

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

Public Hearing

6:00 p.m.

April 11, 2022

Present:

Mayor Lance Willie

Alderman George Garrett

Alderman Shawn Dillon

Municipal Clerk Margra Steele

Mayor Willie called the Public Hearing to order and the Municipal Clerk established quorum. Mayor Willie led the pledge and invocation was led by Alderman George Burris.

Item 1 Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances Sec 20-21 to impose and Levied an Annual License Tax on Peddlers, Individuals and business Owners.

Mayor announced Item and stated that this Ordinance is to establish a set fee for business in the amount of \$300.00 and \$150.00 for individuals

Mayor asked if the board or public had any comments. There were know comments from the Board.

Item 2 Chapter 34 of the Code of Ordinances Sec 34-99 to Repeal and Replace the existing Sales Tax Ordinance in place

Mayor announced Item and stated that this Ordinance to adopted the current Sales Tax Ordinance that is in place for collect with St Tammany Parish.

Mayor asked if the board or public had any comments. There were know comments from the Board.

Mayor called for Motion to adjourn 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 called for motion to approve the Agenda. Alderman George Garrett made a motion to amend the agenda to add the Introduction to adding Juneteenth as a holiday as Item 1 and Collin Sims as Item 2. Seconded by Alderman Shawn Dillon and seconded. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

Approval of Financials (November, December of 2021 & January & February of 2022)

Financials were tabled

Police Report

Mayor announced Item and Chief Shilo Bruhl began expressing that the police department had a rough weekend with alarms going off, mainly a fire at the Jenkins Mobile Home Park with some discussion of the condition of the Park itself. Chief Bruhl also, mentioned the Children at Play signs needed on Wes Burris. Chief Bruhl concluded by mentioning the police department building is completely redone with an exception of the stand-up shower needed for the officers.

Engineer/Maintenance Report

Mayor announced Item and mentioned there are a couple of things on agenda and one thing is still considering putting the school on city sewer.

Mr. Pittman expressed that he is still looking into what all it will entail in doing this, such as upgrading the sewer pumps and maybe installing another Lift Station. Mr. Pittman mentioned another thing is to re-stripe the Crosswalk at the Magnolia Park and Highway 40 would be fine without permitting.

Alderman Dillon stated that what is wanted is not a crosswalk or caution light but, the school zone beacons, stating there was some confusion with the email. Alderman Dillon mentioned that he has been in touch with someone and understand that it will require a Permit, being that Highway 40 is a state highway.

Mayor Willie then expressed he would like to see that Highway 25 within Village limits have a speed limit of 35 miles an hour and stated that he and Chief Bruhl will be working on getting that changed.

Old Business

Item 1 Item 1 Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances Sec 20-21 to impose and Levied an Annual License Tax on Peddlers, Individuals and business Owners.

Mayor further explained that this ordinance will allow businesses to host events and pay an annual fee of \$300.00, this fee will cover all vendors who participate. The vendors who are not a part of a farmer's market or expo event will now pay \$150.00 for an annual license. Mayor asked if the Board had any questions, there were no questions.

Mayor called for motion to approve Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances Sec 20-21

Motion made by Alderman Shawn Dillon and seconded by Alderman George Garrett. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

Item 2 Chapter 34 of the Code of Ordinances Sec 34-99 to Repeal and Replace the existing Sales Tax Ordinance in Place

Mayor Willie announced Item and Read Ordinance, then asked for motion to approve.

Motion made to approve by Alderman George Garrett and seconded by Alderman Shawn Dillon. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays) Motion Carried.

New Business:

Item 1 Introduction of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances to Designate Juneteenth as a paid Legal Holiday for all employees.

Mayor Willie announced Item and Read Ordinance confirming this is just the Introduction for Ordinance to be discussed and voted on in next month's meeting.

Item 2 Collin Sims St Tammany Parish District Attorney's Office

Mayor announced Item and asked Mr. Collin Sims to speak.

Mr. Sims began expressing that from the 15th to the 19th there were implemented a whole series of policies and changes in the DA's office and hope we have restored confidence to everyone that had lost it (in the justice system) and have maintained confidence to them that had not.

Mr. Sims continued by explaining with these policies everyone is treated equal as with arrest and screening cases regardless of what division they are in, A or D. Individuals sitting in jail that cannot make bail/bond, waiting on a court date, costing everyone in St. Tammany Parish money, can be evaluated sooner now than later with these cases and older cases evaluated first. Stating that an economist was hired and a case study was done and has saved the jail about a million dollars a year, with the fact around 2015-2020 with a certain amount of budgetary authority, 1.7 million dollars went back to the Parish into the General Fund, while yet handling about 300 more defendants per year than before.

Sims confirming with the norm being around 1100 cases per year, cases handled per year went from 2600 to around 3000 per year at the end of 2019, with the average age of case pending trials under Mr. Montgomery's administration decreased by 72 days by end of 2017.

Sims went further explaining that before COVID St. Tammany was only six trials behind Jefferson Parish for trial stats, with Jefferson having 72 Assistant DAs, 16 divisions of court, with two trial weeks per

month. St. Tammany have 30 DAs for two Parishes, 10 divisions of court with one trial week per month. Jefferson Parish was funded thirteen million, St. Tammany asked for six million but was funded only three million. Thus, Jefferson Parish is only prosecuting and charging 15 percent more defendants than St. Tammany.

After mentioning of some trial results and their breakdown, Mr. Sims concluded.

Adjournment

Mayor called for motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion made to adjourn by Alderman Shawn Dillon seconded by Alderman George Garrett. (2 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 April 11, 2022.

Attest:  Margra Steele Municipal Clerk /s/