

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.
November 8, 2021

Present:

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

Mayor Willie called the General Meeting to order and the Municipal Clerk established quorum. Pastor Will led the pledge and invocation was led by Mayor Willie.

Item 1 Ordinance Amending the Streets and Drainage Fund

Mayor announced item and stated that the amendment is to move funds from one account to another for a new full time employee. Mayor asked for comments from the board or public. No comments were given.

Item 2 Ordinance Amending the Sales Tax Fund

Mayor announced item and stated that the amendment is to move funds from one account to another for a new full time employee. Mayor asked for comments from the board or public. No comments were given.

Item 3 Ordinance Amending Employee Insurance

Mayor announced Item and stated that the ordinance will be tabled. Alderwoman Jill Mathies stated that more time was needed to look at different options.

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 to add START Corp as Item 3 and Garbage Fund as Item 4. Mayor called for motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion to approve Alderman George Garrett and seconded by Alderman Shawn Dillon. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) Motion carried

Approval of Financial Statements

Mayor announced Item and called for motion to approve financial statements for March, April, May, June, July, August, September and October of 2021. Financials were tabled.

Approval of Minutes (10.11.21)

Mayor announced Item and called for motion to approve minutes from General Meeting. Motion made by Alderwoman Jill Mathies and seconded by Alderman George Garrett. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays). Motion carried.

Engineer Report/Maintenance Report

Mayor announced Item, expressing that village engineer Jay Pittman was present.

Mr. Pittman began confirming that he will be submitting the specs for Headworks to USDA for Jackson Street sewer pump. Mr. Pittman expressed that the emergency generator and getting the Well back on line and functioning needs to take place soon, If not the village will be in violation with state law according to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH).

Some further discussion took place on fixing the problem by isolating the tank and contacting grant writers for funding of project.

Mayor asked maintenance supervisor Wayne Cyprian did he have anything to say.

Mr. Cyprian began explaining about after some heavy rain there were some manholes that was exposed at Canton & Rosa Cryer Streets.

Alderwoman Mathies asked about the boom mower.

Municipal Clerk Steele confirmed everything is fixed except the cutter part of the mower and the problem is parts needed are on back order due to COVID and hurricane Ida.

Police Report

Mayor announced Item and Chief “Beau” Killingsworth if he had anything to say.

Chief expressed that there has been a problem with speeders near Magnolia Park and that have been writing tickets in that area.

Alderman Dillon mentioned the hazard of children are crossing the street in that area in the morning while waiting on school buses.

Alderman Garrett asked if the village could get a caution light installed there or blinking light.

Mayor Willie stated that he will look into that with DOTD.

Old Business

Item 1 Ordinance Amending the Streets and Drainage Fund

Mayor announced Item and read Ordinance which states, moving \$25000.00 from Streets & Drainage Fund to Sales Tax Fund, then asked for motion to approve.

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

Item 2 Ordinance Amending the Sales Tax Fund

Mayor announced Item and read Ordinance which states increase of \$25,000.00 due to transfer from Streets & Drainage Fund to provide salary for new employee, then asked for motion to approve.

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

Item 3 Ordinance Amending Employee Insurance

Tabled

New Business

Item 1 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagement

Mayor announced Item and asked for motion to approve.

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

Item 2 St Tammany Parish Sales and Use Tax Uniform Collection Procedures

Mayor announced Item and village Attorney Roy Burns began by expressing Louisiana Law has changed a lot on how they tax different things. As a result St. Tammany legal counsel has submitted this to a large law firm in New Orleans. St. Tammany sheriff's office will still collect just in a little different manner and on more things. Mr. Burns continued by stating we are going to introduce Ordinance today to repeal and amend. This is to replace and re-enact same Ordinance to be in compliance with Louisiana State Law.

Item 3 START Corp

Mayor announced Item and asked Mrs. Elizabeth Arnold to speak.

Mrs. Arnold began stating that she is the Northshore Outreach Coordinator for START. St. Tammany explaining that there is two locations in St, Tammany Parish, downtown Covington providing primary care and behavioral health.

Item 4 Garbage Fund

Mayor announced Item and Municipal Clerk Margra Steele stated that the Village's Garbage collection monthly fee is not being meet each month due to unpaid utility bills, she further explained that the Village does not charge any additional amount such as a service charge to the customers. Margra Stated that all customers pay exactly what WastePro charges the Village.

Margra explained that the bill each month is over lapping due to not enough money is collect each month to cover the monthly bill.

Alderwoman Jill Mathies stated that on several occasions we have made transfers to this account over the last several years and the account keeps draining. Alderwoman Mathies stated that she and Margra had discussed reviewing each account to make sure the bill is correct and we are paying only those who have active services.

Alderwoman Mathies stated that the decision was made not to add an administrative fee to the customer bills.

Mayor Willie stated that we will look into this matter in more detail, and we should set guidelines for non-payment for garbage bills as well.

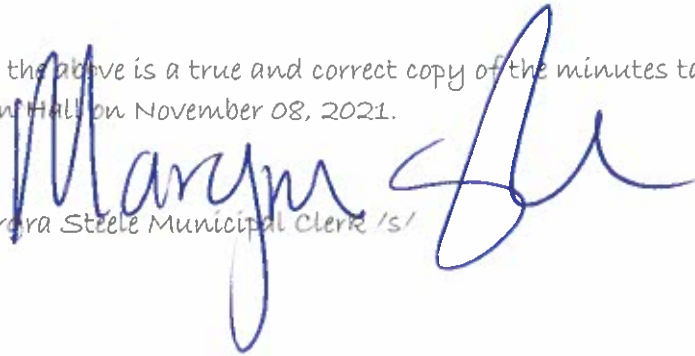
Announcements/Adjournment

Mayor called for motion to adjourn meeting. Motion made to adjourn by Alderman Garrett seconded by Alderwoman Jill Mathies (3 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 November 08, 2021.

Attest: Margara Steele Municipal Clerk /s/

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Margara Steele", is written over the printed name and title of the Municipal Clerk. The signature is fluid and cursive.