

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

FEBRUARY 10, 2020 @ 7:00PM

Present:

Mayor Lance Willie

Alderwoman Jill Mathies

Alderman George Garrett

Alderman Shawn Dillon

Attorney Roy Burns

Municipal Clerk Margra Steele

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

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Approval of Agenda

Mayor announced motion to approve agenda. Motion was made by Alderwoman Jill Mathies and seconded by Alderman George Garrett. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

Approval of Financial Statements (Dec. 2019)

Alderwoman Jill Mathies made motion to approve December 2019 Financial Statements. Motion was seconded by Alderman Shawn Dillon (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried

Approval of Financial Statements (Jan 2020) Tabled

Approval of the Minutes (GM 1.14.19)

Mayor announced motion to approve minutes from January 14, 2020 general meeting. Motion was made by Alderwoman Jill Mathies and seconded by Alderman George Garrett. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

Engineer Report

Mayor Willie announced Item and Village engineer Jay Pittman began by expressing final close out for Contract B has taken place, but may come back for more smoke testing.

Mayor Willie asked if an issue was resolved concerning one project were pipes were lined and it put a lot of rain water in sewer system.

Mr. Pittman answered by stating there was a rain gage there that was probably knocked down, but will have to reestablish a rain gage there.

Mayor then referred to police chief Beau Killingsworth concerning the way DOTD place cones when doing evening work, stating that they seem to place them wherever they want with big vehicles able to knock them down.

Chief Killingsworth responded by saying that they never really contact the Police other than for traffic control and explained that when you start using anything other than traffic control, it is all tacked on for payment in the end, but stated that he would contact them on that.

Maintenance supervisor Wayne Cyprian mentioned that the owners that purchased Seals apartments would like to tie-in to the Village sewer system.

Mr. Pittman expressed to the Mayor to not let them tie-in to the Village sewer system unless they install their own grinder pump.

Mayor expressed to Mr. Cyprian to let them know that they can tie-in to our sewer system if they furnish their own grinder pump and the Village would help them tie-in to our water system if they would like to.

Some further discussion followed on replacing culverts and placing signs on Greenwood Road.

Maintenance Report

see above

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Item 1 –Proposed Resolution supporting the 2020 Census

Mayor announced Item and introduced Ms. Quiana Wiggins.

Ms. Wiggins began stating, she is a Partnership Specialist with the U. S. Census Bureau and the 2020 Census is upon us, explaining this census happens every 10 years and it has been done since 1790 and it is her role to make sure everyone takes the census, so she is asking the Board to pass the Resolution in saying that they support it. Ms. Wiggins mentioned that St. Tammany Parish passed the Resolution in July and have been working with every city within the parish to pass resolutions and Village of Folsom is the last one, so Folsom will be her number one city/village to promote the U.S. Census. Ms. Wiggins stated that the census card will come in the mail and it looks like a voter registration card and continuing by stating the self- response starts March 12th to April 27th and expressing that if you do not have Internet access, she has partnered with St. Tammany Parish Library, so every library in the Parish are prepared to help you Log-on, although you can use your cell phone, tablet or anything that has data. Also, Ms. Wiggins explained that if someone is not comfortable with going to the library, they can call the census 800 number and have it done over the phone or have a form mailed to them. Ms. Wiggins concluded by stating if you receive the American Community Survey and the Centennial Census, please take them both, and informing everyone of why a Census is necessary, which is for money and power and it determines how much money a state receives and how many members in the house of representatives. Also, Ms.

Wiggins mentioned that the census is hiring at \$15.50 an hour and anyone receiving WIC or SNAP can work with the census and it will not hurt their benefits.

Afterwards, Mayor Willie read the Resolution and confirmed that he and the Board would be signing the Resolution for adoption.

Item 2 –RG3 Meter Company

Mayor announced Item and began explaining some issues the Village is having with their water meters and how he feel the Village has been let down with this company and not really having enough money to replace meters. Mayor then allowed Mr. Ben Jarrett sales manager for RG3 to speak.

Mr. Jarrett began by stating that he is aware of what is going on and the first thing he is going to do is an Audit of all No –Reads, then check all equipment, system, data, and transceiver. Mr. Jarrett then explained that he would be checking to see if there are warrantee return history issues, radio not working, data issues, or if it is something in the environment. Mr. Jarrett confirmed that he will be doing perform full evaluation and then do a presentation of the Audit.

