

# **LaFollette City Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday February 7, 2017 5:30 p.m.**

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a regular monthly meeting on February 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the LaFollette City Hall. Mayor Michael Stanfield called the meeting to order. Terry Sweat led the prayer and pledge. Mayor Stanfield asked for the roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Bill Archer.....	Present
Mr. Joe Bolinger.....	Present
Mrs. Ann Thompson.....	Present
Mr. Lonnie Wilson.....	Present
Mayor Mike Stanfield.....	Present

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2017**

Mr. Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 2017 meeting. Mr. Archer made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Bill Archer.....	Yes
Mr. Joe Bolinger.....	Yes
Mrs. Ann Thompson.....	Yes
Mr. Lonnie Wilson.....	Yes

-Motion Carried-

### **REPORTS FROM BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & DEPARTMENTS**

Mr. Bolinger made the motion that the various reports be approved. Mrs. Thompson made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Bill Archer.....	Yes
Mr. Joe Bolinger.....	Yes
Mrs. Ann Thompson.....	Yes
Mr. Lonnie Wilson.....	Yes

-Motion Carried-

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Mayor Stanfield stated let it be noted there being none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Stanfield asked if anyone had any announcements. Mayor Stanfield announced that he had one announcement. Mayor Stanfield announced to the city department heads to inform their employees that the representative with 401k and 457 will be in the conference room at 9:00am for enrollment. Mayor Stanfield asked if there were any other announcements. Mayor Stanfield stated let it be noted there being none.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

**\*Resolution 2017-01- Amendment to the Original 2016/2017 budget.**

Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2017-01. Mr. Bolinger made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-01. Mr. Wilson made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Bill Archer..... Yes
- Mr. Joe Bolinger..... Yes
- Mrs. Ann Thompson..... Yes
- Mr. Lonnie Wilson..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\*Rescinding Resolution 2015-12 Resolution for Engineering Services for the Safe Routes to School Project.**

Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Rescinding Resolution 2015-12. Mr. Wilson made the motion to approve Rescinding Resolution 2015-12. Mr. Bolinger made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Bill Archer..... Yes
- Mr. Joe Bolinger..... Yes
- Mrs. Ann Thompson..... Yes
- Mr. Lonnie Wilson..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\*Ordinance 2017-01- Ordinance to amend the City of LaFollette Code with respect to Alcoholic Beverages. (First and Second Reading).**

Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2017-01. Mr. Bolinger made the motion to approve Ordinance 2017-01. Mr. Wilson made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Bill Archer..... Yes
- Mr. Joe Bolinger..... Yes
- Mrs. Ann Thompson..... Yes
- Mr. Lonnie Wilson..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\*Ordinance 2017-03- Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2016-06 Specific permitted street use for ATV’s updating permissible streets. (First and Second Reading).**

Mayor Stanfield asked Mr. Jefferies if he would like to comment on the ordinance. Mr. Jefferies stated that the laws had changed in January on the ordinance and the amendment will bring the city back into compliance. Mr. Jefferies also said the amendment will add a couple other streets that the county wanted the city to include such as Claiborne road so anyone at White Bridge Park can travel those roads. Mr. Wilson asked if the state had to approve also. Mr. Jefferies replied no the state will approve state roads that was part of the changes it gave the Municipalities the authority to do. Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2017-03. Mr. Bolinger made the motion to approve Ordinance 2017-03. Mr. Wilson made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Bill Archer..... Yes
- Mr. Joe Bolinger..... Yes
- Mrs. Ann Thompson..... Yes
- Mr. Lonnie Wilson..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**ADMINISTRATION**

**\*Approval to apply for a Capital Outlay Note for two-million dollars from the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund.**

Mayor Stanfield stated he had spoken to Mr. Sweat about the outlay note and said he was advised by Mr. Sweat the city had five-hundred thousand dollars in STP funds to do some paving. Mayor Stanfield said he wanted the council to go with 1.5 million instead of two million on the note because with the five-hundred thousand they would still have two million to do paving. Mayor Stanfield asked if there was any comments from the


