

# Village of Folsom

## Mayor - Lance Willie

*Alderwoman - Paulette Lee*  
*Alderwoman - Jill Mathies*  
*Alderman - George Garrett*



*Andree Core - Municipal Clerk*  
*Ronnie Killingsworth - Chief of Police*  
*Roy Burns - Village Attorney*

### Public Hearing March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Lance Willie  
Alderwoman Paulette Lee  
Alderman George Garrett  
Alderwoman Jill Mathies  
Attorney Roy Burns

Mayor Willie called the Public Hearing to order. Mayor Willie read the ordinance.

#### **Item 1 – Ordinance Chapter 16 - No. 2018-1 Water Meter Installation fee.**

##### Chapter 16 - No. 2018-1

An ordinance amending Chapter 16 entitled “Water Regulations, policies and rates” section 15(c) Entitled “Service Installation; Fee; Resale; Tampering” To increase water installation fees to Six Hundred and fifty dollars.

Mayor Willie presented the above ordinance. There was no discussion from board nor from the public.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made from Alderwoman Mathies to adjourn the Public Hearing, seconded by Alderman Garrett, and the motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

### General Meeting March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

*(General Meeting Following Public Hearing)*

The Municipal Clerk established a quorum. Pastor Will Robbins from First Baptist Church led the invocation and Mayor Willie led the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda.** Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to amend the agenda placing Team Waste as Item 1 under New Business and Boondock Internet as Item 3 under New Business. Mayor Willie asked for a motion to amend the agenda. Alderman Garrett made a motion and it was seconded by Alderwoman Lee. The motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

**Approval of Financial Statements.** Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve the February financial statements. It was seconded by Alderman Garrett and the motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

**Approval of Minutes.** Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve the February minutes. It was seconded by Alderman Garrett and the motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

**Engineer Report.** Mayor Willie asked Jay Pittman, Village Engineer, for the engineer report. Jay stated there are a couple of things going on and the first one is there will be a pre-bid meeting here at Town Hall on Friday March 16, 2018 at 9:00am. The pre-bid meeting is due to the water main relocations for DOTD widening of Highway 25 for whoever would like to attend. He informed that the meeting is basically a question & answer session for contractors. Mr. Pittman confirmed that bids will be opening up on Thursday March 29, 2018 at 10:00am here at Folsom Town Hall.

Mr. Pittman said another thing is the USDA Sewer Improvement Project for Contracts A, B, & C with the USDA Loan/Grant project close date is on Tuesday April 3, 2018 at 9:30am. The state USDA engineer will be here to speak on some guidelines. He said after the meeting there will be a notice issued to proceed. Mayor Willie asked Mr. Pittman if he had noticed Item #6 on the agenda and asked if we can talk about that now. Jay said he does not see a problem with that since it has to do with the current information. Mayor Willie introduced Dr. Florane from the audience and for her information regarding Item #6. Dr. Florane stated how great she feels the Town of Folsom is and she wanted to say that. She also would like to mention the fact that Sabine St. is the only street in the village that is not black topped and asked if there are any plans to black top Sabine St. Mayor Willie replied there are not any plans to as of now but that is where our engineer would come in.

Mr. Pittman stated that Sabine St., Magnolia St., and Pearl St. have been ratted over from developers coming in to the village. He said that it is tough to pinpoint the cost but addressed that the board should have a knowledge of what it would cost to pave certain streets. Mayor Willie confirmed he would be getting with Mr. Pittman on this information and pricing cost. It was agreed by all that they would meet at 11:00am on next Thursday March 22, 2018 at Town Hall.

Dr. Florane stated that this is not trailer park land but foundation slab homes with several other residents on the street and she is requesting the village to allocate funds to black top the street. Alderwoman Mathies asked if she would state her full name for the record. Dr. Denise Florane at 82411 Sabine Street who is the owner of property and she is with her son Christian Florane. Alderwoman Lee mentioned that we have dedicated funds for outside city limits and sometimes those funds can be used within the village with our Street and Drainage account. She said that we can look into this and they will discuss at a later date.

