

**Village of Folsom
Public Hearing
December 8, 2014
6:45 p.m.**

**Present: Mayor Phillip Bickham
Alderwoman Jill Mathies
Alderman: Donald Burris
Alderman: Lance Willie
Attorney: Delbert Talley**

Absent: None

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bickham and a quorum established. Invocation lead by Alderman Burris followed by Pledge.

Public Hearing:

Ordinance: November 2014-1 - Maintenance Supervisor Position:
Municipal Clerk Willie read Ordinance description.

ORDINANCE NO. CHAPTER 6, NOVEMBER 2014-1
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF JAMES WESLEY BURRIS AT A SALARY OF FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY TWO AND 40/100 (\$462.40) DOLLARS PER WEEK AS OF OCTOBER 7, 2014, ON A TEMPORARY BASIS NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS OR UNTIL A NEW MAINTNACE SUPERVISOR IS HIRED, WHICH EVER COMES FIRST

Mayor Bickham asked if there was anything from the public. No questions or comments were made, so meeting was adjourned on motion of Alderman Burris, seconded by Alderman Willie. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The motion carried.

**Village of Folsom
General Meeting
December 8, 2014
7:00 PM**

**Present: Mayor Phillip Bickham
Alderwoman Jill Mathies
Alderman: Donald Burris
Alderman: Lance Willie
Attorney: Delbert Talley**

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established. The invocation and pledge were led before Public Hearing. Motion of Alderman Burris to amend Agenda by excluding Item II Magnolia Park utility issues from new business and approving Agenda and financial statements, seconded by Alderwoman Mathies. The motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Old Business:**Item I = Ordinance: November 2014-1 - Maintenance Supervisor Position:**

Mayor Bickham stated we have had the Public hearing for Ordinance of Maintenance Supervisor Position board what is your pledge. Motion made by Alderwoman Mathies to approve the Ordinance November 2014-1-Maintenance Supervisor Position, second by Alderman Willie. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The Motion carried.

New Business:**Item I = Curtis Environmental:**

Alderman Willie stated that Mike Curtis with Curtis Environmental came tonight to see what they can do to help us out with our maintenance supervisor position. This is who Wesley calls when he's on vacation to take his place and we are currently using to handle all our utility testing. I called Mike Curtis to inform us of what he will be able to do for us. I think this will be a good deal to save the Village some money, and make sure things are being done correctly. Mr. Curtis gave a brief introduction about himself that he has been working with us since before the early 80's, how he works the whole Southeast of Louisiana and Mississippi area and the services he can provide for us and will work on a proposal for us. (for further research review tape 3:45 - 23:40) Mayor stated that he would like the next elected Mayor Bettye Boggs to make the decision on this matter.

Item II = Magnolia Park Utility Issue:

Removed from agenda.

Item III = Beer & Liquor License 2015 Renewal:

Clerk Willie stated that she has all business applications except El Milagro Mexican store, who is delinquent on last years Beer and Liquor; and Occupational License for 2014 and now this years Beer and Liquor 2015 license. Clerk stated

that she has made sure that those that are on the delinquent tax list, show proof of State's Sales tax Clearance Certification from alcohol and tobacco and their St. Tammany Parish taxes are up-to-date and paid in full. A comment from resident Ron Feske stated that if a business is not in compliance with State then license distributors of liquor will not deliver to businesses or they will be fined. Mayor stated he will follow up on this. Common Consent to accept the Beer and Liquor license for renewal for 2015, except El Milagro, (3 Yeas, 0 Nays).

Item IV = Utility Rate Study:

Alderwoman Mathies stated that a few months ago we had LRWA come in and do a rate study of where our rates should be. Clerk Willie stated that Tim Lemoine made a suggestion that our local businesses be increased they are being charged the same rate as our residents and their using a lot more consumptions of utilities and that rate increases can be done yearly along with cost of living. Alderman Willie stated that we should table this and have Mr. Lemoine come in and go over rates with us at the next meeting. Mayor stated that by Common Consent we will table till next meeting. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays).

Item V = LGAP Resolution:

Mayor stated that he submitted to Shelly our grant writer is that we need back-up pumps for all of our lift stations and water wells on Jackson Street and Wes Burris St. Motion made by Alderman Burris to approve the LGAP Resolution, second by Alderman Willie. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The Motion carried.

Item VI = Intergovernmental Agreement (STPSO & VOF):

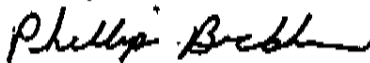
Mayor asked Chief Killingsworth, to discuss agreement for communication system. Chief stated that they got a new system and they are charging a user fee all municipalities, Fire Departments and school board are getting on this system which is a needed way to communicate. The agreement shows a breakdown of yearly cost. Mr. Talley stated that he did read the agreement we just don't have the data base to back up the figures and not enough info to substantiate what others are paying and there basically saying take it or leave it. Chief stated you can check with other attorneys to compare rates. Mr. Talley stated I'm just saying we have nothing to support it their just saying here's the agreement, sign it. Chief stated I can connect you with someone to talk to about these factual numbers. Alderman Willie stated yes we need to speak to someone to make sure. Mayor stated that chief and him had attended a meeting a couple of years back that informed them that this was coming down the pipe line. Mr. Talley stated it's up to the board they have to decide what they want. My only thought is that they want us to commit to a lot of money and were not getting anything to substantiate it to show what others are paying. Alderman Willie asked if there is a deadline on it. Chief said he's not aware of when it's due but I can get George Bonnet or a representative to come up

here and explain. Alderman Burris motioned we will table till next meeting so you can get your questions answered. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays).

Mayor Bickham asked if there were any announcements. Alderman Burris informed residence of Toys for Tot's on December 19 @ 4:00, Scoops Christmas Tree lightening on December 15 @ 5:30. Alderman Burris also congratulated Mrs. Boggs on becoming our new Mayor, thanked Mayor and current board for the opportunity to work with them. Mayor then reminded residents that Rep Schroeder will be here for a Town Hall meeting, this Thursday the 11th @ 6:00. Mayor also congratulated elected Mayor Boggs and board members. Thanks citizens to allow him the opportunity to serve them. Resident Gretchen Holiday then stated that she has a concern because she lives on Bill Dyess Rd and has a daiquiri shop going up at the end of her road that just popped up no signs of this daiquiri shop going there. It will now become a 2 way road which was built as a one way. Ms. Holiday asked are you planning on widening that road and I have a video of that road under water that is a natural drainage that's not being maintained by the village and why did you all allow a road to be built there. Alderman Burris stated that he spoke to Mr. Thompson and what was blocking that natural drain they have cleared. Mayor then told Mr. Holiday that "this isn't an issue we will be able to resolve tonight. Get with me and give me your concerns and I can give you answers." I thank you for your concern. Alderman Mathies stated "I think we need to answer her concerns, I think were all here to listen to our citizens." Mayor stated I understand but tonight isn't the night.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Alderman Burris, seconded by Alderwoman Mathies. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Phillip Bickham, Mayor

I attest that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes taken at the Public Hearing and General Meeting held December 8, 2014.

Attest:

Susan Willie, Municipal Clerk