

# LaFollette City Council

## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday October 4, 2022 5:30 p.m.**

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a regular monthly meeting on October 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the LaFollette City Hall. Mayor Phillip Farmer called the meeting to order. Terry Sweat led the prayer and pledge. Mayor Farmer asked for the roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins .....Present  
Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Present  
Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Present  
Mr. Bryan St. John..... Present  
Mayor Phillip Farmer.... Present

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETINGS INCLUDING PUBLIC HEARING.

Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 2022 meetings. Mr. Hoskins made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes  
Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes  
Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes  
Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

### REPORTS FROM BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Hoskins made the motion that the various reports be approved. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes  
Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes  
Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Mayor Farmer asked if there were any comments from the citizens. Mrs. Katie Goins discussed with Council a rumor that she heard about taking out street lights down North Tennessee Avenue to beautify also to put the planters down the middle of the road and have everyone to park in the old Goins parking lot. Mrs. Goins also spoke about grants consisting of the down town area. Discussion occurred between Mrs. Goins, Mr. Foust and Council regarding the items Mrs. Goins had in question. Mrs. Goins also inquired about the left-over funds from the ATV Festival and the funds that paid the investigator that investigated the complaint filed by Officer Charles Duff. Discussion continued between Mrs. Goins, Mr. Foust and Council. Mrs. Goins was invited to the city's next round table workshop to continue the discussion. Discussion occurred between Mr. Joe Bolinger and Council regarding the sewer line that run through the middle of Tennessee Avenue. Mr. Wagner asked if the round table was listed on the city calendar. Mrs. Solomon replied that it was on the web site and that it was not part of the workshop it was for anyone that wanted to discuss anything to get ideas. Mr. Terry Sweat explained grant process. Mayor Farmer asked if there were any more comments from the citizens. Mayor Farmer stated being none moving on announcements.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Farmer asked if there were any announcements. Mayor Farmer stated let it be noted no announcements.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

**\* Ordinance 2022-13- Ordinance amending Title 20 adding Chapter 4 Displaying American Flag. (Final Reading)**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2022-13. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-13. Mr. St. John made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Ratify Ordinance 2022-05- Amending section 11 of zoning ordinance for City of LaFollette to address short term rentals in zone R-1 and R-2.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2022-05. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-05. Mrs. Solomon made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Resolution 2022-21- Amendment to the 2022/2023 Budget.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2022-21. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-21. Mr. St. John made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Resolution 2022-22- American Rescue Plan Act to be used for eligible drinking water, wastewater, or stormwater projects.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2022-22. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-22. Mr. Hoskins made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes  
Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes  
Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes  
Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**ADMINISTRATION**

**\* Approval of allocating funds from one of the city’s certificates of deposits to be used for expenditure of paving, etc.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve. Mr. Kitts made the second. Discussion occurred between Mr. Hoskins and Mr. Sweat regarding the certificate of deposit. Discussion continued between Council regarding streets that needed to be paved and Mr. Hoskins stated his reasons for him voting no. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... No  
Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes  
Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes  
Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Approval of relocating amphitheater from Liberty Park to rear parking lot of the Municipal Building.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Discussion occurred between Mr. Hoskins and Mr. Foust regarding the agenda item. Mr. Foust explained this item was to get approval for the grant administrator to be able to send a letter requesting a location change only of the amphitheater. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes  
Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes  
Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

-Motion Carried-

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**\* Approval of promoting Andrew Carroll to a full-time Captain at a salary of \$38,623.96 effective October 8, 2022.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to approve. Mr. St. John made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Approval of promoting Jeff Fugate to a full-time Lieutenant at a salary of \$36,606.57 effective October 8, 2022.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. St. John made the motion to approve. Mrs. Solomon made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Approval of promoting Robert McLeay to a full-time Fire Fighter at a salary of \$31,077.47 effective October 8, 2022.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve. Mr. Hoskins made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Approval of promoting Jordan Jones to a full-time Fire Fighter at a salary of \$31,077.47 effective October 8, 2022.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. St. John made the motion to approve. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**\* Approval of promoting Charles Duff to a full-time Captain at a salary of \$45,372.08 effective October 8, 2022.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve. Mr. St. John made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Approval of promoting Matthew Forsyth to a full -time Lieutenant at a salary of \$41,715.44 effective October 8, 2022.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. St. John made the motion to approve. Mr. Hoskins made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Approval of promoting Melisa Phillips to a full time Sergeant at a salary of \$38,800.11 effective October 8, 2022.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve. Mr. Hoskins made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Approval of promoting Mallory Campbell to a full time Patrol Officer at a salary of \$35,596.91 effective October 8, 2022.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. St. John made the motion to approve. Mr. Hoskins made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

\* Note for the record Mayor Farmer misread position and salary for Ms. Campbell let the minutes reflect the agenda Position of a full time Patrol Officer at a salary of \$35,596.91 effective October 8,2022.

**\* Approval of promoting Katherine Walden to a full time Dispatcher at a salary of \$25,708.80 effective October 8, 2022.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve. Mr. Hoskins made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Approval of promoting Tracy Fernandez to a full time Dispatcher at a salary of \$25,708.80 effective October 8, 2022.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. St. John made the motion to approve. Mr. Hoskins made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Approval of changing base salary on full time dispatchers from \$25,708.80 to \$29,120.00 which including: Barbara Frazier, Monica Gibson, Jessica Hutson,**



**Jennifer Spradlin, Katherine Walden, and Tracy Fernandez effective October 8,2022.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. St. John made the motion to approve. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

\* Mr. Hoskins asked if all the salaries and promotions for the Police Department was in the current budget. Mr. Foust replied yes.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**\* Approval to use Gradall Excavator as trade in toward the purchase of a new message board.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to approve. Mrs. Solomon made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

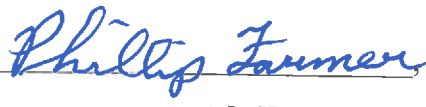
Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Farmer asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to adjourn.

Attest: , Clerk  
Stan Foust

, Mayor  
Phillip Farmer