

Village of Folsom
Mayor - Bettye M. Boggs

Alderwoman - Paulette Lee



Municipal Clerk

Andree Core -

Alderwoman - Jill Mathies

Ronnie "Beau"

Killingsworth - Chief of Police

Alderman - Lance Willie

Delbert G. Talley - Village Attorney

Public Hearing

7:00 p.m.

March 14, 2016

**Present: Mayor Bettye M. Boggs
Alderwoman Paulette Lee
Alderman Lance Willie
Attorney Delbert Talley
Municipal Clerk, Andree Core**

Absent: Alderwoman Jill Mathies

Mayor Boggs called the meeting was called to order and the municipal clerk established a quorum. The innovation of a founding father's prayer was read by DeJuene Richardson who also led the pledge of allegiance.

Item #1 – Ordinance, Fire Department Inspections. Questions due to the legality of the proposed ordinance were raised by Attorney Delbert Talley who recommended postponement of the ordinance. A discussino followed and this item was tabled.

Item #2 – Flextime / Exempt Position for Municipal Clerk. Alderman Willie requested tabling the item due to the fact that Alderwoman Mathies was not present and he wanted to let her make the final decision.

There was a motion to close the Pulic Hearing by Alderman Willie, it was seconded by Alderwoman Lee and the motion carried. (2 yeas; 0 nays)

General Meeting

March 14, 2016

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

Approval of Agenda – Alderman Willie made a motion to amend the agenda to add Pan American contract and the state of emergency on Friday, March 11th. It was seconded by Alderwoman Lee and the motion carried. *(2 yeas; 0 nays)*

Approval of Financial Statements – There was a motion to approve the financial statement by Alderman Willie, seconded by Alderwoman Lee and the motion carried. *(2 yeas; 0 nays)*

Approval of Minutes – Mayor Boggs requested the approval of the minutes from December, January and February. Alderwoman Lee stated she did not have a problem with the February financial statements but since Alderwoman Mathies had a problem with the previous minutes from December and January, she did not want to approve those minutes. Mayor Boggs indicated that the correction requested by Alderwoman Mathies were not received so the minutes could not be corrected. Alderman Willie made a motion to approve the February minutes, it was seconded by Alderwoman Lee and the motion carried. *(2 yeas; 0 nays)*

Old Business

Item #1 – Contract with Curtis Environmental. Mike Curtis addressed the board regarding the current contract with the village. He noted they are a public service utility company, and the services currently being provided was reviewed. He stated testing and operation services have been provided to the village for many years as well as waste water treatment regulations and agency reporting. He indicated the contract includes consulting, reporting and regulatory services. Alderman Willie stated he did not have a problem with the work they are now providing through the contract. No approval of the contract was needed as the village is currently under contract. Alderman Willie asked Mr. Curtis whether the village should consider selling their water system and Mr. Curtis advised against this since one result would be substantially raised rates and other factors. He advised the board not to sell their system(s). Mr. Curtis suggested looking at non-domestic rates for certain businesses such as restaurants, etc. which are more adversely affecting the sewer system. A discussion followed on several specific issues followed. Alderwoman Lee stated that she was in favor of continuing the contract.

Item #2 – Ethics Policy. Mayor Boggs stated that the audit in June 2016 indicated that a need for an ethics policy and asked the aldermen if they had a policy to present. Alderman Willie indicated that some municipalities have adopted the state ethics policy and he felt we should do the same. An ordinance will be presented at the next meeting to adopt the state ethics policy.

Item #3 – Ordinance, Safety Plan. This tabled items was addressed by Alderwoman Lee and will be tabled and presented at the following meeting. Mayor Boggs indicated the need to complete this ordinance as we need to respond to Risk Management which is requiring a survey based on the village Safety Plan.

Item #4 – Ordinance, Chapter 6 (Peronnel Policy). This tabled item will be addressed at the next meeting.

Item #5 – Departmental Logs. Alderman Willie indicated that we could take this off the agenda as last month we went over this.

Item #6 – Ordinance, Fire Department Inspections. Mayor Boggs indicated we tabled this item during the Public Hearing. Chief Pittman was present in the General Meeting and indicated he spoke with the Fire Marshall and Fire District #5 will need to go to St. Tammany Parish for the ordinance and the Village of Folsom will adopt a resolution adopting the parish ordinance once it is enacted.

Item #7 – Ordinance, Flextime / Exempt Position – Village Clerk. This item was tabled in the Public Hearing.

Item #8 – Ordinance, Credit Card Policy. Alderman Willie indicated that the proposed credit card policy from the previous month was to be amended but it was not ready to present. Mayor Boggs stated that last month Alderman Willie's suggestion to exclude the gas credit cards would make the other credit cards applicable to the credit card policy as stated. Due to the fact that gas credit cards are not turned in after use but kept for use throughout the month, it does not make them applicable to this policy. A discussion followed on the use of gas credit cards and it was recommended that we change the maintenace cards back to the vehicle rather than having them identified with the employee. The item was tabled.

Item #9 – Street Lighting. Due to darkness on some streets, Alderman Willie stated that we need to address lighting certain areas such as Village Trace. He stated he would like to look at grants to assist with this and to look at using the Streets and Drainage funds. He also stated that electric companies would help with funding this since they will make money from the electricity usage. The option of creating lighting districts was discussed. Mayor Boggs indicated that if we put street lights in one neighborhood, we are setting a precedence and other neighborhoods will also be requesting street lighting. A meeting will be set with WST to discuss street lighting in the village.

New Business

Item #1 – Maintenance Report. A spread sheet of needed repairs/equipment will be sent to the aldermen.

Item #2 – Engineer Report. A Spangler Engineering meeting is taking place this week on sewer recommendations.

Item #3 – Work Sessions. This item was tabled.

Item #4 – Utility Adjustments. No utility adjustments as the problems that were occurring with meters has been resolved.

Item #5 – Pan American Preventive Maintenance Agreement. This contract was approved one year ago on maintenance of our water well. Alderman Willie made a motion to approve the extension of the contract with Pan American. It was seconded by Alderwoman Lee and the motion carried. (2 yeas; 0 nays)

Item #6 – State of Emergency on 3/11/16. Alderman Willie made a motion that we pay our employees for March 11, 2016 whether they came in or not and employees who did come in would be paid overtime. It was seconded by Alderwoman Lee and the motion carried. (2 yeas; 0 nays)

Announcements: Alderwoman Lee thanked First Baptist Church who cooked meals for the people in the shelter at Magnolia Park during the storm. Also, Laura Steffe offered space on her property for those showing up at the shelter with pets as pets are not allowed in the shelters. She suggested that the village send her a thank-you card.

Adjournment: There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Alderman Willie, seconded by Alderwoman Lee and the motion carried. (2 yeas; 0 nays)

Respectfully submitted,

Bettye M. Boggs, Mayor

I attest that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes taken at the General Meeting held at Town Hall on March 14, 2016.

Attest:

Andree Core, Municipal Clerk