

## LaFollette City Council

### Meeting Minutes

Friday May 4, 2018 4:00 p.m.

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a special called meeting on May 4, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the LaFollette City Hall. Mayor Michael Stanfield called the meeting to order. Mayor Stanfield asked for the roll call, which was as follows:

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

#### **\*Property located at 313 North Tennessee Avenue.**

Mayor Stanfield stated the council was there to discuss the property at 313 North Tennessee Avenue. Mayor Stanfield asked, Chief Bill Rohel if he would like to comment on the property. Chief Rohel stated that the property was located across the street from the electric department. Chief Rohel said the property had a building and a fenced lot and recently the council had raised the impounding fees and they had limited amount of space in their current lot. Chief Rohel said this lot would help with what they needed for impounding. Chief Rohel also said that he was making future plans to set up for internet crimes against children and the building located on the property would work for that. Chief Rohel said Knoxville was the main place for internet crimes against children and they had offered it to his department. Chief Rohel said Knoxville has offered to them to come under their satellite which would give his department free training free equipment and the building on the property will work for the offsite of the program. Mayor Stanfield stated that Chief Rohel had increased his upcoming budget to make an addition to the city hall building this upcoming year. Mayor Stanfield said the city building on the police side was structurally breaking down and eventually the city will have to get a structural engineer to look at the building due to water standing behind the

building. Mayor Stanfield said he apologized to council he knew eventually they were looking for an impound lot. Mayor Stanfield he didn't know the building was for sale. Mayor Stanfield said he told Chief Rohel yesterday that the property has been in the Russell family as long as he could remember and that he never dreamed Ms. Russell would sale it. Chief Rohel said he would like to add the addition he had ask for behind city hall was for storage and if the city get the property they will not have to do the addition at city hall. Mrs. Thompson asked if the new building would have to have someone there at all times. Chief Rohel replied no they would use cameras. Mrs. Thompson asked, so we will have to add cameras there. Chief Rohel replied yes. Mayor Stanfield said a fence will have to be added to the back of the property. Mrs. Thompson asked about how much it will cost to put a fence in the back. Chief Rohel replied he has not got an estimate on the fence at that time. Mayor Stanfield stated he apologized again for not knowing the property was going to be sold. Mayor Stanfield said if they knew it was going to be sold they could have made Ms. Russell a price on it. Mayor Stanfield said it was scheduled to be sold at auction this coming Saturday. Mayor Stanfield said Mr. Jeffries wasn't here yesterday neither was Mr. Sweat. Mayor Stanfield said he polled council to see what they wanted to do with it. Mayor Stanfield stated the council said they were good with it. Mayor Stanfield stated he contacted David Longmire and told him they would take it. Mayor Stanfield said he told Mrs. Thompson to offer a certain price for it and she came back and said she would take this amount for it and pay Mr. Longmire his fee. Mayor Stanfield asked, Mrs. Thompson was that correct. Mrs. Thompson said it is. Mayor Stanfield stated he had talked to two or three real estate people and just word of mouth it is worth more than we bought it for. Mr. Archer asked, Mayor Stanfield who he talked to. Mayor Stanfield said he talked to David Longmire and Paul Provins. Mr. Archer asked you talked to Paul Provins today. Mayor Stanfield replied yes, he did. Mayor Stanfield said he talked to... Mr. Archer stated he was totally lost to signing a contract on it to purchase it at \$50,000.00. Mr. Archer stated that in his opinion he thought they were going to send someone up there to bid on it the whole time. Mayor Stanfield said it would have went for more than \$50,000.00. Mayor Stanfield said he polled. Mayor Stanfield said he told Hotrod to tell you we won't go over \$55,000.00. Mayor Stanfield said he told Mr. Bolinger and Mr. Wilson that's right. Mr. Wilson replied that's what had explained to Mr. Archer but no one told us that anyone was going to offer them money to buy it. Mayor Stanfield replied he tried to get it cheaper than this and it didn't go that way. Mr. Wilson said it didn't go that way. Mr. Archer asked, what did they tell you Mrs. Thompson. Mrs. Thompson said she talked to Mr. Longmire first and then to Ms. Russell. Mrs. Thompson stated that Ms. Russell told her the price Mayor Stanfield told her they wanted to pay and Mr. Longmire said the city would have

