alderman Garrett made a motion to table the adjustment until the next meeting to determine if this will correct the problem. The board agreed to re-evaluate this at the next meeting.
- Dwight Lee needs a credit for \$ 65.91 due to a bad shut off valve per Maintenance supervisor. Alderwoman Lee made a motion to approve the adjustment for \$65.91 and it was seconded by Alderman Garrett. The motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

- Phillip Bickham needs an adjustment for \$20.00 due to the meter being read incorrectly by the maintenance department. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Alderwoman Lee. The motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Announcements/Adjournment:

Pastor Will Robbins from the First Baptist Church spoke on the issue of the water leak at the church. Alderwoman Mathies stated that they needed to get more information and he will not receive a late fee. She advised him to contact Ashley in a few days at the office. The item was tabled till the next meeting.

Ms. Sharon Galloway residing at 82245 Pearl Street addressed her problem concerning the issue of water and sewer charges, specifically the sewer based upon water usage. She understands there has not been an increase in rates since 2016 but in terms of how it is calculated and trying to compensate it is mind boggling. She has contacted the office and would like them to look into her problem. Mayor Willie explained how the Village could not get a USDA loan to fix the sewer system until rates were raised being the lowest in the state and doing increments is what was suggested by the engineer.

Ms. Galloway explained how her bill has been so high but occasionally goes down and they do not use that much water. She informed that she has called the office on it and never heard back from her work order in January. Ms. Galloway informed they hired plumbers to come out to check and personally changed out all the toilets in the house. She concluded by asking the mayor and board to look into the option of a flat rate on sewer only. She would greatly appreciate it and feels this would be very beneficial to the village.

Ms. Galloway said she would like to address one additional problem on how the horses made a considerable amount of damage to their yard during the Mardi gras parade. She emailed the pictures and spoke to the mayor and clerks on what to do but it is really bad. Mayor Willie said he did speak to Mr. Saurage regarding this problem a while ago. Mayor Willie advised her to go to the Police Department tomorrow and do a report. He also recommended she contact Greg Saurage on this issue. Mayor Willie said that is what he has insurance for and he is in charge of the Mardi gras parade.

Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Alderwoman Lee. The motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lance Willie, 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 9th 2018.

Attest: Andree Core, Municipal Clerk /s/