council. Mrs. Thompson asked what would the payments be on the 1.5 million note. Mr. Sweat replied when he looked at it all depended when the city closed it but the annual debt services payment would be one hundred seventy for thousand one fifty. If they did the two million dollar note the annual would be for the next budget, it would be two thirty-two. Mr. Jefferies asked so it would be an addition fifty-seven or fifty-eight thousand on 1.5 million and additional one hundred and ten on two million. Mr. Sweat replied yes, it is a little over fifty-three on the 1.5 and one hundred eleven plus on the two million. Mrs. Thompson asked Mr. Sweat if he was saying the payment was one hundred seventy-four thousand a year. Mr. Sweat replied that the city had one principle payment and two semi interest payments that's one seventy-four one fifty and two thirty-two for the two million. Mrs. Thompson said she was only asking on the 1.5 million. Mr. Sweat replied one hundred seventy-four one fifty. Mr. Sweat stated that was for the first year they were back loaded so the principle payment increases and for the second year about the same just a little bit of difference for the ten years on the 1.5. Mayor Stanfield asked Mr. Sweat if the other note the city has was paid off in 2020. Mr. Sweat replied that the other note did pay off in 2020 but the city would have two notes for three years. Mrs. Thompson asked if the city had the money to pay two notes for three years. Mr. Sweat replied the city had always been able to pay two notes depending on how much the council put in the budget. Mr. Sweat advised the one eleven was extra money in addition to the one twenty-eight sixty-eight that was in the budget the fifty-three is an addition to the one twenty-eight sixty-eight. Mr. Sweat stated he would not know until he done the budget to see how it would come out. Mayor Stanfield asked Mr. Sweat if he was comfortable with the 1.5 million. Mr. Sweat replied the 1.5 million would be easier to put in the budget the other thing the other note will come off in three years which that will be good. Mayor Stanfield asked Mr. Jefferies if he would like to comment. Mr. Jefferies replied that Mr. Sweat explained to him that the fifty-three and the one hundred eleven was an addition to what payment the city already had originally. Mr. Jefferies advised the council that he had given them a copy of the streets that could be paved with the STP funds and it would be up to the council if they got the 1.5 million or two million. Mayor Stanfield advised the council that they would still get two million in paving if they borrowed the 1.5 because they already had five hundred thousand in STP funds. Mayor Stanfield said he would not be on the committee looking at the streets but he did want the council to look at about four streets that were gravel that needed paved and they should add them in while they were paving and be done with them. Mayor Stanfield said the streets had never been black topped. Mr. Mullens stated there was four streets that had never been paved and had constant maintenance problems it would make it easier to pave them and be done with them. Mr. Archer asked if the city was going to be able to service this note without any kind of tax increase. Mr. Sweat replied he thought so. Mr. Archer replied you think so. Mr. Archer asked if the city was getting in any extra revenue. Mr. Sweat replied we are getting in some more extra money. Mr. Sweat stated what the city had done in the past at one point a few years ago,

was the city had three notes the city could not pay but two so they took it out of fund balance to take the third one off. Mr. Sweat stated in the past we have been able to pay two and we have some extra revenue coming in so we can pay two. Mr. Archer Stated that he didn't want to get into fund balances. Mr. Bolinger replied he thought at that time he believed the city was still paying Lowes one hundred thousand dollars a year also. Mr. Sweat replied at one time we were paying three note plus Lowes. Mr. Archer asked so we won't have no problems doing it then. Mr. Sweat stated when the city had three note and paying Lowes the city had to use fund balance to pay off one of the notes and 1.5 was safe a lot safer than two. Mr. Sweat advised because once you close it you have to pay it the good thing about it the 1.5 we have now pays off in three years. Mr. Jefferies asked Mr. Sweat if the utilities was going to be borrowing some additional money. Mr. Sweat stated that he had spoken to LUB and that there is a ten-million-dollar tax exempt on borrowing and they wanted to know what the city was borrowing because they wanted to use the balance up to the ten million. Mr. Sweat advised the council whatever they decided tonight he would tell them tomorrow so they could make their plans. Mayor Stanfield stated the city right now is in the best financial shape than it ever has been. Mr. Archer replied he was sure of that he just wanted to keep it there. Mayor Stanfield said that he wants to tell the department head since they all were there the city had been good to them the last four or five years getting things so don't go out on a limb asking for a bunch of stuff at budget time. Mr. Wilson asked if the 1.5 was for paving only or can we use some of it somewhere else. Mayor Stanfield replied paving only. Mr. Jefferies advised the council he had given them a map of the streets that the STP funds would cover. Mr. Bolinger asked about the streets that shared city and county like Loop Road and others if the county would be sharing in the cost of paving. Mayor Stanfield replied yes, we just done that down on Memorial and they shared cost. Mrs. Thompson asked if the city was going to be able to get with the utilities to let them know the city would be paving so they won't go in and tear them up after they are paved. Mayor Stanfield replied yes but they are things that happen that no way around it. Mrs. Thompson replied there is things they have messed up we have paved before. Mr. Bolinger stated you have a water main break in the middle of the road they will fix it. Mayor Stanfield stated when they cut the road they are responsible for the cut over until it is resurfaced but they have been good to take care of any cut he has called them on. Mr. Jefferies recommended once they got the list of streets confirmed he would send one to the utilities and gas company and coordinate our paving with their work. Mr. Bolinger advised that most of the streets being paved would need manhole risers put in before the paving so the utilities will be familiar with most of the streets. Mayor Stanfield asked for anymore comments. Mr., Archer asked how fast will the city get the money on the capital outlay. Mr. Sweat replied late March or first April. Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the council. Mrs. Thompson made a motion to approve the 1.5 million note. Mr. Archer made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Bill Archer..... Yes  
Mr. Joe Bolinger..... Yes  
Mrs. Ann Thompson..... Yes  
Mr. Lonnie Wilson..... Yes  
-Motion Carried-

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Stanfield declared the meeting adjourned.

Attest:  , Clerk

 , Mayor