

LaFollette City Council

Public Hearing

September 4, 2018

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met for a Public Hearing on Tuesday September 4, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the LaFollette City Hall. Mayor Michael Stanfield called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose for the Public Hearing was for the following ordinance:

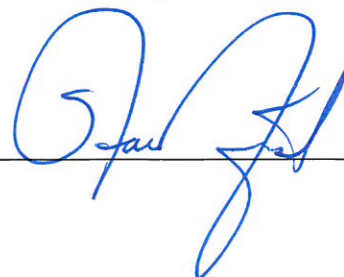
Ordinance No. 2018-06- Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Municipal Code Fireworks.

Mayor Stanfield ask if they were any comments from citizens or council on the ordinance. Mayor Stanfield asked Daniel Smith Codes Director if he would comment. Mr. Smith stated that it is an ordinance to allow the sale of fireworks in the city limits of LaFollette. Mayor Stanfield asked that it was for specific locations. Mr. Smith replied the council would have to determine that. Mayor Stanfield asked the city attorney if he would comment on the ordinance. Mr. Troutman stated the ordinance was mirrored off the town of Rocky Top and the only thing that was left blank was the permitting fees and the council would have to come up with a fee. Mr. Archer asked, they would not be any tax exemption organization selling fireworks in the ordinance. Mr. Archer asked how that could be added to the ordinance by amending the ordinance. Mr. Troutman stated there was nothing in the ordinance exempting anyone everyone gets the same application taxes and all. Mr. Wilson stated that is how they get away with it in other cities the distributors come in and pays them twenty-five percent of the gross income with no taxes. Mr. Troutman replied and uses the nonprofit organizations name. Mr. Wilson replied yes. Mr. Bolinger asked, if anyone had checked with any other municipality to see what their fees are. Mr. Troutman, he had not. Mr. Jeffries said they needed to set the fee and a renewal fee. Mr. Wilson said he agreed before it was pasted. Mr. Troutman advised council they could vote on the ordinance tonight and amend whatever they wanted to suit the cities needs just let the minutes reflect what they wanted added. Mayor Stanfield asked, if there was any more comment pertaining to the ordinance. Mr. Archer asked Mr. Jeffries if he had written the amendments down. Mr. Jeffries read them aloud tents, permits and renewal

fees but they needed to decide on the fees tonight. Mr. Jeffries advised the council they need to set the amount of the permit fee and the renewal fee both and the zoning locations they want it in also. Mr. Foust stated that tent sales would be prohibited due to the city's zoning ordinance on temporary structures. Mr. Smith replied to the council it would have to identify as fireworks sales only. Mr. Wilson said if the city didn't have tent sales they would not have any because that would be what most people would do. Mr. Jeffries asked if it would be legal to exempt tents from temporary structures. Mr. Jeffries asked if it would work to send all tent sales before the Planning Commission. Mr. Troutman agreed. Mr. Wilson said, that it said in the ordinance had to go before the Planning Commission. Mayor Stanfield Said that was right. Mr. Jeffries advised the council they needed to go ahead and pick their fees for the permits. Council agreed that permanent permits \$1000.00 temporary permit \$500.00 and renewal for permanent \$500.00. Mr. Jeffries asked about the locations If they would have to go before Planning commission for approval. Mayor Stanfield replied they do. Mayor Stanfield asked Mr. Bolinger if the sales would not have to be located in the C districts. Mr. Bolinger replied yes and possible in some of the M districts. Mayor Stanfield asked if there were any other comments from the public on the ordinance.

Mayor Stanfield declared the Public Hearing adjourned.

 _____, Mayor

Attest:  _____, Clerk