

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

Meeting General
6:00 p.m.
October 11, 2021

Present:

Mayor Lance Willie
Alderwoman Jill Mathies
Alderman George Garrett
Municipal Clerk Margra Steele
Village Atoners 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.

GENERAL MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Mayor announced Item and called for motion to approve the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda by Alderman George Garrett and seconded by Alderwoman Jill Mathies. (2 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 and August of 2021. Financials were tabled.

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Approval of Minutes (9.13.21)

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. (2 Yeas, 0 Nays). Motion carried.

Engineer Report/Maintenance Report No Report

Mayor announced Item and stated that our Village Engineer was not in attendance. Mayor asked Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Cyprian to give an update on Ida clean up. Mr. Cyprian stated that LA Highway 40 East, LA Highway 40 West, LA Highway 25 East and West still had debris that need to be removed. Mr. Cyprian further explained that all other areas within the Village City limits were complete.

Mr. Cyprian inquired. If the Village was going to pick up items other than debris relates to Ida such as washing machines, refrigerators etc.

Mayor Willie stated that the contractors will only pick up debris, he explained that we did not have any homes damaged by Ida that would be cause for the Village to pick items from someone cleaning out their home or garage.

Mayor Willie stated that he would have the Village Officers hand deliver a letter to any resident that has items out on the roadway that still has not been removed once all the debris pickup has been completed. The notice will give the resident four business days to remove the items or they will be fined.

Mayor asked Ben Martino from Pelican Assets Consulting to tell what his company will provide to the Village.

Mr. Martino began explaining that his job is to coordinate all paperwork for what FEMA will require for reimbursement, such as contracts, photographs, running of equipment, meetings with FEMA, meetings at Governor's office, State of Louisiana, and Homeland Security. Mr. Martino expressing that he makes sure everyone are maximizing their money and know that his service as a firm is also reimbursable from FEMA at 100% back to the Town.

Alderman Mathies asked Mr. Martino what other municipalities does he work with?

Mr. Martino stated seven fire districts from here in Folsom to Fire District #12 in Covington, most of West St. Tammany and the Town of Madisonville, specifically with hurricane Ida. Mr. Martino also, stated that he worked for St. Tammany Parish last year as an employee assisting in their Homeland Security.

Mayor asked, what is the due date with FEMA for debris pick-up etc.?

Mr. Martino stated most emergency protective work was due on the 10th and any work from here forward is paid at 90% instead of the 100%.

New Business

Item 1 Pelican Assets Consulting (Ben Martino)

Mayor announced Item and asked for the Board of Alderman permission to sign the contract with Pelican Assets Consulting Group to process the Village Ida claims with FEMA.

Alderman Jill Mathies stated that she would like to meet with Mr. Martino and the Municipal Clerk before the contract is signed. Alderman George Garrett sated that the Mayor has is permission to sign the contact.

Item 2 Introduction of Amending the Streets and Drainage Fund

Mayor announced Item and stated that is an Introduction of an Ordinance Amending the Streets and Drainage Fund. Mayor Willie explained he would like to reduce the Capital Outlay from \$150,000 to \$125,000 for a new employee's salary and benefits.

Item 3 Introduction of Amending the Sales Tax Fund

Mayor announced Item and stated that is an Introduction of an Ordinance Amending the Sales Tax Fund. Mayor Willie explained he would like to increase payroll expense by \$25,000 for employees' salary for a new employee.

Item 4 Introduction of Amending Employee Insurance

Mayor announced and read Item stating this was an Introduction to amending Employees Insurance. Mayor stated that he would like for all employees to be able to have group hospitalization, dental and vision, however the Village only pays for full time employees. Mayor explained that this Ordinance will allow part time employees and Board members to be added to the group plan, but they would have to cover the full premium themselves.

Alderwoman Jill Mathies stated that she wanted to add to the employees insurance for a retirement health care coverage for all eligible employees after 20 years of service and has reached aged 52.

Mayor Willie stated that we would like our Village Attorney Roy Burns to review it and for Alderman Garret to review it as well. Mayor Willie inquired as to where did Alderwoman Mathies obtain the information for this ordinance?

Alderman Jill Mathies stated that she reviewed St Tammany Parish Government and The City of Covington has a plan in place and she utilized those as a scale. Alderwoman Mathies explained that if an employee gives us 20 years of service and as employee, they can continue to have Village insurance at retirement at a rate of them paying a percentage based upon years of service as well as the Village.

Alderwoman Mathies stated that once the employee reaches Medicaid age the program is dropped and the Village will not continue the coverage for a life time. Alderwoman further explained that the ordinance has a clause that as long as the funds are available we would continue this program.

Mayor Willie stated that we will add retiree health coverage as a subsection to the amending employees Insurance.

Announcements/Adjournment

Kent Wilt sated that he was pleased with the services that Pelican Assets Consulting (Ben Martino) provides that he was completing all the work for the Fire Districts

Mayor called for motion to adjourn meeting. Motion made to adjourn by Alderman Garrett seconded by Alderwoman Jill Mathies (2 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 October 13, 2021.

Attest: Margra Steele Municipal Clerk /s/

