

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.
June 12, 2023

Present:

Mayor Lance Willie
Alderman George Garrett
Municipal Clerk Margra Steele
Village Attorney Roy Burns

Mayor called the General Meeting to order and the Municipal Clerk established a quorum. Maintenance Supervisor Milton Watson led the invocation and Mayor Willie led the pledge.

Public Hearing

Item 1 Chapter 4 Section 2023-1 Municipal Ordinance Violation

Mayor announced Item and asked for any comments from the public or board, there were no comments given.

Mayor called for motion to end public hearing. Motion made by Alderman George Garrett and seconded by Alderman Shawn Dillon. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

GENERAL MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Mayor announced item and requested to add Item 7 as Beer and Liquor for Restaurants. . Alderwoman George Garrett made motion to amend the agenda and Alderman Shawn Dillon seconded it. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

Approval of Financials (April 2023)

Mayor announced item and called for motion to approve financial statement for April 2023 Motion made to approve financial statements by Alderman Shawn Dillon and second by Alderwoman Shawn Dillon. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

Approval of General Meeting Minutes (May 8, 2023)

Mayor announced item and called for motion to approve General Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2023. Alderman George Garrett made the motion to approve General Meeting 30minutes and Alderman Shawn Dillon seconded it.

(2 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried

Engineer Report

Village Engineer Jay Pittman stated that the bid openings for the Headwork Improvement project took place, and we received 4 sealed bids.

Mr. Pittman explained that NCMC, LLC had the lowest bid that is within budge.

Mr. Pittman stated that this project would be funded by remaining grant funds with no expense to the Village and For Item I on the Agenda; he is requesting that the Board ratify the award for Contract D WWTP.

Maintenance Report

Maintenance Supervisor Milton Watson began by stating that the repairs to generator at the main well are complete.

Mr. Watson continue to explain that the Village water system is not on a Scada System, which sends notifications daily from the well.

Police Report

Police Chief Shilo Bruhl began with stating that they have received the new police vehicle and have received a lot of positive feedback from the town.

Chief Bruhl gave updates on recent activity that took place in the Village and the Investigation is ongoing

Old Business

Item 1 Chapter 4 Section 2023-1Municipal Ordinance Violation

Mayor announced Item and stated that this Ordinance is for anyone building without a permit. Mayor asked for any questions from the public and board, no comments given.

Mayor call for motion to approve Chapter 4 Section 2023-1. Motion to approve made by Alderman George Garrett and it was seconded by Alderman Shawn Dillon. (2 yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

New Business:

Item 1Ratify Award for Contract DWWTP Headwork's Improvement

Mayor announced Item and Village Engineer Jay Pittman stated that he recommends that the Village ratify an award based USDA concurrence to the low bidder NCMC, LLC for \$352,000.00.

Mayor requested board approval to sign the award. Motion to sign award by Alderman George Garrett and Alderman Shawn Dillon seconded it. (2 yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

Item 2 Jericho Studios

Mayor announced Item and Shane Carter with Jericho Studios gave a presentation on websites that he has designed for other government agencies.

Mr. Carter informed the board that they are company it the current company that host the Village's website.

Mr. Carter explained that the Village has old software and recommends that we update the site.

Mr. Carter continued to explain how the process would work and gave a summary of how we could make the site fit the needs of the Village.

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Willie called for motion to approve the new design of the website, and to sign the agreement. Motion made by Alderman George Garrett and Alderman Shawn Dillon seconded it. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays) Motion carried.

Item 3 Amending Operating Budget FY 22-23

Mayor announced Item and stated that this is an ordinance to amending the 22-23 operating budget of the Village due to some operating costand projects

Mayor asked for comments, none was given.

Item 4 Introduction of Budget Ordinance 23-24

Mayor announced Item and stated that this is an introduction to an Ordinance for the Budget of the Village of Folsom for the year 23-24.

Mayor Willie stated that he has a few adjustments to make which are to make a capital outlay line item for \$33,250.00 for Flock Camera System for the Police Department. Mayor also added \$3000.00 capital outlay project for website to General Fund

Item 5 Introduction to Chapter 15-2023-5 sanitation Collection

Mayor announced Item and stated that this is an introduction to an Ordinance creating a flat fee for Garbage collection for \$20.00.

Item 7 Restaurant Exceptions (Beer and Liquor)

Mayor announced Item and stated its and Introduction to an Ordinance for Restaurant Exceptions for a beer and liquor License.

Mayor Willie explained that the State of Louisiana has a law in place stating that, any business within 300ft from a daycare or public building are prohibited to sell beer and liquor.

Mayor Willie continued to explain that Jose Canseco Attorney at Law researched the State law that states that businesses are prohibited unless the local municipality has a law to override it.

Mr. .Canseco stated that other local municipalities have a similar ordinance in place just for restaurants that sell more than 50% of food.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to put an ordinance in place for restaurants to sell beer and liquor within certain limits in the Village of Folsom.

Adjournment

Mayor called for motion to adjourn meeting. Motion made to adjourn by Alderman Shawn and seconded by George Garrett. (2 Yeas, 0Nays) motion carried

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 June 12, 2023

Attest:  Margra Steele Municipal Clerk /s/