

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

GENERAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2019 @ 7:00PM

Present:

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

Meeting was called to order and Quorum established. Pastor William led the invocation and pledge.

GENERAL MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Mayor announced motion to approve agenda. Motion was made by Alderman George Garrett and seconded by Alderman Shawn Dillion. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried.

Approval of Financial Statements (Dec. 2018)

Alderwomen Jill Mathis made motion to approve December 2018 Financial Statements. Motion was seconded by Alderman George Garrett. (3 Yeas, 0 Nays) motion carried

Approval of the Minutes (GM 1.14.19)

January General Meeting Minutes was tabled.

Engineer Report

Mayor announced Item and Village engineer Jay Pittman was not present. The Mayor gave an update on current projects, and stated that they are being completed as scheduled. Utility lines from AT&T, and the gas company are in the process of being relocated, in preparation of the construction of the third line within in the Village.

Maintenance Report

Mayor announced the Item and maintenance supervisor Wayne Cyprian stated that the tractor should be delivered tomorrow. The maintenance department are currently working on patching holes in the roads. The Mayor requested that when the repairs are being made, make sure they are repaired correctly and he questioned the material being used to do so.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Item 1 –Discuss Purchase of Excavator

Mayor announced Item stating the need to purchase an excavator within the village. Alderman George Garrett and Alderman Shawn Dillon has previously spoken with him regarding the need as well. He stated the cost of the equipment would be \$35,425.60 and the payment options to purchase. He gave a brief description of the attachments included. Mayor stated that he spoke with Police Chief Beau Killingsworth regarding auctioning the old police cars, to help cover some of the cost of the purchase and to place the money from the sale back to the streets and drainage fund.

Alderman George Garrett asked the maintenance supervisor if he had seen the equipment, Wayne informed him that he had not, Alderman Garret suggested that he go look at the equipment, to assess what the equipment detailed. Wayne informed them that the company would come out and give a demo.

Alderwoman Jill Mathies asked who knows how to operate an Excavator. Alderman Garrett confirmed that the maintenance supervisor has been trained on the operation of equipment and the safety precautions required.

The Mayor stated that the village is struggling paying \$1000.00 for water meters and the residents are only paying \$650.00 per meter and we have to pay a company to install them. With this purchase we could install them ourselves and save on that expense. The purchased of the excavator will allow us to fix our own repairs instead of paying a company to come out to repair for us.

Alderman Shawn Dillion asked if we had checked with other companies, Alderman George Garrett stated that the Kubota was the best.

Alderwoman Jill Mathies stated her concerns with the purchase of the equipment, she asked what if we broke a line, such as fiber optics and what would the cost be to repair if we did. She asked what are we doing about locates, and that we are spending money to repair breaks that was not appropriately marked. The Mayor stated that we have purchased a locator to help resolve this issue.

Alderwoman Jill Mathies asked if we are working on revising the maps of the water lines, Mayor stated that him, Wayne and Chief Pittman are working on the maps. Alderwomen Jill Mathis asked can attachments be purchased for the backhoe that we already have. Wayne informed her that it would be too big.

Mayor asked about the purchased of a trailer for the equipment, Alderman George Garrett and Wayne informed him that we already have one, however the tires will just need air.

Mayor called for motion to approve the purchase of an excavator for the price of \$35,425.60 from the Streets and Drainage fund. Motion was made by Alderman George Garrett and seconded by Alderman Shawn Dillion. (2 Yeas, 1 Nays) motion carried

Item 2 –Live Oak Trailer Park

Mayor stated that we have had several complaints about old vehicles and condemned buildings. Mayor stated that we should come up with an ordinance regarding this and that we need to clean up all around Folsom. He stated that he had the maintenance department to pick up trash just a few days ago. The Mayor and Alderman Shawn Dillion would like for everyone to drive around to take a look at the Village, then give suggestions on what we should do about the problem.

Chief Beau Killingsworth stated that the trailer park has a lot of migrant workers moving in and out. He stated that we had Ice and immigration come in, however no one was present and he thinks they were alerted. He suggested that the Fire Marshall or Building Inspector come in to look at the buildings.

Mayor stated that we should have an ordinance in place that would serve as a legal document, he would have Mr. Roy Burns look at what other municipalities have, to see what we could do regarding this issue.

Audience member Deanna Mingo asked if it was the owner's responsibility to keep his/her property up to par.

Alderwoman Jill Mathies stated that it could be different according to the lease agreements.

Deanna Mingo also asked about the commercial face of Folsom, and stated that it looks bad

Alderwomen Jill Mathies stated that Marry Mizell suggested that we look at the ordinances on business to see what type of landscape would give a curve appeal.

Item 3 – Streets and Roadways in the Village

Alderwoman Jill Mathies stated that we should ask the State while they are in the Village repairing roads, could they give us a quote or a discount price on repairing other keys areas in the Village of Folsom. This is mainly for Village Trace.

Mayor stated that Jay and Wayne already has spoken with them. He also stated that it would cost about \$150,000 per road. He suggested that we could have a meeting with the parish and state with the new election coming up to see what they could do for us.

Alderwoman Jill Mathies reminded everyone that the Village of Folsom's residents do not pay town property taxes.

Item 4 – Utility Adjustments

None

Announcements/Adjournment:

Minister Nikita from Holmeville Missionary Baptist church would like to reestablish/reform Folsom's Black History Program and March. Minister Nikita stated that she would like for this to be a community event for all of the village and would love to see all the area churches, residents and community leaders get involved. The program and march will take place on February 23, 2019 at the Town hall. The march will start at 9:00 a.m. and the program will follow.

Mayor stated that the Village will provide refreshments for the event.

Mayor announced that Melody from The Village of Folsom's Veterinary Hospital will have an animal drive on March 9, 2019 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This drive is for all animals to receive the required vaccinations and spay and neuter for a discount price with proof of vaccinations. Melody gave out a price list and stated that the owner, must show up on that date to receive the special rate and could schedule at that time the follow up appointment for a spay and neuter.

After know further announcements Mayor Willie made motion to adjourn.

Motion made to adjourn by Alderman Garrett and seconded by Alderman Dillon. (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 February 11, 2019.

Attest:  Margra Stedje, Municipal Clerk /s/