

Village of Folsom
Mayor - Lance Willie

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



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

General Meeting
July 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. Mr. Jack Mendheim 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. Mayor Willie announced that the June financial statements were not available due to it being the end of the fiscal year. He asked for board approval to table them until the end of year audit adjustments are made so we can have a better understanding of the fiscal year. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to table the June financial statements and present them at the August meeting. The financial statements were tabled.

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

Engineer Report. Mayor Willie asked Village engineer Jay Pittman for a report. Jay stated that the plan for Contract A is to demo the old package treatment plant and then there is a wait time on pumps and other hardware to come around 12 to 18 weeks. Mr. Pittman said with Contract B the SSCS9, there is still a couple of manholes to find and they are in the process of videoing to find them. And Contract C which is the sewer system improvements overall on Jackson & Wes Burris Streets, those pumps have a twelve to eighteen day wait time on them, but it should be coming to a close soon.

Mr. Pittman concluded by stating that concerning the CWEF grant from the State of Louisiana regarding new controls panels and your inquiries, the issue is the two wells do not communicate electronically. He has contacted someone who will be coming to take a look into it soon and will update us on this information.

Maintance Report. Mayor Willie asked the Maintenance Supervisor for a report. Mr. Cyprian stated he only had one thing to mention and that is we are waiting on rock to come in order to put in the culverts in at the Jackson Street tunnel.

Old Business:

Item 1 – Boondock Water Tower Contract. Mayor Willie stated that Mr. Brandon was not able to attend this meeting and he asked if there were any questions. Alderwoman Mathies stated she had reached out to Mr. Web Anderson who referred her to the head of their directing board with the Tangipahoa Parish water system, whom had nothing but positive things to say about Boondock Water Tower Company. She said, also everything Mr. Brandon has presented to the village is everything Mr. Brandon has done for Tangipahoa Parish and it meets complete OSHA requirements.

Alderwoman Lee asked if the company's employees will have access to our water towers without us being present. Mayor Willie answered no, the only time he would come is during normal business hours and be accompanied by the Village's maintenance supervisor. Mayor Willie explained for all who do not know what Boondock Water Tower Company is, it is a radio tower that is for residents in Folsom who cannot get internet service because of their location and they will be able to get internet service now. A discussion followed. Mayor Willie asked for motion to approve the contract. A motion to approve the contact was made by Alderwoman Mathies. It was seconded by Alderman Garrett and the motion carried. *(2 Yeas, 1 Nay – Alderwoman Lee)*

Item 2 – Grant writer information. Mayor Willie announced stated that some information regarding grants was already addressed by our engineer. Mayor Willie stated that we are still waiting to hear back from the representatives that we are communicating with regarding grant writing services for the village and should be hearing from them very soon.

New Business:

Item 1 – Resolution – Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagement. Mayor Willie read the Resolution for board approval.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LOUISIANA
COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE
PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018

Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve the Resolution for Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Alderman Garrett seconded and the motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

Item 2 – Introduction – Ordinance: P&Z (Annexation). Mayor Willie read the Ordinance Chapter 30 No. 2018-1.

ORDINANCE
CHAPTER 30 - NO. 2018-1
AN ORDINANCE ENLARGING THE BOUNDARIES OF
THE VILLAGE OF FOLSOM, LOUISIANA AND
DESCRIBING THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED

Mayor Willie stated that Mr. Jack Mendheim was present to speak. Mr. Mendheim informed that the property is 40.76 acres and is 2600 feet long. It is surrounded on three sides by property already annexed into the Village and their plans are to subdivide the property having restrictive covenants, into mini farms of about 4 to 4.25 acre parcels with a couple parcels a little larger having a total of eight parcels with a zoning of A-1 (Suburban Residential District). He said they met with the Planning & Zoning board and were able to discuss all concerns with them and felt they were pleased. He said the annexation was approved by the Planning & Zoning Board in June. He said it's been a long journey to get here but he will be happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Willie stated this is just for introduction tonight and a public hearing will be held at the August meeting. Kim McGrath stated, that I have clarity now, and honestly was a little confused on exactly what was actually going on tonight. She informed there seems to be a little confusion on this

being zoned tonight and others agreed. Mayor Willie stated to please contact him regarding any questions they have and to not listen to the outside people or what they think is going on. She replied that the big concerns at the last meeting were on the A1 status, the amount of traffic this may cause, and drainage issues. But the annexation of this property into the village was not the problem and now know that this is the only thing being presented tonight. Mayor Willie stated to please contact him regarding any questions they have anytime and to not listen to the outside people or what they think is going on.

