

# *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.**  
**May 9, 2022**

**Present:**

**Mayor Lance Willie**  
**Alderman George Garrett**  
**Alderwoman Jill Mathies**  
**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** Amending Chapter 2 Holidays to Designate Juneteenth as a paid Legal Holiday  
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Mayor called for Motion to adjourn Public Hearing.

Motion made by Alderman George Garrett and seconded by Alderwoman Jill Mathies. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays) Motion carried.

### **GENERAL MEETING**

**Approval of Agenda**

Mayor announced Item and called for motion to approve the Agenda. Alderwoman Jill Mathies made a motion to amend the agenda to add Paulette Lee as Item 5, it was seconded by Alderman George Garrett (2 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

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

Motion made to approve by Alderwoman Jill Mathies and seconded by Alderman George Garrett.

(2 Yeas 0 Nays) motion carried.

### **Approval of General Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Willie announced Item and called for motion to approve minutes from General Meeting April's meeting. Motion made to approve by Alderwoman Jill Mathies and seconded by Alderman George Garrett.

(2 Yeas 0 Nays) motion carried

### **Approval of Budget Meeting Minutes**

Mayor announced Item and stated that the minutes will be tabled.

### **Police Report**

Chief Shilo Bruhl began by stating she spoke recently with a state Department of Transportation regarding lowering the speed limit within the Village City Limits and explained that it is a problem with the rate of speed in the school zone on LA Highway 25, however Chief Bruhl explained that she was informed that DOTD rarely decreases speed limits once a traffic study has been completed.

Mayor Willie stated that he would contact legislators for our area in the coming week regarding this matter.

Chief Bruhl explained that the Folsom Police Department will now be using the LENSS system, which is an investigation program that agencies share information in real time.

Chief Bruhl further explained that Flock Safety cameras have been installed around the village that can capture license plates numbers.

### **Engineer/Maintenance Report**

Mayor stated that the Maintenance Department has been working on maintaining all the streets with grass up keeping and making sure all servitudes are maintained.

Alderwoman Jill Mathies stated that an area on Village Farms needed some attention.

Municipal Clerk Margra Steele stated that the Maintenance Department has created a list of roads within the Village to maintain, and that list is checked each week.

## **Old Business**

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Mayor announced Item and called for motion to approve. Alderwoman Jill Mathies made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Alderman George Garrett (2 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

## **New Business:**

### **Item 1 Rica Trigs (Smoke Free) Jamie Cyprian (LPHI) Raegan Carter (Americans for Nonsmokers Rights)**

Mayor announced Item and Introduced Rica Trigs Community Advocacy Advisor for American Heart Association

Ms. Trigs explained that Ms. Cyprian with LPHI - Louisiana Public Health Institute and Ms. Carter with AFNR - Americans For Non-smoking Rights, representing their individual organizations, however they are all part of the Tobacco Free Coalition looking to expand smoke free laws within the state of Louisiana and across nation. Ms. Trigs expressed that tobacco use is a major cause of cardiovascular disease and 480,000 Americans die each year with thirty-five percent of the deaths from cardiovascular disease.

### **Item 2 Introduction of FY22-23 Budget Ordinance**

Mayor announced Item and stated that this is an Introduction to our FY22-23 budget, and explained that the Village had no significant changes. He asked if anyone from the public or board had any comments. No comments was given.

### **Item 3 Drainage (Village Trace)**

Mayor announced Item and Village Engineer Jay Pittman stated that last year Spangler Engineering surveyed Village Trace and is was a two part project, a drainage plan then a study and design. Mr. Pittman stated that the study was placed on hold.

Alderman Garrett stated that placing the project on hold was unacceptable, due to this the problem still exist.

Mr. Pittman stated that he is aware of where the problem is and in that area a culvert is sitting six inches higher than the other ones on the street. Mr. Pitman explained that the ditch is holding six inches of water down the street until it reaches elevation in order for the water to flow.

Mr. Pittman further explained that the Village would have to reset all the culverts to a uniform size in order for the water to flow.

Alderwoman Mathies questioned will the Village be responsible for replacing the culvert?

Mr. Pittman stated that the Village would be responsible for replacing nine culverts, and we will have to replace/repair the areas to resident's property that we disturbed to replace them.

In addition Mr. Pittman requested to get a quote package to replace the driveways and culverts on the north side of Village Trace Drive. Alderman George Garrett and Alderwoman Jill Mathies agreed.

#### **Item 4 Village Building Maintenance**

Alderwoman Jill Mathies stated that she received notification that the Town Hall building has been leaking. Municipal Clerk Margra Steele said she contacted nine different companies and have had no success in locating one that will repair a flat roof.

Ms. Steele explained that the Town Hall's roof is made up of tar and pea gravel. She stated that one company has come out and told her that the tar is cracking on the side.

Alderwoman Jill Mathies stated that we should consider calling contractors as well.

Alderman Garrett suggested that we should speak with the business next door to the Village to get the name of the company working on their roof.

#### **Item 5 Paulette Lee**

Mayor announced Item and Paulette Lee stated that she would like the Board's consideration to remove several of the trees that are on her fence line, which are on the Villages property. Ms. Lee explained that last year during Hurricane Ida one of the trees fell on her house and she had to pay a \$3800 deductible.

Ms. Lee further explained that she has done all she can to mitigate any further damages and she is requesting for the trees to be removed before the upcoming hurricane season.

Mayor Willie stated that Steve Reed did go out to look at some of trees and he stated that we would have a report for us this week.

Alderwoman Jill Mathies ask The Municipal Clerk Margra Steele to have Mr. Reed contact Ms. Lee when he is able to come relook at the additional trees.

Mayor Willie announced that the pavilion being built behind Town Hall should be complete this month. Mayor Willie suggested that he began to plan the ribbon cutting. Alderman Garrett stated that we add this discussion to the agenda for June's meeting.

### **Adjournment**

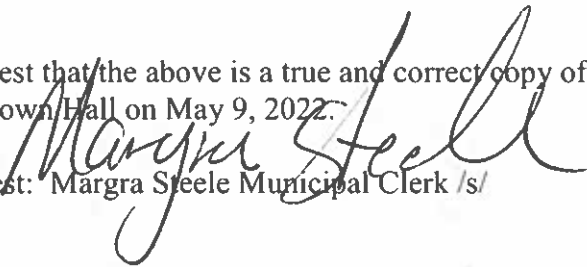
Mayor called for motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion made to adjourn by Alderwoman Jill Mathies and 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 May 9, 2022.

Attest: Margra Steele Municipal Clerk /s/

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margra Steele", is written over the printed name and title of the Municipal Clerk.