

Village of Folsom

Mayor - Lance Willie

Alderman - Shawn Dillon
Alderwoman - Jill Mathies
Alderman - George Garrett



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

General Meeting

6:00 p.m.

February 13, 2023

Present:

Mayor Lance Willie
Alderman George Garrett
Alderwoman Jill Mathies
Municipal Clerk Margra Steele
Alderman Shawn Dillon

Mayor Lance Willie called the General Meeting to order and the Municipal Clerk established a quorum. Pastor Will Robbins gave the invocation and Mayor Willie led the pledge.

GENERAL MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Mayor called for motion to approve agenda. Motion made by Alderman George Garrett and Alderman Shawn Dillon seconded it (3 yeas, 0 Nays) Motion carried.

Approval of Financials (November/December 2022)

Mayor called for motion to approve. Motion made by Alderman George Garrett and Alderman Shawn Dillon seconded it (2 yeas, 1 abstain) Motion carried.

Approval of General Meeting (December 2022 & January 2023)

Mayor called for motion to approve agenda. Motion made by Alderman Shawn Dillon and Alderman George Garrett seconded it (2 yeas, 1 abstain) Motion carried

Police Report

Chief Shilo Bruhl began by stating that the police department had a balance of more than \$379,000 at the end of January. She said that's \$205,850 more collected in the past 13 months.

Chief Bruhl asked for permission to spend \$109,600 on equipment for the police department. She stated that for a new F450 truck with the full police package, a flashing speed sign, two radars, and rifles.

Chief Bruhl also expressed the need to make repairs to address the parking lot, which will add new parking spaces with grading and blacktopping the area. The Village of Folsom Alderman Board approved the requested amount of \$109,000.

Engineer Report

Village Engineer Jay presented the Alderman Board a copy of the schedule for the sewer head works project, which has been approved for advertising by the USDA

Mr. Pittman explained that this project would be funded by the remaining grant fund from the 2018 sewer project for \$392,000.

Mr. Pittman continued to state that the project would be advertised starting February 22, 2023 and run for about three weeks, pre-bid is scheduled for March 15, 2023, bid opening is scheduled for March 23, 2023 and a Special Meeting to award the bill will take place on March 27, 2023.

Alderwoman Jill Mathies inquired about the estimated cost of the total project. Mr. Pittman stated that he estimates the cost would be around \$400,000 that is depending on the cost of materials and supplies.

Maintenance Report

Maintenance Supervisor Milton Watson presented the Board with photos of one of the main lines, which is connected to the well that supplies water to the Village need repairing.

Mr. Watson explained that over the last four years the saddle is slipping.

Mayor Willie questioned if the Village water supply would be disrupted.

Mr. Watson expressed that it would for approximately an hour and the repair cost with parts and labor would be \$7500.

Mr. Watson informed the Board that the Flow Meter, which tells how much water the town is using, is in need of repair and the cost will be \$5500.

Alderwoman Jill Mathies questioned both projects could be completed simultaneously? Mr. Watson stated that we would not have to shut the well down for this repair.

Mayor and Board gave approval to complete the repairs.

Municipal Clerk Report

Municipal Clerk Margra Steele began by stating that she has completed the Village of Folsom's employee handbook, which has taken several months to complete due to having to type the entire handbook.

Mrs. Steele continue to express that, by her creating the much needed handbook it saved the Village over \$5000 in cost. Mrs. Steele continued to state that the entire process took several hours outside of her regular offices hours to complete, and she requested the Board to review the handbook prior to next General Meeting for approval.

Mayor Willie and Alderman George thanked Mrs. Steele for taking her time to create the much needed hand book for all of the Village employees.

New Business:

Item 1 Reappointment of Shawn Williams and Mike Sanders Fire District#5

Mayor announced Item and Kent Wilt requested that the Board of Alderman reappoint Shaun Williams and Mike Sanders to the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Ken Wilt stated that the Village appoints two members to the five-member board and the Parish President appoints the remaining three members.

Mr. Wilt explained that those four members select a person to chair the board.

Mayor Willie made motion to reappoint Shun Williams and Mike Sanders. Motion made by Alderman George Garrett and Alderman Shawn Dillon seconded it (3 yeas, 0 Nays) Motion carried.

Item 2 Mardi Gras Greg Saurage

Mayor announced Item and Greg Saurage. Mr. Saurage thanked the Village for doing a great job.

Mr. Saurage announced that the Grand Marshall of the Folsom Mardi Gras Parade is Casey Revere Justice of the Peace, Queen Amy Barrow Principal of Folsom Junior High and King Willie Core owner of Core Feed.

Item 3 Introduction to Chapter 1. No 2023-2 Salary Increase for Board of Alderman and Mayor

Mayor announced Item and stated that this ordinance is to increase the pay of the Alderman Board. Mayor Willie explained that the monthly pay for the Alderman and Mayor would increase by \$200.

Mayor Willie stated that Alderman pay would increase from \$600 a month to \$800 a month and the Mayor would increase to \$1000 a month from \$800 a month.

Alderwoman Jill Mathis stated that the board has had only one pay increase in the past 21 years and this is not some big change. Alderman Woman Mathies expressed that we put a lot of effort into what we do here regularly.

Mayor Willie stated that he agreed with Alderwoman Mathies and expressed that they do not do this job for the money, but the money does help for the time that they put in the field to get things done for the Village.

Item 4 Sewer Funds/Water Funds Employee Wages

Mayor announced Item and Mayor stated that Alderwoman Mathies listed this item; due to years ago, the Village has some items going in the red, now all of those concerns has been corrected.

Mayor explained that employees' wages were divided between several funds based upon the percentages of the work, which was done in that area.

Alderwoman Mathies stated that she suggest that we go back to what was done prior to the change.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to the original break down of employees' wages from multiple funds.

Item 5 Discuss Beer/Liquor License for New Business

Mayor announced Item and stated that a Day Care opened on the corner across the street from La Hacienda.

Mayor Willie continued to explain that a Daycare could be next to an establishment that sales beer and liquor that was there before them, however no new establishment can sell beer and liquor within 300 feet of them.

Mayor said that he received questions if the Mayor could waive an Ordinance; however, the state has a statue that a business cannot sell beer or liquor next to a daycare that the Village has to enforce and abide by.

Adjournment

Mayor Lance Willie called for motion to adjourn meeting. Motion made to adjourn by Alderman George Garret and seconded by Shawn Dillon. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Mayor Lance Willie

I attest that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes taken at the General Meeting held at Town Hall on February 13, 2023.

Attest:  Margra Steele Municipal Clerk /s/