

# LaFollette City Council

## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday January 3, 2023 5:30 p.m.**

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a regular monthly meeting on January 3, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the LaFollette City Hall. Mayor Cliff Jennings called the meeting to order. Mr. Terry Sweat led the prayer and pledge. Mayor Jennings asked for the roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer.....Present

Mr. Wayne Kitts.....Absent

Mr. Chuck Queener.....Present

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon.....Present

Mayor Cliff Jennings.....Present

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2022 MEETINGS.

Mayor Jennings asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the December 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. 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. Farmer 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. 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. Ms. Dawn Parsons addressed Council regarding low water pressure in the Davenport Road community and presented a petition from neighbors. Mayor Jennings advised Ms. Parsons that if she would leave the petition, it would be added as part of the record. Mayor Jennings advised if she would give it a couple of days and get with the City Administrator, he would contact LUB and gather information regarding her community's issue. Mayor Jennings asked if anyone else would like to address Council. Noted being none.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jennings asked if there were any announcements. Noted being none.

### ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

**\* Resolution 2023-01- Authorizing the City of LaFollette to participate in the PEP Risk Management Pool Cyber Security Matching Grant Program.**

Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-01. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-01. 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-

**\*Mayor Jennings asked to let the record show Mr. Kitts was now present at the meeting.**

**\* Resolution 2023-02- Amending the 2022/2023 Budget.**

Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-02. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-02. 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-

**\* Resolution 2022-27- Resolution for Consultant selection policy for projects funded in whole or in part with funds provided by Federal Highway or the Tennessee Department of Transportation.**

Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2022-27. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-27. 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 2023-01- Ordinance abandoning a portion of unopened street located within West Elm Street of the City of LaFollette. (First Reading)**

Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-01. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01. 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-

**ADMINISTRATION**

**\* Approval of making Cherry Street a one-way street.**

Mr. Foust advised he and Public Works Director went out to Cherry Street to make sure that changing the street to one way would not put any residents in conflict with accessing their drive ways. Mr. Foust advised he and the director only identified one drive that would be a possible conflict but it appears the resident was backing into the drive currently. Mr. Foust recommended to the Council to move forward with making Cherry Street a one-way street. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve. Mayor Jennings asked if there was a second. Mrs. Solomon made the second. Mayor Jennings asked if there were 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-

**\* CDBG local match of \$47,500.00 prorated as follows City Primary \$13,600.00 City 911 District \$33,900.00.**

Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve the matching. Mr. Farmer made the second. Discussion occurred between Mr. Queener and Council regarding the E911 Board meeting until the following week and he felt the Board have the opportunity to approve or disapprove the \$33,500.00 match. Mayor Jennings asked if Mrs. Solomon would like to amend her motion regarding the \$47,500.00 match. Mrs. Solomon amended her motion to approve the \$47,500.00 local match. Mrs. Solomon stated in her motion the city's portion being \$13,600.00 and contingent upon the approval of the E911 Board their portion would be \$33,500.00. Mr. Kitts made the second to the amended motion. Mayor Jennings asked if there was 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 a monetary fee of \$200.00 a month for most improved property clean-up over the next twelve months.**

Mayor Jennings stated the purpose of the monetary fee was the Council was putting the effort forward to clean our city up. Mayor Jennings stated the Council wanted to give a purpose and recognition to the person that cleans up the worse place in the city. Discussion occurred between Mr. Kitts and Mr. Foust about how the \$200.00 would be awarded each month to the person or persons with the most improved property. Mr. Kitts made a motion to approve the agenda item. Mr. Farmer made the second. Mayor Jennings stated there was a motion and a 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 purchase Ogg property located within the city owned Del Rio tract in the amount of \$35,000.00.**

Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Queener made the second. 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 Barbara Frazier to a full-time Police Dispatcher Supervisor at a salary of \$31,200.00 effective January 16, 2023.**

Mr. Foust advised the Council the promotion of Ms. Frazier came as a recommendation of Chief Wallen. Mr. Foust stated Ms. Frazier had been doing a great job and he concurs with Chief Wallen. Mayor Jennings stated you have the recommendation of the Administrator and the Chief. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mrs. Solomon 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-

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**\* Approval to purchase 2023 Chevrolet 1500 4x2 regular cab work truck at state contract price in the amount of \$27,118.40.**

Mr. Foust explained to the Council that the truck was much needed by the department and was state contract price. 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. 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-

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Jennings asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kitts made the motion to adjourn.

Attest: , Clerk  
Stan Foust

, Mayor  
Cliff Jennings