

**Village of Folsom  
Public Hearing  
7:15 p.m.  
Special Meeting  
7:30 p.m.  
March 21, 2013**

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

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established. The invocation and pledge were led by Alderman Donald Burris.

**Public Hearing:**

**Item No 1 = Approval of Mayor negotiation authority with Parish:**

Mayor asked if there was anything from the public. Mr. Beard asked if there was anything new. Mayor stated that there isn't anything new it's still the same agreement from the last meeting. Mr. Talley stated that each parish's agreement is different from one another. One factor is the geography but also the agreement's when first initiated it was not uniformed then the taxing is and they tax uniformly throughout the districts but that doesn't mean the allocations are the same in the areas. Alderman Mathies asked Mr. Talley how significantly different is this agreement different from the past agreement with them? Mr. Talley stated it has to do with annexing property. When these districts are set up the municipalities are not part of the sales tax district it's an uncooperative areas. Then decisions need to be made on revenue share. On motion of Alderman Burris to adjourn the public hearing by Alderman Willie. The motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

**Special Meeting Business:**

\*The meeting was called to order and a quorum established. The Agenda was amended by Mayor Bickham by adding an Executive Session to meet with CPA which was motion of Alderman Burris to add to agenda seconded by Alderman Willie. The motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The Motion Carried

**Item No 1 = Consideration of Growth Management & Revenue Sharing Agreement:**

Mayor Bickham stated that this was introduced at last meeting at a public hearing and now we are asking for an ordinance to give me the authority to negotiate an agreement with the parish. Mr. Talley stated that the agreement is saying if we annex any property within the area we can annex then they have a provision that says if we intensify the zoning we don't get any tax revenue. Alderman Willie stated then that doesn't do us any good and we make no profit on annexing. Mr. Talley stated they initially said that and have changed that and now it says the parish may at its sole discretion choose to retain 100%. If we don't annex it we get all the tax. I don't feel this is a good agreement but we can't throw it out. Your tax revenue comes from commercial so if you annex suburban agricultural or annex in a classification that doesn't have a commercial you're not looking at any tax revenue, you want to annex in commercial and that will generate tax revenue. Alderman Willie stated is there's any way of going around a higher zoning classifying area? Mr. Talley stated what ever you do your going to change the zoning classification. The State Law requires if we annex that it keeps its classification with the parish for 6 months and resident of that area or land owner in that area have to 6 months to apply for rezoning, if they do that then our zoning board can determine if they want to give them that new zoning, if not it takes on the character of the district we have it zoned in and comes into our zoning after 6 months. The parish is saying we want you to in this agreement that you get our permission to rezone and if you don't get our permission you lose the tax revenue. Alderman Willie asked how hard is it to get permission to rezone? Mr. Talley stated remember the taxing district doesn't include any of the municipalities so once we annex it's part of the municipality but the parish is saying we still want the money and your permission for you to rezone it. We have been told if we don't sign it we won't be part of this agreement. I think we should sign it then ask for an attorney general opinion. Alderman Willie stated so we can't get out of this but they want us to sign it, then I agree we sign it and go from there with an attorney general. Mr. Talley stated I think we owe it to the people in the Village to get an attorney general's opinion. This agreement is a tenured agreement and importantly it has a severability clause and if any of the clauses are declared to be illegal the agreement still stands without those clauses. On motion of Alderman Burris to except the Consideration of Growth Management & Revenue Sharing Agreement seconded by Alderman Willie. The motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

**Item No 2 = Auditor Questionnaire Form:**

Mayor Bickham stated that he spoke to Mr. Talley we have a questionnaire from the stated to make sure we are in compliance. Mr. Talley stated that in connection with the audit the auditors have given us a form that is a state compliance questionnaire and have also given you all a copy of all the revised statues that are important that they site in the compliance questionnaire. The questionnaire sites some questions that lend themselves to a special session certain things are exempt from the public meeting law that can nee to be handled in an Executive Session.

The auditors want to appear at the next meeting and they want us to approve what ever we say in that compliance questionnaire. I think we should have it done with a CPA present, all Alderman present, Mayor present and Clerk present and go into an Executive Session. Mr. Griffin the auditor also asked that at our next meeting we go into an Executive session to go over the audit then would come out into an open meeting to discuss. Mr. Talley then stated we need to come up with a date and several hours to handle the compliance questionnaire we will post when we have it so people are aware. Mayor stated we will try to schedule with CPA once we see how it will work according to Alderwoman's work schedule. On motion of Alderman Burris to have this meeting with CPA, board to do what we need to do to get this complete seconded by Alderman Willie. The motion carried. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Meeting was adjourned on motion of Alderman Burris, seconded by Alderman Willie. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip Bickham, Mayor

I attest that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes taken at the Special Meeting held March 21, 2013.

Attest:

Susan Willie, Municipal Clerk

