

LaFollette City Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 4, 2023 5:30 p.m.

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a regular monthly meeting on April 4, 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 MARCH 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. Mrs. Solomon 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 Mr. Jeff Duncan to come forward and announce the most improved property clean up winners for the month of April. Mr. Duncan announced the winner Joe Hake 809 East Chestnut Street. Council applauded the winner. Mr. Foust announced the opening of the Dogwood Trails April 13th at 10:00am and invited everyone to attend.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

*** Ordinance 2023-04- Ordinance amending the City of LaFollette Code with respect to Title 11 Municipal Offenses. (Final reading)**

Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-04. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-04. 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-

*** Ordinance 2023-05- Ordinance amending the City of LaFollette code, Title 9 Business, Peddlers, Solicitors, etc. (Final Reading)**

Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-05. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-05. Mrs. Solomon 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 2023-06- Ordinance amending the personnel policy pertaining to bereavement leave. (First Reading)**

Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-06. Mr. Farmer made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06. 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 2023-07- Ordinance amending Title 8 section 8-212 of Alcoholic Beverages. (First Reading)**

Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-07. Mr. Farmer made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-07. Mrs. Solomon 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-

*** Resolution 2023-07- Resolution to apply for the 2023 Public Parks and Recreation Grant Cycle. (LPRF Grant)**

Mayor Jennings read the Resolution aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-07. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-07. Mrs. Solomon 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-

ADMINISTRATION

*** Proclamation Declaring April Clean Up Fix Up month.**

Mayor Jennings read the Proclamation aloud.

*** Approval of event permit for Coolidge Ridge Missionary Baptist Church to gather in rear parking lot of the LaFollette Municipal Building.**

Mr. Foust stated Mr. Robbins came to the workshop and spoke to Council about the event and his recommendation was to approve the application. 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-

*** Appeal to Council requesting the approval to amend the original site plan to add two additional storage buildings to the original site plan presented to LaFollette Planning Commission October 22, 2020 to make a total of six storage buildings located at 2537-C Jacksboro Pike.**

Mr. Foust stated the item had gone back and forth from Planning Commission to Council and his recommendation to Council was to approve. Mayor Jennings stated to the Council you have the recommendation of the Administrator. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve. Mrs. Solomon made the second. Mr. Queener stated he wanted to make a full disclosure that he may have a conflict his daughter dates Mr. Johnson's son Brandon Johnson but he did intend to vote. Mayor Jennings asked for any further discussion. Mayor Farmer 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-

POLICE DEPARTMENT

*** Approval of promoting Briana Tiller to a full-time Dispatcher at a salary of \$29,120.00 effective April 15, 2023.**

Mr. Foust explained to Council it came on the recommendation of Chief Wallen to promote Ms. Tiller to a full time Dispatcher and he concurred with the Chief 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. 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 amending Body Cam Policy for LaFollette Police Department.**

Mr. Foust explained to Council it came on the recommendation of Chief Wallen to amend the policy and he concurred with the Chief and his recommendation would be to approve amending the body cam policy. 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-

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

*** Approval of promoting Cole Hembree to a full-time Sanitation Worker at a salary of \$28,601.04 effective April 15, 2023.**

Mr. Foust explained to Council it came on the recommendation of Public Works Director to promote Mr. Hembree to a full time Sanitation Worker and he concurred with the Director 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. 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-

*** Acceptance of bid for CSX rail road crossing paving at Gibson and Brantley Lane in the amount of \$123,079.00.**

Mr. Foust stated to the Council that the city had received one bid from Rogers Group in the amount of \$123,079.00. Mr. Foust recommended approval to the Council. 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. 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 to solicit bids for street paving.**

Mr. Foust stated to Council they had received a list of streets at the workshop in need of paving and asked if there were any other streets needed to be added. Mayor Jennings advised that the city would advertise these on the list and if the city had any funding after the bid the city could add to the list at that time. Mr. Foust's recommendation would be to approve the current list provided. 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:

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Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

*** Acceptance of bid for portable restrooms and concession.**

Mr. Foust advised that item needed to be removed from the agenda due to the city not receiving any bids.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jennings asked if there was anything else to come before Council. Mayor Jennings asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Queener made the motion to adjourn.

Attest: _____, Clerk

Stan Foust

Cliff Jennings Mayor