

Village of Folsom

Mayor – Lance Willie

Alderman – Shawn Dillon
Alderwoman – Jill Mathies
Alderman – George Garrett



Margra Steele - Municipal Clerk
Ronnie Killingsworth – Police Chief
Roy Burns – Village Attorney

SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 27, 2019 @ 7:00PM

Present:

Mayor Lance Willie
Alderwoman Jill Mathies
Alderman George Garrett
Alderman Shawn Dillon
Municipal Clerk Margra Steele

Meeting was called to order and Quorum established. Alderman George Garrett led the invocation and pledge

Item Budget Discussion

Mayor announced item and stated that this meeting was called to discuss the proposed budget in more detailed and to look at each fund. Mayor stated that he would start the discussion with the Police Department. Alderman Shawn Dillon voiced his concerns regarding the budgeted amount in the Police Department. Alderman Dillon requested that we look at ways to reduce cost in order to fund and maintain other areas within the Village. After further discussion the board will look into the budgeted amount in overtime and citations for the Police Department.

Mayor announced that the Garbage Fund as the next fund to be discussed and questioned the amount that is budgeted and stated that the Village does not make any money off of Garbage and we need to look into the rates. After further discussion the Board approved to add a line item in the amount of one thousand dollars for Mardi Gras Expense for the portables.

Mayor announced that we should break even within General Fund, and he don't see any projected major changes to the fund. He also stated that due to the construction on Highway 25, we may see a decrease in the sales tax, which funds the General Fund. Mayor Willie further explained that with the opening of several new business we will have an overall increase in the sales tax that is collected.

Alderwoman Jill Mathies stated that the General Fund is the source of our expenditures and we all should look more closely at our spending. Alderwoman Mathies further explained that we should determine items that are a necessity versus items we can wait on in order to save on spending within all of the funds.

Mayor Willie stated that we need to increase the amount budgeted in General Fund for Grant Writers from three thousand to five thousand.

Mayor Willie announced that Sales Tax Fund would be discussed next and questioned What other Departments does the Sales Tax fund? Municipal Clerk Margra Steele informed the board that transfers are made to the Police Fund, Streets and Drainage, General Fund and a portion remains in the Sales Tax Fund. Mayor Willie questioned why a portion of the Sales Tax dollars does not go into the Sewer Fund.

Alderwoman Jill Mathies stated that Water Fund and Sewer Fund has to fund self-funded, in order to receive grants. After further discussion the proposed budget for the Sales Tax Fund will remain as proposed

Mayor announced that in the Street and Drainage Fund and suggested that we should add a line item for Street Repairs. Alderwoman Jill Mathis suggested the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. After further discussion regarding the listed line items and street repair, questions will be referred to the CPA regarding them.

Mayor announced Water and Sewer Funds will be a combined discussion. Mayor informed the board that he removed all employees that were paid out of Sewer Fund to other accounts, due to the loan we have to back for the sewer project. Mayor Willie suggested that in the Sewer Fund we will decrease repairs and maintenance from twenty thousand dollars to ten thousand dollars. After further regarding other areas in the Water and Sewer Fund, Mayor announced that the proposed budget for the Water Fund will remain as proposed.

Mayor called for motion to adjourn meeting. Motion made to adjourn by Alderwoman Jill Mathies, seconded by Alderman George Garrett. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

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 May 27, 2019.


Attest: Margra Steele Municipal Clerk /s/