

LaFollette City Council

Meeting Minutes

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

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a regular monthly meeting on July 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 JUNE 2023 MEETINGS INCLUDING ADJOURNED IN SESSION AND THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

Mayor Jennings asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the June meetings. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve. 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-

REPORTS FROM BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Jennings asked if there was a motion to approve the various reports. Mr. Kitts 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. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

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 ask Mr. Foust about the July clean up winner. Mr. Foust advised Council that Mr. Duncan was on vacation and both July and August winners would be announced at the August meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

*** Appointment of LaFollette E-911 Board Members.**

Mayor Jennings advised it was open for any nominations. Mr. Kitts stated he would like to nominate Mr. DeWayne Solomon. Mrs. Solomon stated she would like to nominate Mr. Elwood Bailey. Mr. Queener stated he nominates Mr. Matt Paul. Mr. Queener also stated he would like to nominate Mr. Jim Rogers for both to retain their seats. Mr. Farmer stated he would also like to nominate DeWayne Solomon. Mayor Jennings asked if there were any other nominations for the E911

Board Member. No other nominations were made. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Mr. DeWayne Solomon. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve. Mr. Farmer made the second. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mr. Chuck Queener..... No

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Mrs. Solomon stated her conflict and that she would be voting and her vote was, yes.

-Motion Carried-

Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Mr. Elwood Bailey. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Phillip Farmer No

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mr. Chuck Queener..... No

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

Mayor Jennings stated with those to being elected it will cease nominations.

*** Approval of ending comp time for all city departments.**

Mr. Foust stated the item had been discussed in the workshop and his recommendation was to end comp time. Ms. Barbara Wilson stated she was asked how it would work with employees already having comp time was it to be paid out or would the employe be able to use over a few months. Mr. Foust stated his recommendation was to pay it out up front. Mayor Jennings stated 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. 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 event permit for Coolidge Ridge Missionary Baptist Church.**

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

*** Event permit for Tally Town Festival.**

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

*** Event permit for Stand in the Gap.**

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

-Motion Carried-

*** Approval of lease contract with West LaFollette Baptist Church.**

Mr. Foust stated Council had discussed the item in the workshop and the church had agreed to the terms of the lease and his recommendation was to approve. 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. 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..... Mr. Queener stated his conflict and he would be voting and he votes, Yes.

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

FIRE DEPARTMENT

*** Approval of promoting Gage Jones to a full-time Fire Fighter at a salary of \$31,077.47 effective July 15, 2023.**

Mr. Foust stated this recommendation comes from the Fire Chief and he concurs with the Chief and his recommendation was to hire Mr. Jones as a full time Fire Fighter at a salary of \$31,077.47 effective July 15,2023. Mayor Jennings stated 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 of promoting Ernesto Rodriguez to a full-time Fire Fighter at a salary of \$31,077.47 effective July 15, 2023.**

Mr. Foust stated this recommendation comes from the Fire Chief and he concurs with the Chief and his recommendation was to hire Mr. Rodriguez as a full time Fire Fighter at a salary of \$31,077.47 effective July 15,2023. Mayor Jennings stated 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-

POLICE DEPARTMENT

*** Approval to set court cost for Speeding \$252.00, Traffic Violation \$242.00, and Carry Exhibit DL\$372.00 per citation.**

Mr. Foust stated the agenda item needed no action until next month’s meeting. Item was pulled from the agenda until the following month.

*** Approval of promoting Megan McCloud to a full-time Police Clerk at a salary of \$29,993.60 effective July 15, 2023.**

Mr. Foust stated this recommendation comes from the Police Chief and he concurs with the Chief and his recommendation was to hire Mrs. McCloud as a full time Police Clerk at a salary of \$29,993.60 effective July 15,2023. Mayor Jennings stated 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-

*** Approval of promoting Austin Tindell to a full-time Patrol Officer at a salary of \$35,596.91 effective July 15, 2023.**

Mr. Foust stated this recommendation comes from the Police Chief and he concurs with the Chief and his recommendation was to hire Mr. Tindell as a full time Patrol Officer at a salary of \$35,596.91 effective July 15,2023. Mayor Jennings stated 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-

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

*** Acceptance of bid from Highway Markings for guardrail for Seargeants Park, RoseHill/South Seventh, and East Walden/Twelfth Street in the amount of \$12,833.75.**

Mr. Foust stated the amount of the bid for the installation of guardrail and his recommendation would be to approve. Mayor Jennings stated 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. 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 hiring Calan Dixon to a full-time Laborer at a salary of \$29,878.37 effective July 15, 2023.**

Mr. Foust stated this recommendation comes from the Public Works Director and he concurs with the Director and his recommendation was to hire Mr. Dixon as a full time Laborer at a salary of \$29,878.37 effective July 15,2023. Mayor Jennings stated 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

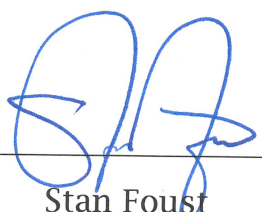
Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes


Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

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. Mayor Jennings declared the meeting adjourned

Attest:  _____, Clerk
Stan Foust

 _____, Mayor
Cliff Jennings