Alderwoman Mathies asked about a timeline for this job and Mr. Jarrett stated that he would be here for about three days or longer if necessary and will do all he can to earn the confidence back from the Village

Item 3 – Streets

Mayor announced Item and explained that what he wants is to get a Top 10 List from the Board members of all streets that need to be paved with an overlay. Mayor expressed that he has been waiting for this meeting after most of Hwy 25 is complete and felt a list for a general since from our elected officials of what is needed for an overlay.

Alderwoman Mathies spoke expressing that she feel she can collectively say that no street needs it more than Village Trace.

Mayor stated that was fine and so Village Trace would be number one. Mayor then mentioned that he has met with Mike Cooper, parish president and he and Mr. Cooper will be getting with the Parish to help us out. Mayor also, asked Chief Killingsworth if the police department would make a list also.

Mrs. Harrell from P & R Enterprises, the trailer rental business in Folsom, asked if anything was to be done about the entrance of Village Farms, explaining that she is landscaping all the way up and down between the two columns.

Mayor and the Board expressed to her to go ahead and do whatever she wants, it would make the Village look better.

Item 4 – Building Inspector/Occupational Licenses

Mayor announced Item and Alderwoman Mathies began stating that once again she wants to bring to the Board's attention the need for a Code Enforcer. Alderwoman Mathies suggested having an Enforcer come in starting at two days a week, then a maximum of three days and work eight hours each day with a flat rate of pay, just to do a sweep around town for anything a resident may be building/remodeling and have not come in for a building permit.

Mayor stated, he does not feel we need an enforcer for that length of time a week for we do not have that much business in Folsom. Mayor suggested having a Code Enforcer coming in one time sweep for maybe a two month period and then have someone follow up, giving them a certain time to complete whatever was required.

Mr. Pittman spoke and asked if there is anything in the Ordinance that allows you to do a "Cease and Desist", expressing that the Village must get these things in place. Mentioning that there have to be some checks and balances as Folsom is becoming a popular place. Mr. Pittman also, stated the Village needs to look into drainage and fill plans.

Mr. Roy Burns, Village attorney then spoke, first mentioning that he has been appointed by the parish president to be Judge of St. Tammany Parish Code Enforcement then suggested that the Village first speak with the Parish and the person to speak with first is Ricky Moore.

After some further discussion concerning a building inspector and code enforcer, Mayor stated that he will get with the Parish on this issue.

Item 5- Utility Adjustments

Mayor announced Item and began with the following:

James Maricelli – The reading was mistakenly written down as 108108 but, should have been just 108. Customer needs to be refunded by check for \$318.21.

Motion to issue a refund check made by Alderwoman Mathies and seconded by Alderman Dillon.
Motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

J & F Discount Mart, LLC – This account was Tabled from last meeting. The owner stated that water did go down the drain from the ice machine. He would like to see if could get some type of credit for the sewer portion of the bill.

Per Mayor and Board, the account cannot be adjusted, but, customer can pay 25% of this bill/\$80.00 each month as a payment plan, with no late fees.

Gary Gatlin – The customer's service is turned off temporarily, so should not have been charged for garbage because no one is living there. Customer needs to be credited \$62.20 for garbage and late penalties.

Motion to credit made by Alderwoman Mathies and seconded by Alderman Dillon. Motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

David Mizell – Meter malfunctioned per maintenance. The customer needs to be credited \$184.10.

Board Tabled till next month with no late fees, requested more detail.

Barbara Garcia – Meter malfunctioned per maintenance. The customer need to be credited \$96.64.

Board Tabled till next month with no late fees requested more detail.

Announcements/Adjournment:

Mayor announced Item and expressed that he does want the Mardi Gras parade rushed at certain areas due to last portion of parade being left to far behind and said he has gotten with the police chief about it. Mayor also, stated that there will be eight port-a-pots around town.

Municipal Clerk, Steele announced that a new secretary, Amanda Garner has been hired for the Police Department.

After some discussion about dumpster fencing, placing, and it being a case by case issue per business, meeting was adjourned.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Alderman Dillon and seconded by Alderman Garrett.
Motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

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 February 10, 2020.

Attest: Margra Steele, Municipal Clerk /s/