Mr. Sawyer mentioned a drainage problem already in the area and flooding that occur often. Mr. Mendheim stated that an engineer will be involved concerning those types of things and they will address the problem and do whatever they can to help. Mayor Willie asked him to send pictures of the problem the next time it rains and a drainage issue occurs and to email to the municipal clerk. Mayor Willie stated a public hearing will be held on Monday, August 13th at 7:00pm for the annexation of this property.

Item 3 – Municode. Alderwoman Mathies stated she is close to finishing up the ordinances for Municode. She has scheduled a phone conference with Municode on July 20th at 1:00pm. She asked all board members to get any changes or suggestions to her before this date.

Item 4 – Police Vehicles. Mayor Willie stated that the police department is in need of new vehicles. He said the paint is chipping off of them and they are constantly making repairs to the police cars. He asked Chief Killingsworth what his thought were on this and Chief Killingsworth replied it is time we start looking into purchasing new vehicles. He stated they are doing their best with trying to keep them up. Mayor Willie suggested to the board about possibly taking money from the general fund to make these purchases. Mayor Willie asked the Chief to start getting some quotes on new vehicles, so he can present them to the board at the next meeting. Alderman Garrett said since mostly all other departments are purchasing SUV's now then the Chief need to check on prices for those type of vehicles.

Alderwoman Mathies stated she is in agreement with the purchase of the new vehicles. She said that when we receive donated cars the only thing the Village can do is repair them. She informed that we cannot sell them; all we can do is donate them back, in which no one wants them. A discussion followed. Alderwoman Lee suggested donating them to the Fire Department for Jaws of Life and other training. Mayor Willie asked the Chief to gather this information on get it to him by the end of the week.

Item 5 – Utility Adjustments.

Scott Combe - The customer is requesting an adjustment for sewer charges due to a leak that he says did not go into the sewer system. The utility clerk Ashley Garrett noted she cannot move forward with the adjustment until pictures and documentation is provided. The customer said he spoke with the clerk and stated Alderwoman Lee and Mathies came out to look at the leak. Alderman Mathies said she did observe the leak and has a video of it in her old phone. She will try to locate the phone in order to retrieve the video. A discussion followed.

Mayor Willie asked Alderwoman Mathies to figure out the exact date so we can move forward. Alderwoman Mathies stated it is not her responsibility to provide the documentation. Mayor Willie agreed it is the customer's responsibility to provide all documentation. Mayor Willie announced this item is tabled until the next meeting.

Taniqua Watson - Customer needs to be credited \$1,497.88 due to a water leak that did not go into the sewer system. The landlord was present at the meeting stating he does not see how that consumption came from the water leak. Maintenance Supervisor, Wayne Cyprian, stated there was 57 pounds of pressure that caused this leak. It was leaking 10 gallons per minute. A discussion followed. The landlord said he thinks the pipe breaks are caused by water hammering which is by them shutting on and off water for all the construction. He would like this to be looked into since he is being stuck with this large bill.

Mayor Willie stated that he will contact Mike Curtis who is our certified operator with Curtis Environmental. Mayor Willie said he will have Mike come take a look at the water line, so he can also give his professional opinion regarding the leak and the amount of water that leaked. He will ask him to give his opinion on letterhead and will present this at the next meeting. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve the sewer credit, and to table the water portion of the bill until next month. It was seconded by Alderwoman Lee and the motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

J.W. Burris - Customer needs to be credited \$19.63 for a late fee charged in February due to a faulty meter. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Alderman Garrett. The motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Byron and Wanda Lee - Customer needs to be credited \$7.14 due to the reading that maintenance provided which was one number written down incorrectly. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Alderwoman Lee. The motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Malcolm Berseygay - Customer needs to be credited \$61.42 due to wrong meter being read. The meter read belonged to Timothy Pierre. A discussion followed. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Alderwoman Lee. The motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Timothy Pierre – The amount of \$61.42 needs to be added to the customer's bill due to the wrong meter being read. The meter read belonged to Malcolm Berseygay. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Alderwoman Lee. The motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Announcements/Adjournment:

A question was asked regarding the internet service information missed earlier on the agenda. Mayor Willie informed that this item was discussed on the different internet options for the Village. He informed the board approved to move forward with Boondock Internet Service and more information will be provided soon. There was another question asked regarding if the village will receive any revenue from this new company. Mayor Willie replied only about \$75 monthly but we will receive free cameras and water monitoring of the water towers. He said as soon as they receive the packages and information on pricing we will advertise it on our Facebook page and the village website for everyone. Mayor Willie said another plus with this agreement is he has offered to put LED lights on the tower. We will have to purchase the lights but the owner will install them and it will be great for Christmas holidays. He said it will be like the Superdome.

Alderman Garrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Alderwoman Mathies. The motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

*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 July 9th, 2018.

Attest: Andree Core, Municipal Clerk /s/