

**Village of Folsom
Special Meeting
February 28, 2013
7:00 PM**

**Present: Mayor Phillip Bickham
Alderwoman: 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. The Agenda was approved on motion of Alderman Burris, seconded by Alderman Willie. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) The motion carried.

Special Meeting Business:

Item No 1 = Introduction of Growth Management & Revenue Sharing Ordinance:

Mayor Bickham stated that Mr. Talley met with the Parish officials in order to get more clarity on this matter. Mr. Talley spoke and explained to the board members that this agreement wouldn't be issued an extension they are having an dispute with Pearl River and won't issue either of us an extension and this needs to be done for the 31st of March. What this agreement does is allow sales tax district III to collect the tax for us. If we didn't have the agreement the sheriff would have to collect our tax. The problem is that they are trying to set themselves up as a Regional planning commission to control our annexing and zoning to control everything because they have the money. The problem with Folsom is that they have a provision that say's once property is annexed that if we change the zoning and enhance the zoning then we don't get any of the tax revenue. This would give us nothing not one thing as per Mr. Talley and once we got to enhance zoning situation they get the tax and take over. Mr. Talley told the Parish officials that he wants that provision taken out. The other problem is that they want us to do an audit for them and report to them in 90 days the revenue collected and how we use it. That revenue can only be used for roads, bridges that kind of things and they want us to document it being used according to the law to them. Mr. Talley said that according to the state law we need to cooperate with them involving annexation and documenting how that money is spent. Mr. Talley stated that he asked them to let us know everything that they want, we will set up a separate fund for all of the tax revenue collected in tax district III. Then we can have an accountant inform them at 90 days how the money was used. Mr. Talley stated we don't have an agreement but told them that if we couldn't work this out by the 31st of March, I'm not going to recommend this to the board of Alderman and the Mayor, but I will do recommend that we at least pass this to get it done by the 31st of March then ask for an Attorney General opinion whether or not it's legal to take our zoning. Mr. Talley then stated that I recommend that you let the Mayor negotiate because we don't have

anything to show you right now then come back and show you the final agreement before it's signed. On motion of Alderman Burris to except this introduction allowing Mayor negotiation authority with Parish seconded by Alderwoman Mathies. The motion carried.

(3 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Item No 2 = Employee Health Insurance Renewal:

Mayor Bickham stated that our current Health Insurance Agent Chris just sent over some information where we could save and have some things that we could have taken out of the policy we have in place right now. Alderwoman Mathies stated that she has shopped around and called three agents Chris Eustis our present agent, Kay Frost our previous agent and Don Lagarde an agent out of Covington. "Basically all three agents run with the same health care policies. I feel personally that we need to change that 100% not pair out their cost but changing the policy. We are paying a high end policy where they don't pay any deductibles, hospitalization out of pocket of \$100 a wonderful policy but it's costing the Village a lot of money, healthcare is changing and you just don't see that anymore." I felt we needed to shop the policy and change provisions and the policy. Kay Frost gave me several quotes, spoke to Chris and was told we shop the same policy we can get number to number. I was a little deterred with his attitude with the situation where it was demeaning and unprofessional and basically wasn't going to do the leg work that someone else has done and his words were "Romp in the mud with this, here is what Blue Cross is offering I'll email it to you." Alderwoman Mathies also said that she told him, "Were shopping a policy along with an agent with this are you interested? Chris stated, "I am interested but like I said I'm not getting in to this like Romping in the mud." Alderwoman Mathies stated, we don't have to renew a policy Blue Cross has made a few offers because we have been with them for many years but if we don't except their offers they will take them off the table by March the 10th and we won't continue to be grandfathered in. I am asking for an agent change no agent can go to Blue Cross except Chris unless we do an agent change. Mayor then stated that he has had only pleasant conversations with them, what are the changes that you all are wanting to change? Alderwoman Mathies said, "I'm wanting an agent that is willing to work for us and we also need a policy change." Mayor stated we have 9 days, what in this present policy do you want to have taken out? Alderwoman Mathies said, "I feel the policy needs to be changed, not what we pay 100% of the premium but the type of policy that we write and sign." Please also be aware that we have open enrollment for employees. Mayor stated he is going to meet with Chris Tuesday and Alderwoman Mathies stated she would like to be present and that Chris needs to meet with her according to her schedule. Mayor stated and if he can't make her schedule then they will forward information to her to review. Alderman Willie stated that he agrees that we should have an agent change and also agrees we need to cut the expense that the Village is paying out. Alderwoman Mathies stated that for the record she is requesting Kay Frost as our Agent. Alderman Willie stated that Jill has done her homework and he has to agree that we need an agent change. Alderman Burris asked Clerk how she felt about the current agent. Clerk Willie stated she had only met and spoken to current agent once at the beginning when they were brought in and never again but employees have always contacted Mrs. Frost for questions and concern about health care issues and she has always been very helpful. Mayor stated that if Chris can't come out and do what we need done then he will suggest a change in agent. Alderwoman Mathies stated with this decrease then maybe our employee's can afford benefits for their family.

Meeting was adjourned on motion of Alderman Burris, seconded by Alderwoman Mathies. (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 February 28, 2013.

Attest:

Susan Willie, Municipal Clerk