

# LaFollette City Council

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday December 1, 2020 5:30 p.m.

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a regular monthly meeting on December 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the LaFollette City Hall. Mayor Michael Stanfield called the meeting to order. Chief Bill Roehl led the prayer and pledge. Mayor Stanfield asked for the roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Phillip Farmer..... Present
- Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Present
- Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Present
- Mayor Mike Stanfield ..... Present

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2020 MEETING.

Discussion occurred between Mr. Kitts and Council regarding approval of the minutes. Mr. Kitts stated after he had reviewed minutes from the November meeting and according to the minutes the meeting had adjourned Council had continued to vote on an item that was added by Mr. Wilson allocating funds from the 1.5-million-dollar capital outlay note the city was in process of getting. Mr. Troutman stated the minutes were correct and the Council could at their next month's meeting rescind and correct the concern of the item that was added after the meeting had adjourned. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to approve the minutes from the November 2020 meeting. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Phillip Farmer ..... Yes
- Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes
- Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... 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 Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Phillip Farmer ..... Yes
- Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes
- Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Mayor Stanfield asked if there were any comments from the citizens. Mayor Stanfield stated noted being none. Mayor Stanfield discussed wearing facial covering. Mr. Troutman stated he would get with the county Mayor and see what Mayor Stanfield could and could not do about man-dating facial coverings. Discussion occurred between Mr. Kitts and Council regarding time limits in the Comment times of the city Council meetings. Council agreed that three minutes would be good for individual comments. Mayor Stanfield said he had one other thing in comments that he was going to get with Mr. Foust and do a proclamation thanking several business and organizations for donating food for families who needed help for Thanksgiving.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Stanfield asked if there were any announcements. Mayor Stanfield said he wanted to talk about the Christmas dinner that is held for the employee’s each year. Mayor Stanfield said after he had spoken to Mr. Byrge, they agree that each of the departments should put something together for their departments instead of everyone together due to the spread of COVID-19. Council agreed that it would be a good idea that each department should take care of their own department for Christmas dinner.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

**\* Resolution 2020-22- Resolution for New Loan from Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund not to exceed 1.5 million.**

Discussion occurred between Mr. Sweat and Council pertaining to the resolution and ways funds could be used. Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2020-22. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-22. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Phillip Farmer ..... Yes
- Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Resolution 2020-23-Amendments to the Original 2020/2021 Budget.**

Discussion occurred between Mr. Sweat and Council regarding the amendment that would add funds for the Library through the Cares Act. Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2020-23. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-23. Mr. Farmer made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer ..... Yes

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Resolution 2020-24- Resolution to declare vacancy on the LaFollette City Council.**

Mr. Foust advised Council that he had given them a copy of the resolution. Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2020-24. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-24. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer ..... Yes

Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**ADMINISTRATION**

\* Mr. Kitts asked, if it would be okay to move number five to number one under administration so they could go ahead and take care of appointing someone for the vacancy on council. Mayor Stanfield replied that he could. Mr. Kitts stated he would like to make a motion to move item number five on the agenda to number one item under administration dealing with the appointment of a vacant Council Member. Mr. Hoskins made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer ..... Yes  
Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes  
Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Discussion on appointment of vacant Council Member.**

Mr. Kitts made a motion to appoint Stephanie Grimm to serve the remainder of Mrs. Ann Thompsons term. Mayor Stanfield stated there was a motion to appoint Stephanie Grimm was there a second. Mr. Farmer made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer ..... Yes  
Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... No  
Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

Discussion occurred between Mr. Hoskins, Mayor Stanfield and Mr. Troutman regarding nominating to the vacancy. Mr. Troutman stated that a nomination or motion could be put out for the vacancy that there is no set procedure on it.

**\* Approval of Tennova Medical Center transfer of title.**

Discussion occurred between Mr. Troutman and Council regarding the transfer of title for the hospital. According to Mr. Troutman, the terms of the lease with respect to transfer have been fulfilled by the parties and the City is obligated to transfer title to Tennova. Mr. Troutman clarified that this would not affect the negotiations with the current escrow account and that issue would be resolved at a later time. After discussion among council, Mayor Stanfield asked for a motion to approve the transfer. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve. Mr. Farmer made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer ..... Yes  
Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes  
Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Approval of easement agreement between John Snodderly and the City of LaFollette on erecting a fence on a portion of unopened street located on East Elm.**

Discussion occurred between Mr. Troutman and Council regarding the easement agreement. Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to approve. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer	.....	Yes
Mr. Mark Hoskins	.....	Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts	.....	Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Appointment of 911 Board Member.**

Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to appoint Mr. Farmer to the E-911 Board. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer	.....	Yes
Mr. Mark Hoskins	.....	Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts	.....	Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Appointment of Vice Mayor/Beer Board Chairman.**

Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to appoint Mr. Farmer as Vice Mayor/Beer Board Chairman. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer	.....	Yes
Mr. Mark Hoskins	.....	Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts	.....	Yes

-Motion Carried-

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**\* Promoting Jessica Claiborne full time Fire Fighter (currently part time) at a salary of \$30,646.72 effective 12/05/2020.**

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

- Mr. Phillip Farmer ..... Yes
- Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes
- Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Promoting Shane Seidner full time Fire Fighter (currently part time) at a salary of \$30,646.72 effective 12/05/2020.**

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

- Mr. Phillip Farmer ..... Yes
- Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes
- Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**\* Approval of a one-time transfer of sick time for an employee in the Police Department.**

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

Mr. Phillip Farmer ..... Yes  
Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes  
Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**\* Promoting Michael Medley full time Laborer (currently part time) at a salary of \$21,638.24 effective 12/05/2020.**

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

Mr. Phillip Farmer ..... Yes  
Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes  
Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-


\*Mr. Troutman asked if he could clarify with the Council to allow the Mayor to sign any documents pertaining to the title transfer with Tennova. Mr. Hoskins made a motion to approve. Mr. Kitts second the motion. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:


Mr. Phillip Farmer ..... Yes  
Mr. Mark Hoskins ..... Yes  
Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Stanfield declared the meeting Adjourned.

Attest:  , Clerk  
Stan Foust

 , Mayor  
Michael R. Stanfield