

Village of Folsom

Mayor - Lance Willie

*Alderman - Shawn Dillon
Alderswoman - Jill Mathies
Alderman - George Garrett*



*Margra Steele - Municipal Clerk
Shilo Bruhl - Police Chief
Roy Burns - Village Attorney*

General Meeting

6:00 p.m.

August 8, 2022

Present:

Mayor Lance Willie

Alderman George Garrett

Municipal Clerk Margra Steele

Alderman Shawn Dillon

Village Attorney Roy Burns

Mayor Willie called the General Meeting to order and the Municipal Clerk established a quorum. Mayor Willie led the pledge and Alderman George Garrett led invocation.

GENERAL MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Mayor announced Item and requested to add the Appointment of Thomas Hardee to the Planning/Zoning Board of Commissioners. Alderswoman Jill Mathies made a motion to amend the agenda to add Thomas Hardee as Item 2 under New Business; it was seconded by Alderman George Garrett (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

Approval of Financials (June & July 2022)

Mayor Willie announced Item and called for motion to approve financial statements for June 2022. Alderswoman Jill Mathies made motion to approve June 2022 financial statements, it was seconded by Alderman George Garrett.

July Financials (Tabled)

(3 Yeas 0 Nays) motion carried

Approval of General Meeting Minutes

Mayor Willie announced Item and called for motion to approve minutes from July's General Meeting. Alderwoman Jill Mathies requested that the minutes be tabled to add more details to one of the Items listed. (Tabled)

Police Report

Chief Shilo Bruhl began by stating that all the Village Police officers are now prepared for active shooters, not just in schools, this includes all major events that may come to the area.

Chief Bruhl expressed that many things that come through Folsom are situations that we are assisting with, when we have a suspect that is a danger to everyone; we have to use every resource we have to stop the threat.

Chief Bruhl stated that this year has been great, and school is in session. Chief Bruhl continued to explain that LA 25 is a busy highway and is a major concern, with the parents dropping off and picking up their children.

Chief Bruhl is requesting parents use Jackson Street to line up for carline.

Engineer/Maintenance Report

Village Engineer Jay Pittman began by stating that The Village will release for advertising Drainage improvements for Northern Loop, West End and coming back to LA Hwy 25 of Village Trace Subdivision (Phase 1)

The scope of the project is to improve drainage by grading the ditches on both sides of the street, replace driveway culverts and replace your driveway.

Mayor Willie questioned the start date of the project; Mr. Pittman stated that the proposed start date would be around the middle of October.

Ms. Harriet Brown questioned if the culvert between the ditch and her driveway will be replaced. Mr. Pittman stated that all the culverts would be set to an even slope and they all would be replaced.

Mr. Pat Odinet stated that he has no culverts in front of his house. Mr. Odinet questioned if anything would be done at the beginning of Village Trace.

Mr. Pittman stated that the subsurface drainage would be addressed during the construction process.

Mayor Willie stated that the Village has received a price quote for the new water well and it is approximately a 2 million dollar project.

Mayor Willie further explained that we have applied for a grant 75/25 cost, which the Village would have to provide \$550,000. Mayor Willie informed the board that he, Municipal Clerk Margra Steele and Mr. Pittman had a phone conversation with Senator Beth Mizell. Senator Mizell is in the process of asking the State to help cover some of the cost needed for the project.

Ms. Steele stated that she would speak with Senator Mizell, within the next few weeks for an update.

Christina Baudot began by stating that she recently purchased a home in Village Trace and the previous owner left a container full of maps.

Ms. Baudot explained that she is requesting that the Village would not pave/open the alleyway, which runs on the side of her property. Ms. Baudot continued to explain that she keeps the alley cut and has no problem maintaining it.

Mayor Willie stated that the Village does not intend to open the alley that runs alongside of her property.

Village Maintenance Supervisor Milton Watson began by stating that he is aware of the potholes that are in need of repair, and he is the process of addressing those concerns with the Mayor.

Mayor Willie stated that the contractor that will repair the Village Streets would meet with Mr. Watson tomorrow to assess the streets in the Village for repair.

Old Business:

Item 1 Chapter 1 No 8-2022 Ordinance providing a salary increase for the Municipal Clerk

Mayor announced Item and asked if anyone had any questions, and stated that we introduced the Ordinance during last month's meeting, and held the public hearing.

Mayor called for motion to approve, motion made by Alderwoman Jill Mathies and seconded by Alderman George Garrett (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

New Business:

Item 1 Leon Alley

Mayor announced Item and stated that during the last meeting after he spoke with Village Attorney Roy Burns and Fire Chief Jamie Truett. He decided that Frank Richerand would install a rolling gate, to reduce the follow of traffic.

The Closure would be from Leon Alley to the back of Jr Food Mart to Broadway. Mayor Willie expressed that it would be restricted from vehicles and that he had spoken to Chief Bruhl over her safety concerns.

Mayor Willie expressed that the alley would not be closed off to Village employees, due to having service lines in the alley.

Mr. Frank Richerand began by thanking Alderwoman Jill Mathies for taking the time to come out to review the request. He also stated that the idea of installing a rolling gate was in a sense her idea.

Item 2

Mayor announced Item and stated that the appointment of Thomas Hardee to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor called for motion to appoint, motion was made by Alderman George Garrett and seconded by Alderwoman Jill Mathies (3 yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

Adjournment

Mayor called for motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion made to adjourn by Alderwoman Jill Mathies and seconded by Alderman George Garrett. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Lance Willie, Mayor /s/

I attest that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes taken at the General Meeting held at Town Hall on August 8, 2022.

Attest: Margra Steele Municipal Clerk /s/

