



○ Mayor - Phillip Bickham
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Village of Folsom
General Meeting
October 13, 2014
7:30 PM

Ronnie "Beau" Killingsworth
 Chief of Police
 Susan Willie, Municipal Clerk

Present: Mayor Phillip Bickham
Alderwoman: Jill Mathies
Alderman: Donald Burris
Alderman: Lance Willie
Attorney: Delbert Talley

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established. The invocation and pledge were led by Alderman Donald Burris. The Agenda and financial statements were approved on motion of Alderman Burris, seconded by Alderman Willie. The motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Old Business:

Item I = Maintenance Supervisor Position:

Mayor stated that at our last meeting we are looking into hiring a Maintenance Supervisor. I feel that it is fair to let the next administration come in and appoint the next Maintenance Supervisor. Mr. Burris has agreed to stay on providing that we will propose an ordinance that will be fair to him and the village. We will propose an ordinance at our next meeting to keep Mr. Burris on part-time until another supervisor can be appointed. Alderwoman Mathies agreed. Alderman Willie stated that he spoke to Wesley and everything is good to go, it's going to save the town some money in the long run. Alderman Willie informed to the public now Wesley is going to come in and is going to work 20 hrs a week no less/no more basically that will be stipulated at the next meeting on the ordinance.

New Business:

Item I = Resolution – Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire:

Mr. Talley stated this is the questionnaire that our auditors require that we respond to, I have filled it in and given you all a copy to review and if it meets with your approval we can approve it today. Mayor asked the board if they had an opportunity to review the questionnaire. They all stated yes. Motion made by

Alderwoman Mathies to approve the questionnaire, second by Alderman Burris. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The Motion carried.

Item II =

Intro Ordinance No. August 2014-1 – Independent Contractor Insurance

Mayor stated we have an ordinance that states all contactors that does contract work for the village have to be licensed and insured. The following ordinance was read by Mayor Bickham.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR INSURANCE NO. AUGUST 2014-1

ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF FOLSOM TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, WHETHER INDIVIDUAL OR COMPANY, CONTRACTING WITH THE VILLAGE OF FOLSOM AND/OR WORKING FOR THE VILLAGE OF FOLSOM AND/OR PROVIDING SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF FOLSOM MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF BOTH LIABILITY AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND CERTIFY THAT ANY LICENSES AND/OR CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND/OR ITS BOARDS OR AGENCIES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED.

Mayor stated to the board that we are just introducing this tonight and will have a public hearing at our next meeting.

Item III = Resolution Constitutional Amendment 3 and 10:

Mayor stated this is an amendment that the Louisiana Municipal Association needs us to approve to put on our ballot for the upcoming election. Clerk Willie read both amendments:

Constitutional Amendment 3 preserves local government's right to manage the collection process of delinquent property taxes. The amendment allows, but does not require, local governments to hire a competent private firm to serve as their authorized agent for the sole purpose of collecting delinquent property taxes by conducting annual tax sales.

Constitutional Amendment 10 reduces the current tax redemption period from 36 months to 18 months. During this period, the taxpayer maintains ownership and the ability to redeem their tax bill. This amendment applies to vacant property sold at tax sale, which has been designated blighted or abandoned.

Clerk Willie verified with Mr. Talley that this will be advertised in the Frammer and the Times Picayune. Mr. Talley stated I would advise to advertisement them in both. Motion made by Alderman Burris to act on the resolution to advertise in the paper, second by Alderman Burris. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The Motion carried.

Item IV = Resolution - Debbie Wactor:

Alderman Willie stated I have talked to a lot of people in the public that have showed a lot of great concern supporting people that have been a part of our community. We all know that Mrs. Debbie Wactor passed away, she was in Toy's for Tots, Farmers Market, car shows... I feel we need to show some respect and gratitude to her family and there are many more on this list we need to look at. I would like to make August 30th Debbie Wactor Day. I know we have a day named for my grandfather Ray Willie on April 5th, and this being a small community we need to remember people like this are not forgotten. Motion made by Alderman Burris to agree with this resolution, second by Alderwoman Mathies. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The Motion carried.

