

*Village of Folsom
Mayor - Lance Willie*

*Aldерwoman - Paulette Lee
Alderwoman - Jill Mathies
ALDERMAN - George Garrett*



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

**Public Hearing
August 13, 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. The Municipal Clerk established a quorum. Andrew Meinheim led the invocation and Mayor Willie led the pledge of allegiance.

Item 1 – ORDINANCE CH. 30 NO. 2018-1: ANNEXATION.

**ORDINANCE
CHAPTER 30 - NO. 2018-1
AN ORDINANCE ENLARGING THE BOUNDARIES OF
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DESCRIBING THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED**

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

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

**General Meeting
August 13, 2018**

*(General Meeting Following Public Hearing)
(The quorum was established in the preceding Public Hearing.)*

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

Approval of Financial Statements. Mayor Willie informed the board that the financial statements were not available for June and July. The village was finishing up the end of the fiscal year financials and audit along with our current CPA is leaving us. He stated we are glad Joe is working with us during this audit period and transition as we are staying with the same firm. Our goal is to have the financials completed and available by the end of this week. Alderman Garrett made a motion to table the June and July financial statements. It was seconded by Alderwoman Mathies and the motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

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

Engineer Report. Mayor Willie ask Village Engineer Jay Pittman to update us on the current information regarding all projects and contracts. Mr. Pittman began started with the main water lines relocations that are currently taking place in the village. He informed that as they are proceeding up north on the east side of Hwy 25. In which the next step will be the contractor will come back and do water service tie-ins. Mr Pittman explained that once tie-ins are complete and a clean health sample is obtained from the Dept. of Health & Hospitals (DHH) the contractor will connect back to the water main and tie-in back to meters. He said this should only take a couple of hours and the contractor have been informed and instructed to work with all business owners whom rely more on the water during the day.

Mr. Pittman said that Contract A (Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements), the contractor is slowly getting his equipment. He handed out some maps, one of an overall sewer system, an observation & the defect images, and a spreadsheet layout of initial work release for contractors. He pointed out that this is also showing all mu,bered areas to repair, explaining they are numbered starting with the major points.

Mayor Willie asked if the Jackson Street manhole located at the Penton's home could be relocated, so it is not so close to natural drainage. Mr. Pittman replied that it potentially could be relocated. A discussion took place explaining the high points on the maps such as sewer usage, drainage, and manholes.

Mr. Wendell Sams asked are the plans that were submitted to the elected officials available to the public? Mr. Pittman answered yes. Mr. Sams then asked, what is the expected time frame for completion of entire work? Mr. Pittman replied that it depends on what contract you are referring too because there are three (3) different contracts and they range anywhere between 210 to 300 calendar days. Mr. Sams replied the sewer contract and Mr. Pittman replied there are three (3) sewer contracts. Mr. Sams said based on the surveys, you all will address what is important first and then go back, correct? Mr. Pittman stated that as he has explained in prior meetings, they give us a priority scale based on 1-5 and a report that 1 being most important and 5 being lightly. He said also when our office reviewed it we give it a priority scale and this is based on both scales then we go from there.

Mayor Willie asked about Contract C (The Overall Sewer System Improvements). Mr. Pittman stated that this is Jackson Street and Wes Burris Street Lift Stations and Emergency generators. Mayor Willie asked if we had gotten the generators in. Mr. Pittman stated that we have three generators which is one each per station. Mr. Pittman asked for any further questions and there were none.

Maintenance Report. Mayor Willie stated the maintenance supervisor was not present tonight. He said we did not have much to report that was not just covered by our engineer. He informed that Wayne was going through training all last week to get his certification needed.

Old Business:

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Mayor Willie read the ordinance. He asked Attorney Andrew Mendheim to give a brief discussion. Mr. Mendheim explained that the property details which is 40.76 acres on Quaglino Road. He stated that they will have eight (8) Lots with four (4) plus acres each having 300 feet fronts. The goal is trying to create a nice additional community for households, retirees, etc.

Mr. Hardee residing at 12055 Quaglino Rd. asked about how will the type of housing be limited. Mr. Mendheim stated they have provided tentative restrictions to the Planning & Zoning Commission and he

can obtain a copy, mentioning that the homes will be around 1800 sq. ft. with a two story about 400 sq. ft. larger. He expressed the fact that the homes will not be mansions but nice size respectable homes.

Laura Steffee residing at 12061 Griffen Rd., (name was changed to Quaglino sometime in the past), asked about changing the name of Quaglino Road. She stated how tired she is of having to spell out Quaglino and there is lots of confusion with maps, mail, and directions. Mr. Mendheim replied that he has no control of that. However, Im sure the village can help with that as soon as it is annexed in.

Mr. Wendell Sams asked is there anything put in place for a name change, so this issue will not come up at next meeting. Mayor Willie replied that as of now it is still a parish road. Alderwoman Mathies agreed and stated yes and said that is what we are here for tonight which is to vote on the annexation ordinance. Mayor Willie stated after the village approves this tonight then it becomes a village road and we can then work on the name change.

