

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

Public Hearing

6:00 p.m.

July 13, 2020

Present:

Mayor Lance Willie
Alderwoman Jill Mathies
Alderman George Garrett
Alderman Shawn Dillon
Attorney Roy Burns
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 Garrett.

Item 1 Adoption of FY 200-2021 Budget

Mayor Willie read Item and asked if anyone from the board had questions regarding the budget.

Alderwoman Jill Mathies, stated that she did not see in the printed version of the discussed changes. She further explained that the Municipal Clerk did email the CPA to makes those changes.

Alderwoman Mathies stated that the line item in the Water Fund for a vehicle would be reduced from \$50, 000 to \$40, 000, with the difference of \$10,000 moved to repairs for the water system.

Alderwoman stated that she has some additional questions regarding the Village's financial statements from our Village Attorney.

Mayor Willie stated that Roy Burns was running late and should arrive shortly to answer those questions. Mayor Willie asked if there were any questions from the public, no questions were asked. Mayor called for motion to adjourn the Public Meeting.

Motion made to adjourn by Alderman George Garrett, seconded by Alderman Shawn Dillon. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion approved.

GENERAL MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Mayor announced item and called for motion to amend and approve the agenda to add Cultural Arts District Discussion as Item 4. Motion made by Alderwomen Jill Mathies and seconded by Alderman Shawn Dillon. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried

Approval of Financial Statements (*February, March, April, May*)

Mayor Announced Item and made motion to approve Financial Statements for March.

Motion to approve was made by Alderman George Garrett and seconded by Alderman Shawn Dillon (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried

Approval of Financial Statements (June 2020) Tabled

Approval of Minutes (6.8.20)

Mayor announced Item and asked for motion to approve minutes from June 8, 2020 general meeting. Motion was made by Alderwoman Jill Mathies and seconded by Alderman George Garrett (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

Old Business:

Item –Ordinance: Adoption of FY 2020-2021 Budget

Mayor announced Item and asked for motion to approve FY 2020-2021 Budget with the changes made to the Water Fund.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Jill Mathies and seconded by Alderman Shawn Dillon.

New Business:

Item 1– Minor Resubdivision of 7.588 acers (LA Hwy 25/Greenwood Road)

Mayor announced item and stated that it was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Mayor stated that the property will be subdivided into two parts and Napa Auto Parts will be on the front lot. Mayor further explained the property owner will also donate land to the Village. The portion that will be donated is already being occupied as the Village road. Mayor introduced Chris Landium with Boom's Auto and Truck Parts and Napa is an association with them.

Mr. Landium stated that the entrance to the business will be on Highway 25. He further explained that they will have a True Value Hardware and Napa Auto parts on the property and roughly 12,000 square feet.

Alderwoman Mathies stated that as a resident that reside on Village Farms Lane other residents has some concerns regarding the entrance and exit due to other trucks blocking the roadway.

Mr. Landium stated that deliveries would take place in the early morning hours and it would not hinder either street. The deliveries would come one day of week, usually on Wednesdays. Mayor Willie stated that is was an introduction and if anyone had any questions please let him know. Mayor Willie further explained that the public hearing would take place during next month's General Meetings and a decision would be made at that time to accept the resubdivison of the 7.588 acers.

Item 2- Introduction of Ordinance Chapter 1 No 1-2020 Salary Increase for Chief of Police and Municipal Clerk.

Mayor announced Item and stated that this is just the introduction for a salary increase for the Chief of Police and Municipal Clerk.

Municipal Clerk \$38,750.00

Chief of Police \$52,767.32

Item 3—Utility Adjustment

Mayor announced Item and read off customer for adjustment.

Michelle Davis adjustment for \$74.00

Mayor asked for motion to approve.

Motion made to approve by Alderman Garrett and seconded by Alderwomen Mathies vote (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) Motion carried

Item 4—Cultural Arts Districts

Mayor Willie announced Item and mentioned that he and Mr. Frank Richerand met about a month ago regarding developing a Cultural Arts District. Mayor asked Mr. Richerand to address the board, however Mr. Richerand stated that Claire Pendergast was here and has a deeper understanding of what they trying to do and speak on behave of him.

Ms. Pendergast began by stating that she works for Giddy-Up and explaining that a Cultural District attracts people, businesses and cultural district acidity to the district. Ms. Pendergrass continued by stating

Mayor called for motion to adjourn meeting. Motion made to adjourn by Alderman Shawn
Dillon seconded by Alderman George Garrett. (3 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 June 08, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margra Steele". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Attest: Margra Steele Municipal Clerk /s/

that they would draw a border for what would be included in the Cultural District and there are certain tax incentives, which is one of the big perks, but expressed that is not what we are doing it for, but it is to stimulate the economy and offer job opportunities here and to maintain Folsom's value. It would be an open space for gatherings, citizen involvement, preserving and promoting environmental resources, and a strong sense of small town value. It will also, offer a wide variety of arts & cultural events, offering dining, shopping, recreation and other attractions. Ms. Pendergast mentioned that it will offer a tax break for Artists.

Mayor Willie spoke asking about sales tax, getting a tax break on businesses, does it affect the property tax?

Ms. Pendergast answered that it is a tax break on the Artist only.

Mayor asked would the Board have control to remove pieces of this and Ms. Pendergast stated that a Board would have to be established to control this and this Board would have control and oversee this.

After some further discussion Mayor Willie expressed the fact that they are seeking a Resolution, but he and the Board need their questions answered and a map stating for area this would cover before they can agree on this.

Village attorney Roy Burns spoke stating being it is only 17 days from the deadline of this project the Village is not in any kind of situation to commit to this, being that anything the Village agree on now, the Village would be bound to it. Roy Burns further advised that the Village takes no actions at this time Mayor Willie concluded by confirming again that the Village is not against anything that will bring in revenue to the Village and he and the Board will consider discussing it again if extension from August 1st due date can be granted until at least September.

Announcements

Mayor introduced Patti Oppenheim and Ellen Creel and asked them to introduce themselves.

Ms. Patti Coppenheim stated that is currently a family law attorney and she is running for Division K Judge for family Court.

Ms. Ellen Creel stated that she is running for District Court for Division J which covers all the 22Nd District of Washington Parish and St. Tammany Parish. Ms. Creel stated that is a general jurisdiction, and she would oversee anything that does not fall under family court.