

*Village of Folsom*  
*Mayor - Bettye M. Boggs*

*Aldерwoman - Paulette Lee*  
*Core - Municipal Clerk*  
*Alderwoman - Jill Mathies*  
*Killingsworth - Chief of Police*  
*Alderman - Lance Willie*  
*G. Talley - Village Attorney*

*Andree*

*Ronnie "Beau"*

*Delbert*

**Public Hearing**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**June 27, 2016**

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

Mayor Boggs called the public hearing to order and the municipal clerk established a quorum. Mayor Boggs led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

**Item # 1 – Ordinance – Adoption of 2016-2017 Budget** Mayor Boggs presented the above ordinance: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017. Aldерwoman Mathies asked a question in reference to and read paragraph 5 stating that the board has asked that the budget be adhered to by line item. Mayor Boggs replied that it is by line item. Aldерwoman Mathies asked Mr. Talley to this. Mr. Talley informed you are not putting in each and every expenditure you are summarizing by line item. He said as the law requires it compares this year by last year and it is summarized by line item. A further discussion followed. A motion was made from Alderman Willie to adjourn the Public Hearing, seconded by Aldерwoman Mathies, and the motion carried. *(3 yeas, 0 nays)*

**Special Meeting**  
**June 27, 2016**

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

**Item # 1 – Amend 2015-2016 Budget.** Mayor Boggs presented the introduction of Ordinance 2016-1 Chapter 33: An Ordinance Amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, in Compliance with the Local Government Budget Act, LA R.S. 39:1305 Et Seq. She announced this ordinance will be advertised and we will hold a public hearing at the July meeting. Mayor Boggs asked for any questions or comments from the board.

Alderman Willie asked what was the total amount we are amending in the budget. Mr. Talley stated the total amount amending was \$58,000.00. Mayor Boggs stated that the amended budget is the second to last column. A discussion followed. Mayor Boggs stated that this is an introduction to the ordinance.

**Item # 2 – Audit Engagement Letter** Mayor Boggs stated at the previous general there was a request that we look at other audit firms. She sent out eight request for proposals to audit firms and received three proposals back which were presented to the board. Alderman Willie stated that he was still in full support of Griffin and Furman, LLC.

Alderman Willie presented information on all three contracts the village received from the audit firms. He recommended the three year contract for \$15,000 with Griffin & Furman as he felt it is the best one and would like to lock the rate so it does not go up every year. Mayor Boggs informed that all three proposals received were three year contracts. Alderman Willie said the proposals his main concern was with the additional plus cost. Alderwoman Lee asked what is plus cost referring to and Mayor Boggs replied it is in the proposal. A discussion followed.

A further discussion followed regarding the three proposals. Alderman Willie noted that Griffin and Furman are familiar with our system and he feels by doing this it will help us in saving money in terms of extra fees charged. Discussion followed on continued training of the municipal clerk.

Mayor Boggs addressed the stated contract price in additional to other charges stated in the proposed contracts. A discussion followed. Alderman Willie stated that he felt the best decision was Griffin and Furman. Alderman Willie made a motion to approve the three-year \$15,000 audit proposal from Griffin & Furman, LLC. Alderwoman Lee seconded the motion and the motion carried. *(3 yeas, 0 nays)*

**Item # 3 – Ordinance – Adoption of 2016-17 Budget** Mayor Boggs presented An Ordinance Adopting an Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the Year Beginning July 1, 2016 and Ending June 30, 2017. Alderwoman Mathies replied that they sent an emails requesting some changes to be made and would like to know if they were done. Mayor Boggs asked what changes were those and Alderwoman Mathies replied a few things in the general and water funds along with some questions in the sales tax fund. A discussion followed beginning with the General Fund.

Mayor Boggs explained to the audience how the funds are arranged in the budget as a whole and how each fund is described with a list of revenues, a list of expenditures and then other financing sources such as transfer of sales taxes into various funds. Alderwoman Mathies stated that in the general fund they had some changes to be made. Mayor Boggs stated the mayor proposes the budget. She informed the board that if they have suggestions and she will be glad to address those with the board. A discussion followed.

Mayor Boggs and the board reviewed all proposed budget items in each fund. The proposed budget changes started in the general fund and going through each of the fund items. Discussion included several items, including the legal and accounting fees. A discussion followed. Mayor Boggs stated that as long as she is mayor she will not let the village fall back into the auditing citations they had accounting

wise when the village did not have the services of a CPA. She stated the hiring of the CPA is what put the village in the position of the favorable audit we have recently received and why would we want to go back to a practice that produced all of these audit findings.

Alderwoman Lee said the job description of the clerk is to maintain the books and she would like her to be able to do this without the CPA. Alderman Willie agreed and said that he would like to call the clerk with questions and not have to wait to hear back from our CPA. Mayor Boggs replied that she agrees that Andree has progressed tremendously in one year time. She stated but this is that takes a lot of hardwork and knowledge. She said Andree has an excellent understanding and she is progressing satisfactory and the more she learns the less we will have to rely on the CPA and auditors. A discussion followed. Mayor Boggs stated that lowering these fees at this time would be hampering the village and she did not agree.

Mayor Boggs addressed and discussed mutiple items which included safety equipment, dumpster fees, and recycling fees. The mayor agreed upon changes to the propsed budget as followed.

**General Fund – Expenditures** (pg 15): Add line item for “Recycling” for \$1,800. Add line item for “DOTD” Fees” for \$4,000. Reduce “Auditors” from \$18,000 to \$15,000. “Legal Fees” should remain at \$12,000.

**Garbage Fund – Expenditures** (pg 4): Reduce \$39,000 by \$1,800 for “Recycling” and \$1,200 for “Dumpster fees. *It changed from \$39,000 to \$36,000.*

**Water Fund – Expenditures** (pg 6): Add line item “Dumpster Fees” for \$1,200.

**Streets and Drainage** (pg 11): Move “DOTD Fees” for \$4,000 to General Fund.

Alderman Willie announced he has been looking into saving the village money by renting machinery. He suggested that we consider renting equipment instead of spending money repairing equipment. He said that we could sell all the equipment we own and pay to maintain. Scott Roth stated that he has never heard of that but if he can get more information he would be glad to look into it. Mayor Boggs stated having gone through every line item of the budget, she asked for a motion to adopt the budget. Alderwoman Lee made a motion to adopt the 2016-2017 Budget. Alderman Willie seconded the motion and the motion carried. (2 yeas, 1 nay - *Alderwoman Mathies*).

Adjournment: There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Alderman Willie, seconded by Alderwoman Mathies and the motion carried. (3 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 Public Hearing and Special Meeting held at Town Hall on June 27, 2016.*

*Attest:*

*Andree Core, Municipal Clerk*