

LaFollette City Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 5, 2021 5:30 p.m.

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a regular monthly meeting on January 5, 2021 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
- Ms. Stephanie Grimm.....Present
- Mr. Mark Hoskins..... Present
- Mr. Wayne Kitts..... Present
- Mayor Mike Stanfield..... Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2020 MEETING.

Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 2020 meeting. Ms. Grimm made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Phillip Farmer..... Yes
- Ms. Stephanie Grimm..... 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. Ms. Grimm made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Phillip Farmer..... Yes
- Ms. Stephanie Grimm..... 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 stated he had several comments. Mayor Stanfield said he would like to thank John Snodderly with LaFollette Housing for the nice gazebo he had got for the residents of Russell Towers. Mayor Stanfield also thanked several business, churches, organizations and individuals for all the food and clothing items they had generously gave that he delivered to people through out the community during the holiday season. Mayor Stanfield also read aloud a card he had received from David McMillin that was sent during Christmas week expressing his gratitude for all the help he had received from individuals while experiencing car problems while traveling through our city going on a camping trip back in the summer. Mayor Stanfield also told of two five-hundred-dollar checks Mr. McMillin included in the card for two food banks in the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Stanfield asked if there were any announcements. . Mayor Stanfield stated noted being none.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

*** Rescind Resolution 2020-13- Resolution providing for In Lieu of Tax Payments from LaFollette Utilities.**

Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2020-13. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-13. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer..... Yes

Ms. Stephanie Grimm..... Yes

Mr. Mark Hoskins..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Resolution 2020-25- Resolution providing for In Lieu of Tax Payments from LaFollette Utilities.**

Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2020-25. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-25. Mr. Farmer made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer.....	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Grimm.....	Yes
Mr. Mark Hoskins.....	Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts.....	Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Resolution 2020-26-Amendment to the Original 2020/2021 Budget.**

Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2020-26. Ms. Grimm made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-26. Mr. Hoskins made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer.....	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Grimm.....	Yes
Mr. Mark Hoskins.....	Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts.....	Yes

-Motion Carried-

ADMINISTRATION

*** Approval to update revisions to Joint Economic Board policies.**

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
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Ms. Stephanie Grimm..... Yes
Mr. Mark Hoskins..... Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Approval of funding capital equipment list and other projects with capital outlay funds.**

Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to table until next month's workshop. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer..... Yes
Ms. Stephanie Grimm..... Yes
Mr. Mark Hoskins..... Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

***Approval of Debt Obligation Note. (Form CT-0253)**

Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Discussion occurred between Mr. Sweat and Council regarding the Debt Obligation Note. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to approve. Ms. Grimm made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer..... Yes
Ms. Stephanie Grimm..... Yes
Mr. Mark Hoskins..... Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Approval for Mayor to receive gate opener for LaFollette Public Works.**

Mayor Stanfield stated he had received a gated opener every sense he had been elected in 2008. Mr. Jeffries stated he wanted to go on record saying he did not recommend the Council giving the Mayor a gate opener to the Public Works Department. Mr. Jeffries said it was for the Mayor's benefit the city's benefit of an ongoing legal issues this has a possibility of opening up the city for some liabilities and he doesn't recommend it. Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Farmer made the motion to approve. Ms. Grimm made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer.....	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Grimm.....	Yes
Mr. Mark Hoskins.....	No
Mr. Wayne Kitts.....	Yes

-Motion Carried-

Appointments

*** City Administrator –Jimmy Jeffries**

Mr. Hoskins stated he would like to protest the whole process it was not approved by Council. Mr. Hoskins said he thought there should be a review process not just a termination. Discussion occurred between Council and Mr. Troutman regarding the appointments. Mr. Hoskins said if it was protocol go ahead. Mr. Hoskins stated he was going on record objecting. Mayor Stanfield asked if there was a motion. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to retain Mr. Jeffries as City Administrator. Mayor Stanfield asked if there was a second. Mr. Hoskins asked why Mr. Jeffries was being terminated. Motion died in lack of a second. Mr. Jeffries expressed his thoughts to the Council, Chief Roehl and City Clerk Stan Foust. Mr. Jeffries and Mr. Foust had a disagreement on procedure on a grievance Mr. Jeffries said he tried to file with Mr. Foust.

*** City Attorney—Reid Troutman**

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Mr. Phillip Farmer.....	Yes
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Ms. Stephanie Grimm..... Yes
 Mr. Mark Hoskins..... Object to the process but Yes
 Mr. Wayne Kitts..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** City Clerk/Human Resources Director/Infectious Disease Officer—
 Stan Foust**

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 Ms. Stephanie Grimm..... Yes
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-Motion Carried-

*** City Judge—Kathy Parrott**

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 Ms. Stephanie Grimm..... Yes
 Mr. Mark Hoskins..... Protest but Yes
 Mr. Wayne Kitts..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Codes/Animal Control—Daniel Foster**

Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to approve to retain Daniel Foster as Codes/Animal Control. Motion died in lack of a second.

*** Finance Director—Terry Sweat**

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Mr. Wayne Kitts.....	Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Fire Chief—Jimmy Pack**

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Ms. Stephanie Grimm.....	Yes
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Mr. Wayne Kitts.....	Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Librarian—Nancy Green**

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-Motion Carried-

*** Police Chief—Bill Roehl**

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Mr. Mark Hoskins..... Protest but Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Public Works Director—Casey Boshears**

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Mr. Mark Hoskins..... Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Recreation Director—Johnny Byrge**

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Mr. Mark Hoskins..... Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Treasurer—Barbara Wilson**

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Mr. Mark Hoskins..... Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

* Mr. Foster asked the Mayor if the motion failed on him. Mayor Stanfield replied yes. Mr. Foster said thank you.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

*** Approval of promoting Jesse Ferguson to full time patrol officer (currently part-time) at a salary of \$30,437.20 effective 01/16/2021.**

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-Motion Carried-

*** Approval to start auxiliary police officers at a starting wage of \$14.63 per hour.**

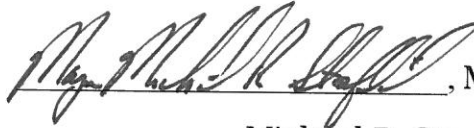
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Mr. Mark Hoskins..... Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts..... Yes
-Motion Carried-

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Stanfield declared the meeting Adjourned.

Attest: _____, Clerk
Stan Foust

 _____, Mayor
Michael R. Stanfield