to pay the additional buyer premium in that. Mrs. Thompson stated she told Mr. Longmire the city would not pay anymore than that this is our offer. Mrs. Thompson stated she did it under the direction of Mayor Stanfield. Mr. Wilson stated it was fine to go up there and bid. Mr. Wilson said like he told the Chief Rohel we need the building because we do not need to be building in the back. Mayor Stanfield stated we are going to have to do something back there before long. Mr. Wilson replied they need to dig the drains out to see what is going on. Mayor Stanfield stated for the price the city could not go wrong with it and he did sign the contract on it this morning with Mr. Longmire. Mayor Stanfield said part of the fence is over on the Utilities. Mayor Stanfield said like he told Mr. Longmire this morning about the fence the city owns Lafollette Utilities so that fence is over on our property. Mr. Wilson said the fence is over about ten feet and the utilities wouldn't say anything. Mayor Stanfield said he had spoken to Mr. Baird and he didn't have a problem with it. Mayor Stanfield said come tomorrow all the stuff will be auctioned off and the building is ours. Mr. Wilson asked there is no plans to renovate the building right. Chief Rohel replied that is correct. Mrs. Thompson said it doesn't need anything but to be cleaned up. Mr. Wilson said that was all he seen it needed except a little paint on the outside. Mayor Stanfield said we confiscate these motor cycles and four wheelers and the set up at the street department in the weather and we have a auction it don't bring nothing because it sets up there and rust down. Mayor Stanfield said they can now store them inside of this building. Mr. Wilson replied it will also be a good place to put your fancy Jeep. Mrs. Thompson replied the Hummer. Mr. Wilson said they needed the room in the back. Mr. Archer asked if anyone asked Mr. Longmire to be at the meeting. Mayor Stanfield replied that he did not. Mr. Archer replied that there was not anything in the contact that said his buyers' premium was included. Mrs. Thompson replied that he was working that out with her. Mayor Stanfield replied Mr. Longmire told him it was today when he came by for him to sign. Mrs. Thompson said the payment will go directly to Ms. Russell. Mr. Wilson asked if she agreed to that. Mayor Stanfield replied yes. Mrs. Thompson said that Ms. Russell was actually Mr. Longmire's cousin. Mayor Stanfield said if Ms. Russell said so he would take her word. Mr. Archer stated he didn't see them buying a pink elephant like the old post office. Mr. Archer said that was totally unreal. Mr. Archer stated entering into a contract without them meeting. Mr. Archer stated that Mrs. Thompson sometimes brings this up and he brings it up everyone of them brings thing up. Mrs. Thompson replied she didn't bring this up this was brought to her and she just went to look at it. Mrs. Thompson stated she did what she was told by Mayor Stanfield. Mrs. Thompson stated that Chief Rohel came and asked her about it and to get her opinion about it. Mrs. Thompson stated that Chief Rohel said everyone else had agreed with it.

Mr. Archer said there was no question Chief Rohel needs the building and it would be a savings. Mr. Archer said it's just the way we are doing it. Mr. Archer advised Mrs. Thompson that she was the one who normally said something about the way they would do things and this is not kosher to what we are supposed to be doing. Mr. Archer asked if we give sufficient notice on the call of the special meeting. Mayor Stanfield replied Mr. Jeffries called this morning. Mr. Jeffries agreed. Mr. Archer asked, if everyone was notified. Mayor Stanfield replied this happened so fast you either do it today because Saturday it is gone. Mr. Archer replied Mr. Longmire has advertised it up there for some time. Mayor Stanfield said that he had not noticed it. Mr. Archer stated he could live with it the cost would come down to \$46,000.00 and the buyer's premium \$4,600.00. Mrs. Thompson said this will be straight money going to her we do not pay anything else. Mr. Wilson said we will pay Ms. Russell \$50,000.00 and Mr. Longmire will take \$5,000.00 out of that. Mr. Wilson Stated that is what Mr. Longmire told him because he stopped and asked him. Mr. Archer said it was on the tax rolls for about \$42,000.00. Mr. Wilson said the next time lets not go this far. Mayor Stanfield said well if you can get everybody to come to work when they are supposed to it would not have got this far. Mayor Stanfield said it come to him and Mr. Jeffries or Mr. Sweat wasn't here and he polled council he done what he was told to do. Mr. Wilson said he wasn't saying that he was just saying next time not to let it go that far. Mayor Stanfield replied if you could get everyone to come to work like they are suppose to it would not have went this far. Mrs. Thompson asked if Mr. Bolinger was notified. Mayor Stanfield replied he called Mr. Bolinger and her and he told Mr. Wilson to contact Mr. Archer. Mr. Jeffries replied I guess we don't get vacation time do we. Mayor Stanfield said you should let someone know when you are going to take off. Mrs. Thompson said this wasn't by her doings, she just agreed with it she felt like the Police Department needed it. Mr. Archer agreed. Mr. Archer said like he said don't you get mad. Mayor Stanfield replied I'm not mad. Mr. Archer said don't be saying things you don't mean. Mayor Stanfield said it came to him all of a sudden. Mr. Archer replied all of a sudden it came to all of us. Mr. Archer said someone make a motion and let's get it over with. Mr. Wilson made the motion to approve the purchase. Mrs. Thompson made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

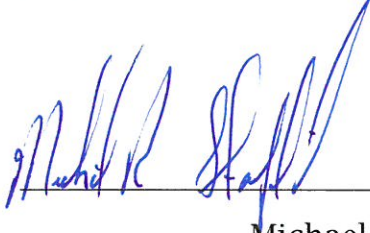
Mr. Bill Archer .....	Yes
Mrs. Ann Thompson.....	Yes
Mr. Lonnie Wilson.....	Yes

-Motion Carried-

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Stanfield declared the meeting adjourned.

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Stan Foust

 \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor  
Michael R. Stanfield