

LaFollette City Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 6, 2023 5:30 p.m.

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a regular monthly meeting on June 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the LaFollette City Hall. Mayor Cliff Jennings called the meeting to order. Mayor Jennings asked for the roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer.....Present

Mr. Wayne Kitts.....Present

Mr. Chuck Queener.....Present

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon.....Present

Mayor Cliff Jennings.....Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY MEETINGS INCLUDING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Jennings asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the March meetings. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve. Mr. Farmer made the second. Mayor Jennings asked if there was any discussion. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

REPORTS FROM BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Jennings asked if there was a motion to approve the various reports. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve. Mr. Farmer made the second. Mayor Jennings asked if there was any discussion. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Mayor Jennings asked if there was anyone present that would like to address the Council, to please come forward and state their name and purpose of addressing Council. Mayor Jennings stated let it be noted being none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jennings asked if there were any announcements. Mayor Jennings announced Codes Officer to come forward and announce the most improved property clean up winner for the month of June. Mr. Duncan announced the winner Keith Reynolds 702 West Walden Street. Council applauded the winner.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

*** Ordinance 2023-08- Ordinance abandoning a portion of unopened street located within South 16th Street of the City of LaFollette. (Final Reading)**

Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-08. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-08. Mr. Queener made the second. Mayor Jennings asked if there was any discussion. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Ordinance 2023-09- Ordinance amending the purchasing policy for the City of LaFollette. (Final Reading)**

Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-09. Mr. Farmer made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-09. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Jennings asked if there was any discussion. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Ordinance 2023-10- Approval of 2023/2024 Budget. (First Reading)**

Mayor Jennings stated that the Council had looked at the budget and planned meeting would be held but he recommended to Council to pass the unbalanced budget on the first reading. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-10. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-10. Mr. Farmer made the second. Mayor Jennings asked if there was any discussion. Mr. Foust added that a budget workshop was set for the following week on the budget. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

ADMINISTRATION

*** Appointment of LaFollette Utility Board Member.**

Mr. Foust asked if there were any nominations for the appointment. Mr. Kitts stated he would like to nominate Mr. Joe Snodderly. Mr. Foust asked if there were any other nominations for the utility board member. No other nominations were made. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve. Mrs. Solomon made the second. Mayor Jennings asked for any further discussion. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes
Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Approval of Pugh and Company Audit Contract year ending 6/30/2023.**

Mr. Foust stated the audit contract was discussed in the workshop and his recommendation was to approve the contract. Mayor Jennings stated you have the recommendation of the Administrator. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Queener made the motion to approve. Mr. Farmer made the second. Mayor Jennings asked for any further discussion. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes
Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Approval to precede with Advertising Signs surveying and required permitting.**

Mr. Foust stated his recommendation was for the Council to move forward with surveying and the permitting process of the sign at this time so he would recommend to approve the agenda item. Mayor Jennings stated you have the recommendation of the Administrator. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve. Mr. Farmer made the second. Mayor Jennings asked for any further discussion. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes
Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Approval of renaming Freeman Park to Freeman Corner.**

Mr. Foust stated his recommendation was to approve the renaming Freeman Park to Freeman Corner. Mayor Jennings stated you have the recommendation of the Administrator. Mayor Jennings stated he also concurs. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Farmer made the motion to approve. Mrs. Solomon made the second. Mayor Jennings asked for any further discussion. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes
Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Approval of event permit for Coolidge Ridge Missionary Baptist Church.**

Mr. Foust stated his recommendation was to approve the application. Mayor Jennings stated you have the recommendation of the Administrator. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Queener made the

motion to approve. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Jennings asked for any further discussion. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Approval of event permit for Alan Millers Ghostwalk.**

Mr. Foust stated his recommendation was to approve the application. Mayor Jennings stated you have the recommendation of the Administrator. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve. Mr. Queener made the second. Mayor Jennings asked for any further discussion. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Approval of City-wide yard sale the second weekend of July.**

Mr. Foust stated Council had discussed the item in the workshop and believed it was a great idea for the city and his recommendation was to approve. Mayor Jennings stated you have the recommendation of the Administrator. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve. Mr. Farmer made the second. Mayor Jennings asked for any further discussion. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

*** Acceptance of bid on street paving Rogers Group in the amount of \$1,175,952.00.**

Mr. Foust stated the amount of the bid for the multiple streets and his recommendation would be to approve. Mayor Jennings stated you have the recommendation of the Administrator. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve. Mr. Farmer made the second. Mayor Jennings asked for any further discussion. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Approval of Brantley Lane equipment rental in the amount not to exceed \$16,500.00.**

Mr. Foust explained to Council that the equipment would be used in three locations and his recommendation would be to approve. Mayor Jennings stated you have the recommendation of the Administrator. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Farmer made the motion to approve. Mrs. Solomon made the second. Mayor Jennings asked for any further discussion. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

*** Approval of promoting Jared Dobbs to a full-time Maintenance at a salary of \$29,879.20 effective June 17, 2023.**

Mr. Foust stated this recommendation comes from the Recreation Director and he concurs with the Director and his recommendation was to hire Mr. Dobbs as a full time Maintenance at a salary of \$29,879.20 effective June 17,2023. Mayor Jennings stated you have the recommendation of the Administrator. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Queener made the motion to approve. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Jennings asked for any further discussion. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes
- Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes
- Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes
- Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jennings asked if there was anything else to come before Council. Mayor Jennings asked for a motion to Adjourn in Session to June 27, 2023at 5pm. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to adjourn in session. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Jennings asked for any further discussion. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes
- Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes
- Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes
- Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

Mayor Jennings declared the meeting adjourned in session.

Attest:  _____, Clerk
Stan Foust

 _____, Mayor
Cliff Jennings