Mr. Pittman said we have one last item previously talked about which is the mapping of water lines and we are going to do that but we just ask for a little more time. However, in the meantime we can meet and talk to Wesley Burris, Chief David Pittman, and Wayne Cyprian so everyone can collaborate on what they have seen in the past years. Jay stated to give us 30 to 60 days to digitize the maps.

**Maintance Report.** Mayor Willie asked Mr. Wayne Cyprian if he had anything to report on tonight. Wayne said that he checked on culverts to be put in and he working on getting a price on rocks. He said he will need an engineer over at Marle Loop for the new culvert and at the Lift Station too. Mayor Willie asked if we would be putting in the Jackson St. and Marle Loop at the same time. Mr. Cyprian replied yes but currently his machinery is being worked on. He said what they have right now is very hard to do any maintenance work. Mayor Willie asked him what machinery and he replied the backhoe.

Alderman Garrett stated that Mr. Cyprian went thru a terrible situation last week. He informed that Mr. Cyprian called him to a particular site and he came out and saw that even the company guys hired that came out had a hard time digging. Alderman Garrett stated that this is something we need to get on right away. Mr. Cyprian mentioned that he is also concerned of protecting the manpower that he has due to only him and DeJuan being the only full-time maintenance workers. There was further discussion on financing machinery for the maintenance department.

## **Old Business:**

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Alderman Garrett made a motion to adopt the ordinance and it was seconded by Alderwoman Lee. The motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

**Item 2 – Village of Folsom Audit 2016-17.** Mayor Willie stated he is very pleased on the audit for the village and if anyone would like a copy of it we can provide it. Mayor Willie said it was tabled last month due to we were still waiting for the auditors to send the hard binded copies to us to review. Alderwoman Lee mentioned that her address was incorrect and would like to inform us. The Municipal Clerk replied she would contact the auditors to inform them and to correct it too. There were no further questions from the board or audience. The 16-17 Audit for the Village of Folsom was presented and approved.

**Item 3 – Municode.** Mayor Willie asked Alderwoman Mathies to update them on the item. Alderwoman Mathies stated there is no significant update at this time. She is working on the proof now. She has touched base with the attorney at Municode and gave him the revisions. The attorney did not give us a specific timeline and it is just a process as of now. Alderwoman Mathies asked for this to be taken off the agenda until further notice.

## **New Business:**

**Item 1 – Team Waste Re-Assignment of Contract.** Mayor Willie introduced Stephen Lytton, owner of Team Waste, and asked him to inform us of the recent transition with his company. Mr. Lytton stated Waste Management bought his company out and has taken over the existing contract that is in place. Mr. Lytton stressed that Waste Management is the “cream of the crop” for garbage pick-up. He assured they will take care of you and are here tonight if you have any questions. Mayor Willie signed the re-assignment contract for the village to transition the current services to Waste Management. Mayor Willie agreed to meet with Mr. Warren & Donald with Waste Management soon to discuss any additional items.

**Item 2 – McGwire Iron Company (Jack Powell).** Mayor Willie asked Mr. Jack Powell to approach the board with information on his company. Mr. Powell stated that his business is McGwire Iron Company and they inspect and perform maintenance on water towers. He said he previously was hired and met with the past mayor Bettye Boggs and Scott Roth around a year and a half ago. He did not find any burning hot issues but will go over the picture with Wayne if needed. Also, he can provide them the information on what he did then and how he can help us if they would like. Alderwoman Lee asked what condition he felt the village towers were in at that time and he replied they were in pretty good condition. Mr. Powell stated he will put a form together of information and provide it to them for their review.

**Item 3 – Boondocknet.com.** Mayor Willie introduced Mr. Brandon Phillips and asked him to present his information regarding internet towers. Mr. Phillips said he has been in business about four years and would like the village to give permission to place an antenna on one of the water towers. He provided information on an average cost per month and would like them to consider this. Attorney Burns stated that he provided the board with some information before the meeting on Cox Communication.

He advised the board to look into this sample information before making any decisions. Mayor Willie said he will get with the board over the next month to discuss the contract and what it will entail for the village.

