

Village of Folsom

Mayor – Lance Willie

Alderman – Shawn Dillon
Alderwoman – Jill Mathies
Alderman – George Garrett



Margra Steele - Municipal Clerk
Ronnie Killingsworth – Police Chief
Roy Burns – Village Attorney

GENERAL MEETING

September 9, 2019 @ 7:00PM

Present:

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

Absent:

Alderwoman Jill Mathies

Meeting was called to order and Quorum established. Alderman Garrett led the invocation and pledge.

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Approval of Agenda

Mayor Willie opened floor by asking for motion to approve.
Motion to approve made by Alderman Garrett and seconded by Alderman Dillon. Motion carried. (2
Yeas, 0 Nays)

Approval of Financial Statements (July 2019)

Mayor Willie asked for motion to approve.
Motion to approve made by Alderman Garrett and seconded by Alderman Dillon. Motion carried. (2
Yeas, 0 Nays)

Approval of Financial Statements (August 2019)

August Financial Statements were tabled.

Approval of the Minutes (GM 08.12.19)

Mayor Willie asked for motion to approve.
Motion to approve made by Alderman Garrett and seconded by Alderman Dillon. Motion carried. (2
Yeas, 0 Nays)

Engineer Report

Mayor Willie announced Item and Village engineer Jay Pittman began stating that Contract A which is the Wastewater Treatment Plant, is now complete. Contract B should be back into Town to do some preventative lining and it is the last portion of this Contract. Contract C has already been completed.

Old Business:

There was no old business to present.

New Business:

Item 1 – Community Events Committee

Mayor Willie announced Item and began stating that we have established a Special Events Committee, which will help plan and organize events for the Village. Mayor asked the Board if any one they have nominated are present. Mayor Willie explained that they are trying to establish a five person committee, which will help out different events, such as the Mardi Gras Parade.

Alderman Garrett introduced Jenny Goings from Magnolia Park, and asked her to inform the Board of the upcoming events.

Ms. Goings began mentioning that the Park will be celebrating its 20 year anniversary next year on February 14th. Ms. Goings stated that they would like to do some anniversary things throughout the year and one of the things they want to do is a Mardi Gras Ball.

Alderman Garrett introduced Joyce Jackson, Bernadatte Garrett and Kera Melancon to serve as members of the Special Events Committee.

Alderman Garrett then stated that the Municipal Clerk Margra Steele has some input on this also.

Ms. Steele began explaining that it will be a committee based upon people that want to be involved in organizing events for the Village, continuing by stating that once the committee is established and we have concrete people that will be a part of this group, a date and time will be set for a meeting. Committee members will bring their ideas to the meeting with a representative from the Board, herself and maybe sometimes the Mayor present, so they advise what events can take place. Concluding by mentioning that it must be ideas that will reflect on how the Village can grow and at this first meeting the committee will nominate a president, vice president, and secretary.

Item 2 –Reappointment of Commissioners of Fire District #5

Mayor Willie announced and read letter presented to him from Mr. Ken Wilt, Chairman of the Board of Fire District #5, stating that the two commissioners whom were appointed several years ago are being requested by Mr. Wilt to be reappointed are Shawn Brumfield Williams and Mike Sanders. Mayor explained that he has no objection whatsoever and would like to see them reappointed knowing that they have are doing a great job there.

Mr. Wilt expressed that they are two great guys and are easy to work with.

Mayor Willie then asked for motion to reappoint Ms. Williams and Mr. Sanders as commissioners of Fire District #5 for two years.

Motion to reappoint made by Alderman Garrett and seconded by Alderman Dillon. Motion carried (2 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Mayor Willie asked the two commissioners if they would stand and say who they are.

Ms. Williams stated that she was born and raised here, moved away for a while, returned and is now working as a counsellor at the Folsom Elementary School.

Mr. Sanders expressed that he is retired and has made his home here in Folsom and really enjoy it, feel it was the greatest move and stated that that this is Folsom is the most fantastic secret in Louisiana.

Item 3 – Utility Adjustments

Mayor announced Item and began:

Benjamin Buie – Meter was programmed wrong.
Credited 55.71/July and 77.15/Aug. =Total 132.86

Jeanine Punch – Meter was registering high usage, after being data logged, registered lower used.
Credited 116.60

Merlin Marechal – Meter misread
Credited 192.27

Stewart Jeffery – Garbage can was not delivered
Credited 15.25

A U Peterson Lodge – Water pipe running.
Credited 685.07/ Sewer and 114.53 Lt. Penalty = 799.60

STPH Family Medical Center – Water leak did not go into sewer.
Credited 883.36/July and 71.99/Aug. and 136.24 Lt. Penalty = 1091.59

Mayor asked for motion to approve.

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

Announcements/Adjournment:

Mayor asked if there were anything from the Board, then the audience.

Municipal Clerk Steele announced that in 2018 the Village signed a contract with Avenu, an outside company to process Occupational Licenses due to not having enough staff in house. Ms. Steele explained that we are now capable to bring the processing back in house, and have staff that is trained to process these Licenses and process them correctly. Also, this company charges a 12.00 Fee per license. Ms. Steele concluded by stating that it is in her opinion to not renew the contract and all the revenue would go to the Village. Mayor Willie sated that we will most likely end the contract with Avenue.

Next, Mayor Willie asked Mr. Darrell Fairburn whom is a candidate for State Representative to speak.

Mr. Fairburn began giving a brief history of his credentials and 44 year background experience, including serving in the air force branch of military. Expressing his concern for healthcare, streets, utilities and education, being where most of his experience was obtained. Mr. Fairburn concluded by expressing his belief of Pro-Life mentioning that on January 20th his daughter gave birth to a 17 oz. baby boy at only 25 weeks and his grandson came home just two weeks ago.

Mayor Willie read a letter from the residents of Village Farms Lane regarding the traffic and speeding on Louisiana Hwy 25 in the city limits of Folsom. The residents has requested that the speed limits, be reduced. Mayor Willie explained that the speed limits are established by the State of Louisiana.

Mayor Willie asked the Police Officer Jeremy Hutchison to patrol the area more. Alderman

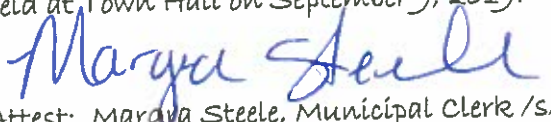
George Garrett asked for the Police Department to make themselves present to the public in that area.

Mayor called for motion to adjourn meeting

Motion made to adjourn by Alderman George Garrett and seconded by Alderman Shawn Dillon (2 Yeas, 0 Nays) 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 September 9, 2019.


Attest: Margya Steele, Municipal Clerk /s/