

Village of Folsom

Mayor - Bettye M. Boggs

Alderwoman - Paulette Lee
Alderwoman - Jill Mathies
Alderman - Lance Willie



Andree Core - Municipal Clerk
Ronnie "Beau" Killingsworth -
Chief of Police
Delbert G. Talley - Village Attorney

General Meeting
May 11, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Bettye M. Boggs
Alderman Lance Willie
Alderman Paulette Lee
Attorney Delbert Talley
Municipal Clerk, Andree Core

Mayor Boggs asked the municipal clerk to establish a quorum. The invocation and pledge were led by Mayor Boggs. Mayor Boggs then asked for a motion for the approval of the agenda. Alderman Willie made a motion to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Alderwoman Mathis. Motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) Mayor Boggs asked for approval of the Financial Statements. Alderman Willie made a motion to approve the financial statements and it was seconded by Alderwoman Mathis. Motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Old Business:

Item I= Chief of Police Pay Raise:

Mayor Boggs stated that this ordinance was introduced last month but did not get publicized, so therefore we will have to postpone the voting of this Ordinance until June. It will be advertised this month and presented at the Public Hearing in June. Alderwoman Mathis then questioned the wording on the ordinance indicating that she was present and it was clarified by Mr. Talley that another one was prepared with the correct information on it. Alderwoman Lee questioned the date of June 6th and that was corrected at well. Alderman Willie asked if this was going to back track and Mayor Boggs stated that it cannot; it would be effective in June once it is approved.

Item II=Impact Fee Ordinance:

Mayor Boggs stated that this ordinance fell into the same situation in which we introduced it last month and will have to advertise it this month and it will go before a Publish Hearing for the month of June. Alderman Willie asked if it would affect the Medical Facility coming up and Mayor Boggs stated that it would not because they have already been issued their building permit.

New Business:

Item I= Utility Credit Adjustments:

Mayor Boggs announced that we have three utility adjustments and the first one is Yvonne Warner, in which Ms Warner had a leak a very high bill incurred and I made an agreement with her where she is paying a certain amount per month until the bill is paid off. Inadvertently, she was charged a cut-off fee because the bill was not paid in full, so I am asking for an adjustment of that cut-off fee until that bill is paid in full. Mayor Boggs continued stating that Ms Warner is paying \$100.00 per month due to a very sizable bill from a leak on her part. Alderman Willie stated that he didn't have a problem with it as long as she is paying her bill.

Mayor Boggs stated that the next one is Ethel Hollins who came in and paid a deposit and however the meter is not hooked up yet, so what we are doing is deleting the usage charges for the month of April.

Mayor Boggs stated that Michelle Davis, who is a new customer who was charged a sewer deposit and has a septic tank. We are doing is refund of the \$100 deposit . Alderman Willie asked what street is she on and Mayor Boggs stated that it is Sabine Street. Further discussion followed with Alderman Willie and Alderwoman Mathies discussing new connection versus new construction and it was pointed out that this is new connection and a sewer deposit is not required.

Referring to the impact fee ordinance, Alderwoman Paulette Lee stated that Mr. Talley had mentioned several meetings ago about making an exception if someone's home burns and asked if it was too late to add this onto next month's ordinance. Mr. Talley stated that it is not too late, you could make an exception in a case such as someone's home or a hurricane destroys their home, whereas the charges would be reduced or maybe not pay any charges at all. Mr. Talley continued stating that the Ordinance was already introduced last month so you could add it as an amendment. After no further discussions Mayor Boggs asked for a motion on the utility adjustments and a motion was made by Alderman Willie and seconded by Alderwoman Mathies. Motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Item II=Recycling Program

Mayor Boggs stated that Alderwoman Lee and she met with Team Waste and Alderwoman Lee is would present a recycling program. Alderwoman Lee began stating that she met with Stephen Lytton, who is willing to come and talk to us at a future meeting. She met with him about what programs they offered like the big recycling bin that the school use to have. The two things he mentioned is that if we can get at least fifty percent of our households to participate, they have a program for about three dollars a month you get an eighteen gallon container and they would pick up anything except glass, even computers and any electronics. Alderwoman Lee continued stating that once again she did not know how our residents would feel about having this additional charge on their bill considering they already got an increase in water rates. Another possibility is a program that is called an E-cycle Event and it's anything that plugs in but not appliances. It can be a lap-top, cell phones, monitor, anything electronic and they would come on a Saturday to pick up. Alderwoman Lee continued stating that she showed Mr. Lytton the square in the back behind the building and he stated that that would be a good location and they would bring this big container and residents could come throughout the day to place items in it from around 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and there would be no charge to us. Mr. Beard asked how we would determine the fifty percent of our customers for the charged fee. Mayor Boggs stated that we could put a message on our utility bills. Alderwoman Lee then stated another idea she has and not sure if it is legal, but is to talk with our grant writer who will be coming sometime in the near future and see if he could find us money to take care of whatever cost it would be for a year, for instance a grant. Alderman Willie stated that he knows Team Waste does not do the big boxes for recycling but Progressive does, even though we do not have a contract with them and what would it be for us (The Village) to pay forty or fifty dollars a month rather than charging everyone three dollars a month. He continued stating that he would look into it this week with Progressive and let Alderwoman Lee know. Alderman Willie finished by asking Atty. Talley if this was something that we would have to come into contract. Mr. Talley stated that if we were paying them then you would have to approve anything that we pay them, but in essence he did not know if it would be enough to have to do it in writing, but you all would have to approve any agreement with them. Alderwoman Lee asked the board if they would like for Mr. Lytton to come next month and discuss this matter and they agreed.