Mayor Willie asked if there were any further question and there were none. A motion to approve the Ordinance Ch. 30 No. 2018-1 was made by Alderman Garrett and it was seconded by Alderwoman Mathies. The motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

Item 2 – Police Vehicles. Mayor Willie stated he asked “Beau” Chief of Police to give us some prices on new vehicles for the police department. He said that he also impressed him with the booklet done that included pictures, quotes, and all the information needed in a binder to all of us. Mayor Willie stated that this consist of three (3) vehicles, with two (2) vehicles having the stripes, lights, etc. He said and the other one is for the police chief that will not have all the lights and stripes. Mayor Willie stated that since we cannot sell the old vehicles because they were donated to us we will need to donate them. Chief Killingsworth asked him to look into that and he replied we will consult with the Village Atty. Roy Burns concerning this. Mayor Willie quoted the price of purchase for all vehicles is \$98,101.07. The mayor asked for approval that this amount to be transferred from the General Fund to the Police Fund.

Mr. Bill McHugh, from the St. Tammany Farmer, asked what type of vehicles are they and does the \$98,101.07 include the fittings. Mayor Willie replied yes it does include all the fittings and Chief Killingsworth informed they are Ford Explorers.

Mayor Willie asked for a vote and approval to move the funds for the purchase of new police vehicles. A motion was by Alderman Garrett and seconded by Alderwoman Lee. Motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

New Business:

Item 1 – Grant writer. Mayor Willie stated as you all know, we have cut ties with our grant writer and are still looking for a new grant writer. He said the one grant writer we had in mind has not gotten back with us. He informed that Alderwoman Mathies recently attended the Annual LMA Convention and received some good information and people to contact. Alderwoman Mathies stated that she did receive some info from the conference and would like to share it with everyone at a later time when she has some time to put something together for them.

Mrs. Kim McGrath stated her interest for sidewalks down Hwy 40 West or a walking/biking path toward Magnolia Park area. She stated that she remembers this was in the works a few years back but did not know what happened. She wanted to know if the village was trying to get some sort of grant for something of this sort. A discussion followed.

Mayor Willie mentioned that there will be sidewalks with the three (3) lane expansion project.

There was some further discussion on sidewalks and what time work will be going on with the project. Mayor Willie replied we were last told that the work will be done at night time. A discussion followed.

Item 2 – Utility Adjustments.

Scott Combe - Alderwoman Lee stated a date of service regarding this leak would be October 1, 2016. Mayor Willie stated that the Municipal Clerk would get with the Utility Clerk for her to come up with an adjustment amount by this date. Mayor Willie stated this will be tabled until the next meeting.

Donna Alford – The customer needs to be credited \$60.00 due to a leaking valve on her hot water heater. The pictures and receipts were provided. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve the adjustment and it was seconded by Alderman Garrett. The motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

Taniqua Watson - Utility Clerk Ashley Garrett notified the landlord regarding the additional credit he is requesting for water usage due to a water leak. Mayor Willie said he spoke with Mike Curtis from Curtis Environmental and he verified that this amount of water could leak out of a pipe that size. The utility clerk notes state that no other credit is due to the customer. Mayor Willie also said that Mike informed that if the pipe was leaking at night the pressure was at 100% and it could indeed leak that amount of water. Mayor Willie told the landlord he can get a second opinion if he would like. He informed that he will get with Darl from RG3 Meter Company to find out what he has to say about it. A discussion followed. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to table the adjustment and Alderman Garrett seconded. The motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

Maggie Camejo – The customer needs to be credited \$15.25 due to missed trash pickups for three weeks. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve the adjustment and it was seconded by Alderwoman Lee. The motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

Rickie Dufour- The customer needs to be credited \$52.60 due to a faulty meter. The meter was calculating more usage than what was actually being used and this was verified by the maintenance department. Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to approve the adjustment and it was seconded by Alderman Garrett. The motion carried. *(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)*

Announcements/Adjournment:

- There was a question from the audience regarding the annexation. Mayor Willie asked the Planning and Zoning Commissioner Deanna Mingo if a date was set for the board to meet. She replied no. Alderwoman Mathies announced that the Planning & Zoning board is currently searching for another member. She said if anyone is interested you must live within the village limits to please call Town Hall.
- Mr. Ronnie Feske stated he wanted to say that it's so nice to see the board in full cooperation and to see the meetings flowing smoothly. He wanted to say thank you. Alderman Garrett and Alderwoman Mathies thanked him for acknowledging that.
- Mayor Willie stated the brewery is back flowing with operation to come to Folsom. Mayor Willie informed that he and Attorney Burns went and spoke to the owner. He said there is currently a law suit in place requesting more money for the property but we are hoping to move forward soon. A discussion followed.
- Mayor Willie announced that Frank Richerand is looking to open up a new Italian restaurant between Wacky Daiquiri and Dollar General.
- Mayor Willie announced that the Senior Center will be moving to the Rec District which is at Magnolia Park. He said they will be moving from the COAST location which we are glad to see.

- Mayor Willie announced that Jimmy Zamin is talking about opening up a restaurant where the daycare nursery is currently located across from Don Juan's on the corner.
- Mr. Marc Nowe asked why no one knew the laundromat was coming. Mayor Willie replied that the owner, Mr. Frank Caminita ran into some speed bumps along the way. Mr. Nowe had several questions and Mayor Willie stated that he can speak to Mr. Dennis Glass if any further questions regarding this property.
- Deanne Mingo asked what is the little pink building located next to the nursery is for. Mayor Willie stated it was supposed to be a snowball stand. He said he will look into the permits and more information regarding this with our clerk. A discussion followed.

Alderwoman Mathies made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Alderman Garrett. The motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

*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 August 13th, 2018.

Attest: Andree Core, Municipal Clerk /s/