Item V = Police Department Finances:

Mayor stated we are only four months into our budget and there are some things that come up that maybe weren't budgeted or things that just happen. Alderman Willie stated I'm not sure of the short fall in the department I recall a couple of years ago we took the 14% from the police department and allocated to the sewer and water funds. Once the CPA does look at it I want to possibly see giving back some of that percent back to the police department. I know there not asking for much but enough to survive and we need to support our police department. I think we need to get with the CPA one-on-one and see where we stand financially as a whole. Mayor stated that I did meet previously with the CPA about four months ago and submitted to the board about moving money from the sewer department, we didn't act upon it. I think I need to meet with her again and come up with something else whether we go to the sales tax. If were not willing to move anything from the sewer department then look at the sales tax fund. Alderman Willie stated I think the sewer department is getting hit hard. Alderwoman Mathies stated I think we need to look at the finances very hard for the police department and of course the sewer fund and decide how were going to be able to manage it where were not switching it every year. I think all of us not just one-on-one but as a board need to go in with the CPA and look at this hard. Mr. Talley could you tell us if we can all sit together with the CPA at one time to discuss the finances? Mr. Talley said with the state law it will be very difficult to meet as a board unless you come in under one of the exceptions and there are 6 or 7 exceptions. I don't think it would be feasible to do it at a public meeting, each alderman would have to meet with her separately. Alderwoman Mathies said I understand but sometimes that can be hard to achieve at times with all of us and then in the same sense when all four of us are together to discuss what possibilities

are issues at one time. Mr. Talley stated I don't think we could but I will check into it. Mayor then stated we have created the budget for 2014-2015 and a budget can always be amended.

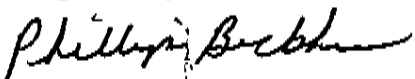
Item VI = LGAP Grant Funds -- Water Meters:

Mayor stated we have radio read meters and we have had a few problems with some that have been installed. Our maintenance crew had discovered we have some outdated water meters. I spoke to Louisiana utilities this week Mr. Marshall Harris is going to come out and rectify the situation. We are still trying to work out kinks. I also have entertained the idea about getting a subcontractor to come put them in. No bodies wanting to put this few amount in of meters. I think were getting more for the bang by our employees doing a great job putting them in ourselves. Also as were getting new customers they are putting in the new radio read meters and I think were in good shape with the water meters. Alderwoman Mathies stated well this is all news to me that we have halted our maintenance guys to put them in. We have talked to subcontractors that have given us a price to put in the ones that we have, a year or so ago. We talked about utilizing grant money and got a quote. I presented you all with that information to put in and instead you chose to buy more. Mayor said "True." I think the grant money stipulates either to buy more or put them in. Alderwoman Mathies stated I don't want to be misconstrued that our maintenance people are not capable of doing that I believe that they have other priorities and we have funds that needed to be utilized before we requested a new grant and I thought we had all agreed that that's how we would utilize the money. I think the more we get in the more cost efficient it will be. I would like us to seek a third party contractor to put these meters down. Alderman Burris said that's easy we just bid them out. Alderman Willie stated I see what Jill is trying to say and I think we need to find a contractor, I know it might be hard to find one but it's not impossible, we need to get it done.

Mayor Bickham asked if there were any announcements, and also mentioned that next General meeting time change will take place. Mayor then presented our Maintenance Supervisor Wesley Burris with a retirement plaque, certificate and gifts for his 31 years of service. Former mayors that Wesley served under were also present for the awarding of gifts.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Alderman Burris, seconded by Alderwoman Mathies. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Phillip Bickham, Mayor

I attest that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes taken at the General Meeting held October 13, 2014.

Attest:

Susan Willie, Municipal Clerk