Item III=Utility Cut Off and Reconnect Fees

Mayor Boggs began by stating this is an announcement and an update on our cut-off notices and our re-connect fees, stating that in the first month the Village put in our fee based cut-off notices the Village collected \$270. This is the cut-off notices that the maintenance department hangs on the residents and part of our looking at this and putting the fees in place is because of the manpower involved in these cut-off notices. Mayor Boggs continued stating that our utility clerk wrote out 27 of

these and our maintenance department delivered them and out of all 27, five (5) were actually disconnected so there was a reconnect Fee of \$250.00, so basically the first month of this, the Village recovered \$520.00 in cut-off and re-connect fees.

Announcements:

Mayor Boggs introduced our new engineer, Jay Pittman who is with Spangler Engineering. Jay Pittman began introducing himself for those who did not know him, stating that he came on board with Spangler Engineering about three weeks ago. Recently Kiley Bates left and went to another public administration job in Tangipahoa Parish. Mr. Pittman stated that he came from St. Tammany Parish government and was the assistant director of the engineering department there and oversaw the roads & drainage for St. Tammany Parish and when Kiley left I had an opportunity to go back to Spangler which is where he interned with when I was in college. He stated he is happy to be back with them and happy to be with the Village. Mayor Boggs stated we are happy to have him and welcomed him aboard.

Mayor Boggs announced the Village Garage Sale and Alderwoman Lee addressed this item by stating that we have been tossing around the idea of having a town-wide garage sale. The logistics in this would have to be addressed. Mayor Boggs mentioned we discussed using the utility notices to see if there was interest in a village garage sale and when they come in to pay their bill. It was suggested that we use the newspaper and flyer to publicize this event. Alderwoman Lee suggested that we choose a date and then have people use their own homes rather than having a central location.

Alderwoman Mathies began stating that she use to be an Abita resident and just watching how their garage sale went from an idea to where people prepare and look forward to it year after year. It is definitely an idea if we can get enough people involved, surely within the Village and outer skirts, too. Mayor Boggs asked how many years has Abita been doing their garage sale and Alderwoman Mathies stated maybe 18 years at least. She also stated that Abita Springs now rents spots to people who want to participate and not in close range of the town. After some further discussion Mayor Boggs stated that we will work toward that.

Mayor Boggs stated we have been working with our CPA on the budget and we would like to call a Special Meeting in May so that we can introduce the budget in June, hold Public hearing in July. Alderwoman Mathies stating that we would have to have a Special Meeting in May so that it can be voted on in June and take affect July 1st. Mayor Boggs said that in the past a certain percentage was added to the previous budget, but that we are looking at specifics of the budget to give us a much more workable budget versus just adding a 5% across the board increase.

Alderman Willie asked if we could look at a specific date tonight. Mr. Talley stated we do not have to advertise the budget. There was discussion as to whether we have to have a public hearing to approve the budget. Mr. Talley stated that there is no ordinance so we do not have to advertise nor have a public hearing.

Alderman Willie mentioned getting a few phone calls concerning potholes within the Village and if we could get the maintenance guys to look into this. One location is near the Fire Station around Railroad & Broadway and coming out of Broadway & Hwy 25. Mayor Boggs also mentioned the fact that we have contacted the parish to help with some of our potholes. They are in the process of filling some including one on Village Farms Lane. Alderwoman Lee stated that she felt the maintenance department should be monitoring and filling the pot holes.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Alderwoman Mathies mentioned the tragic loss of some of our children over the weekend and asked if we could keep these families in mind, especially our children and keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

After no further discussion, Mayor Boggs ask for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Alderman Willie and seconded by Alderwoman Mathies. Motion carried. (3 Yeas 0 Nays)