**Item 4 – St. Tammany Jail and Justice Center Sales Tax Renewal (Trilby Lenfant).** Ms. Lenfant introduced herself and said she is here tonight to inform and discuss the importance of the upcoming Sales Tax Renewal for St. Tammany Parish. She stated the election is on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 and early voting starting now. Ms. Lenfant educated the audience on the details of what that tax consists of and what it supports for the parish. She stressed the fact that without this tax St. Tammany Parish could be looking at a 40 percent cut in government jobs. She asked for everyone to please get out and vote.

**Item 5 –Village Health Insurance Renewal Policy.** Mayor Willie stated the village health insurance for our employees is up for renewal. He met with our insurance agent on the details of the policy and there are no charges to the policy. He said the rate has went up only 3 percent which is very good compared to the past few years. He asked the board for approval to renew the current insurance policy for the village. There were no questions or comments from the board or audience. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to renew the 2018 Village of Folsom BCBS Health Insurance Policy and it was seconded by Alderman Garrett. Motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

**Item 6 – Black Topping of Sabine St. (Dr. Florane).** See above – “Engineer Report”.

**Item 7 – Utility Adjustments.**

**First Baptist Church** – Pastor Will Robbins provided documentation along with pictures for all to review concerning the leak issue at the church. He thanked Wayne for coming and helping them during this time too. A discussion followed. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to credit the account for 125,000 gallons of sewer for the February billing and \$188.00 for sewer on the January billing. It was seconded by Alderwoman Lee and the motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

**New Life** – The adjustment was tabled from February’s meeting requesting more documentation to prove the water leak did not go into their sewer system. The documentation was provided by the church. Alderwoman Lee made a motion to approve the sewer adjustment for \$531.84. It was seconded by Alderman Garrett and the motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

**Phillip Bickham** – The customer is requesting a credit of \$20.00 due to the meter being read incorrectly by maintenance department. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to table until more information has been received on this request.

**Scott Combe** - The adjustment was tabled from February’s meeting requesting more documentation from the owner. No further documentation has been provided. Mayor Willie requested that a letter be sent to the owner requesting documentation to show the leak has been fixed and pictures that the leak did not go into the sewer system. He said the village will not keep addressing this issue until the customer provides the village with the documentation needed. He asked to have the utility clerk send him a formal letter requesting this information. Mayor Willie stated to take this item off the agenda until more information is provided.

**Ronald Davis** - Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve the adjustment for \$410.25 due to occurring charges and penalties on an account that had been disconnected. It was seconded by Alderman Garrett and the motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

**Christian Florane** – The customer complaining of high usage and she hired a leak detection company but no leak was detected. She spent \$400 to have the company come out and she would like the meter changed. Mayor Willie stated that we need to look into the usage since a meter does not go bad and start working again. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to table until more information is received after next month's reading. It was seconded by Alderwoman and the item was tabled. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

**James Waguespack** - Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve the adjustment for \$11.36 due to the utility clerk entering in the incorrect reading number. It was seconded by Alderwoman Lee and the motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

**Arthemise Baldwin** - Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve an adjustment for \$381.84 due to a faulty meter. The amount credited was based off of the average usage over the past 11 months. It was seconded by Alderwoman Lee and the motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

**Crystal Ahysen** – The customer is requesting a credit of \$10.53 for the late penalty. The customer stated she did not receive her bill. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to deny the adjustment and it was seconded by Alderwoman Lee. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

**Announcements/Adjournment:**

- Mayor Willie announced At&t will be relocating their lines soon so some buisnesses and residents may be losing internet service while this work is being done.
- Alderwoman Mathies announced there will be a Planning & Zoning meeting held on Monday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall.
- Alderwoman Mathies congratulated Mayor Willie and his wife on his new baby girl. Mayor Willie informed that momma and baby are doing well and are happy to be home.

Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Alderman Garrett. The motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lance Willie, Mayor /s/*

*I attest that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes taken at the Public Hearing and General Meeting held at Town Hall on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.*

*Attest: Andree Core, Municipal Clerk /s/*