

LaFollette City Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 5, 2023 5:30 p.m.

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a regular monthly meeting on September 5, 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 AUGUST 2023 MEETINGS.

Mayor Jennings asked if there was a motion and a second to approve. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve. Mr. Queener made the second. Mayor Jennings asked all in favor of approving the minutes from the August 2023 meetings say aye. All Council Members approved with aye no nays were recorded.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Jennings asked if there was a motion and a second to approve. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve. Mr. Farmer made the second. Mayor Jennings asked all in favor of approving the various reports say aye. All Council Members approved with aye no nays were recorded.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS REGARDING ANY OF THE AGENDA ITEMS.

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 asked Mr. Duncan to announce the September clean up winner. Mr. Duncan announced H and S Tennessee Properties, owner Bryan St. John, Jacksboro Pike, the former car wash that was repurposed for office space was the winner for September. Mayor Jennings stated that the cleanup was showing throughout the city and he appreciated everyone for getting involved to clean up the city. The council applauded the monthly winner.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

*** Resolution 2023-14- Resolution for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Allocation.**

Mayor Jennings read the heading of Resolution aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-14. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-14. 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 2023-15- Authorizing the City of LaFollette to participate in PEP Risk Management Pool (Safety Partners) Property Conservation Matching Grant Program.**

Mayor Jennings read the heading of Resolution aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-15. Mr. Farmer made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-15. 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-

*** Resolution 2023-16- Amending the 2023/2024 Budget.**

Mayor Jennings read the heading of Resolution aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-16. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-16. 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 2023-11- Ordinance amending City of LaFollette court fees. (Final Reading)**

Mayor Jennings read the heading of the ordinance aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-11. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-11. 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 2023-12- Ordinance abandoning a portion unopened street located within West Chestnut Street in the City of LaFollette. (First Reading)**

Mayor Jennings read the heading of the ordinance aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-12. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-12. 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 2023-13- Ordinance abandoning a portion unopened street located within North 19th Street in the City of LaFollette. (First Reading)**

Mayor Jennings read the heading of the ordinance aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-13. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-13. 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 2023-14- Ordinance amending Title 17 Chapter 1 Refuse and Trash Disposal. (First Reading)**

Mayor Jennings read the heading of the ordinance aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-14. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-14. 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

*** Approval of the location for Blue Cross Healthy Place Grant to locate at the Liberty Park at the current splash/skate park.**

Mr. Foust stated he and Council had discussed in the workshop regarding the location and his recommendation 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. 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-

*** Approval to remove skate equipment and restore with tennis and pickle ball to the court pending Blue Cross Grant.**

Mr. Foust stated he and the Council had discussed in the workshop and his recommendation was to approve. Mr. Foust Verified with Mr. Queener his

recommendation with returning tennis and pickle ball back to the court. Mayor Jennings stated to the Council 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. 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 event permit for Coolidge Ridge Missionary Baptist Church to gather in rear parking lot.**

Mr. Foust stated his recommendation was to approve the submitted application. 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. 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-

*** Event permit for portion of Depot Street closure during a haunted attraction on weekends in September through October (Hank Hamblin applicant).**

Mr. Foust stated he had requested Mr. Hamblin to get with the Fire Chief regarding his request prior to the actual meeting. Mr. Foust stated he had received a letter from the Fire Chief regarding Mr. Hamblin's request. Mr. Foust read the letter aloud. Mr. Foust stated after reading the letter his

recommendation to the Council was to deny the event permit. Mayor Jennings stated to the Council you have the recommendation of the Administrator for denial. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to deny. 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 Denied-

*** Approval to install cameras in various locations in the city.**

Mr. Foust recommended to Council to approve the installation of the cameras in the city. 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. 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-

POLICE DEPARTMENT

*** Approval of amending policy and procedures for LaFollette Police Department regarding a policy for adding tasers.**

Mr. Foust stated he and the Council had discussed in the workshop and his recommendation 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. Farmer 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 promoting Isiah Lloyd to a full time Patrol Officer at a salary of \$36,664.78 effective September 9, 2023.**

Mr. Foust recommended to Council he had some unanswered question and he and the Chief would like for the Council to table the promotion until the next meeting. Mayor Jennings stated you have the recommendation of the Administrator to table the promotion until the next meeting. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on tabling the agenda item. Mr. Kitts made the motion to table the agenda item until the next meeting. 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

-Item Tabled-

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

*** Approval to reallocate \$10,000.00 from capital outlay note from wet weather conveyance to other street projects.**

Mr. Foust recommended to Council to approve the reallocation of funds for the Public Works Department due to all the various street projects the department

had going on. Mayor Jennings stated to the Council 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-

*** Acceptance of bid from Rogers Group \$46,232.00 for new street at Brantley Ln and Old Jacksboro Hwy.**

Mr. Foust recommended to Council to approve the acceptance of bid for \$46,232.00 from Rogers Group for the street paving. 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. Mr. Kitts also stated he would like to commend Street Department on the job they had done on cutting the road down. 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 if there was anything else to come before Council. Mayor Jennings asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kitts made the motion to adjourn.

Attest:  _____, Clerk
Stan Foust

 _____, Mayor
Cliff Jennings