

Village of Folsom

Mayor - Lance Willie

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



Margra Steele - Municipal Clerk
Shilo Bruhl - Police Chief
Roy Burns - Village Attorney

General Meeting

6:00 p.m.
May 08, 2023

Present:

Mayor Lance Willie
Alderman George Garrett
Alderwoman Jill Mathies
Municipal Clerk Margra Steele
Village Attorney Roy Burns

Mayor called the General Meeting to order and the Municipal Clerk established a quorum.
~~Alderman George Garrett led the invocation and Mayor Willie led the pledge.~~

GENERAL MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Mayor announced item and called for motion to approve the agenda. Alderwoman Jill Mathies made motion to amend the agenda as followed, Item 1 Evan Wilkerson sworn in as Code Enforcement Officer, Item 2 Jessica Brewster and remove Item 4 and Item 5. Alderman George Garrett seconded the amended agenda it. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

Approval of Financials (February 2023 & March 2023)

Mayor announced item and called for motion to approve financial statement for February 2023 and March 2023. Motion made approve financial statements by Alderman George Garrett and second by alderwoman Jill Mathies. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

Approval of General Meeting Minutes (3.13.2023)

Mayor announced item and called for motion to approve General Meeting Minutes from April 2023. Alderman George Garrett made the motion to approve General Meeting minutes from March 2023 and Alderwoman Jill Mathies seconded it.
(2 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried

Engineer/Maintenance Report

Village Engineer Jay Pittman stated that the advertisement for the Sewer Head project is complete, due to the previous one being over budget, in addition the USDA grant funds available for the project will be \$439,000.

Mr. Pittman continued to inform the Board that the bid opening will take place on June 8, 2023 and would like to have a meeting on June 12, 2023 to award the bid.

Mayor Willie stated that the Village's next General Meeting would take place on June 12th and the bid would be ratified at that time.

Police Report

Police Chief Shilo Bruhl began with stating that Officer Tasso Taylor graduated from the Police academy with honors and he received the Caption Young Award.

Chief Bruhl informed the Board that the approved supplies and equipment for the Police Department are arriving; however, some of them are on back order.

Mayor Willie requested that the traffic trailer be placed on Hawk drive/school road due to speeding in that area.

Alderwoman Jill Mathies inquired about speed bumps in the area, and explained that if it is possible, it could reduce speeding in areas with children.

Mayor Willie stated that it was his understanding that if we installed speed bumps on the roads and a person's car was damaged then the Village would be responsible.

Village Engineer Jay Pittman stated that he is against installing speed bumps due to emergency services having to slow down to get over them when going to a call.

Municipal Clerk Report

Municipal Clerk Margra Steele began by stating that her research into website companies that can update our current website.

Ms. Steele explained that Jericho Studio, whom is our current provider, can update the site with latest features and customize the site to our needs for approximately \$3500.00

Alderwoman Jill Mathies suggested that we have a way that the public can communicate with us through emails, or submitting work orders/request online.

Mayor Willie requested that Jericho come to the next meeting to do a demo.

New Business:

Item 1 Evan Wilkerson/Oath of Office

Mayor announced Item and Village Attorney Roy Burns gave the Oath of Office to Evan Wilkerson as the Village of Folsom official Code Enforcement Officer

Item 2 Jessica Brewster

Mayor announced Jessica Jenkins Brewster former Assistant District Attorney, whom is running for St Tammany Parish Clerk of Court.

Mrs. Brewster stated that she is a lifelong and current resident of St Tammany Parish and if elected she plans to revamp and implement user-friendly technology to meet the needs of today..

Mrs. Brewster continued to express the need to improve relationship with the court and other agencies to ensure our Judicial System operates as efficiently as possible.

Item 3 Garbage Rates

Mayor announced Item and stated that the garbage rates will increase from \$18.50 to \$19.04.

Municipal Clerk Margra Steele stated that \$19.04 is the rate that Waste Pro is now charging us and this rate is already in the current contract, in addition to the rate increasing again in 2024 for \$19.31

Alderman Jill Mathies stated that she has previously requested an Administrative fee to cover the cost with late customer late payments.

Mayor stated that the rate of the Garbage collect should increase to \$20.03 a month that would include the rate charged and \$1.00 administrative fee.

An Ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting for that rate increase.

Item 4 Introduction of Chapter 4 Section 2023-1 Municipal Ordinance Violation

Mayor announced Item and stated that this is an introduction to an Ordinance. This Ordinance would give our Code Enforcement Officer the authority to write tickets and summon individuals and business owners who build without permits.

Adjournment

Mayor called for motion to adjourn meeting. Motion made to adjourn by Jill Mathies and seconded by George Garrett. (2 Yeas, 0Nays) 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 May 8, 2023.

Attest:  Margra Steele Municipal Clerk /s/