

LaFollette City Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 7, 2023 5:30 p.m.

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a regular monthly meeting on November 7, 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.....Absent
- Mayor Cliff Jennings.....Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2023 MEETINGS.

Mayor Jennings asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the September meetings. 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

-Motion Carried-

REPORTS FROM BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Jennings asked if there was a motion to approve the various reports. Mr. Queener 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

-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 no comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jennings asked if there were any announcements. Mayor Jennings said let the record reflect no announcements. Mr. Foust stated that clean up winners for November and December would be announce at the December meeting. Mr. Kitts stated he would like to express his gratitude to the city for everything the city did after the passing of his sister.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

*** Ordinance 2023-15- Ordinance abandoning a portion unopened street located within East Elm Street in the City of LaFollette. (Final Reading)**

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

-Motion Carried-

*** Resolution 2023-21- Amending the 2023/2024 Budget.**

Mayor Jennings read the Resolution aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-21. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-21. 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

-Motion Carried-

*** Approval to suspend rule to add Resolution 2023-22 to the meeting agenda for approval.**

Mr. Foust advised Council the city and LaFollette utilities had not received the Resolution until after the monthly workshop and that the city had a deadline to apply for the grant. Mr. Foust advised it was very necessary to suspend the rule to add the Resolution, for Council approval to be able to apply. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on suspending the rules to add Resolution 2023-22. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve to suspend the rules and add Resolution 2023-22. 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

-Motion Carried-

*** Resolution 2023-22- To submit an application requesting fiscal year 2024 infrastructure planning grant funds to implement water and/or wastewater system planning projects.**

Mayor Jennings read the Resolution aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-22. Mr. Queener made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-22. 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

-Motion Carried-

ADMINISTRATION

*** Employee health insurance renewal. (Jon Finley)**

Mr. Finley from EE Hill Insurance approached Council regarding the 2024 employee insurance rates. Mr. Finley advised Council the rates for 2024 would have a 3.4% change from the previous year which is great decrease from previous years. Mr. Sweat and Mr. Foust both agreed and advised the Council the funds were there for the increase from the previous year. Mr. Finley advised the benefits would stay exactly the same. Mr. Foust advised Council the renewal would be on the December meeting agenda for approval.

*** Approval of Christmas Light Contest consisting of a first-place winner \$300 second-place \$200 and third-place \$100.**

Mr. Foust stated his recommendation was to approve the Christmas light contest. Mayor Jennings stated to the Council you have the recommendation of the Administrator. Mayor Jennings stated he thought it was a great idea and it was something to promote the community. 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

-Motion Carried-

*** Approval of paving drive at East LaFollette Community Center.**

Mr. Foust stated he and the Council had discussed in the workshop and his recommendation was to approve due to the drive was in much need of repair. Mr. Foust advised the funds would come from the escrow funds provided for 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. Farmer 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

-Motion Carried-

POLICE DEPARTMENT

*** Approval of promoting Christian Adam Southern to a full time Patrol Officer at a salary of \$36,664.78 effective November 11, 2023**

Mr. Foust stated to the Council that they had heard from Chief Wallen recommending to promote Officer Southern in the workshop and that he concurred with Chief Wallen's recommendation. Mayor Jennings stated you have the recommendation from the Administrator and the Chief. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Farmer made the motion to approve the promotion. 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..... No

-Motion Carried-

*** Approval of promoting Stephen Carroll to a full time Patrol Officer at a salary of \$36,664.78 effective November 11, 2023.**

Mr. Foust stated to the Council that they had heard from Chief Wallen recommending to promote Officer Carroll in the workshop and that he concurred with Chief Wallen's recommendation. Mayor Jennings stated you have the recommendation from the Administrator and the Chief. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve the promotion. 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..... No

-Motion Carried-

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

*** Approval of promoting Cody Jones to a full time Sanitation Worker at a salary of \$32,136.00 effective November 11, 2023.**

Mr. Foust stated that the Council had heard from Director Boshears regarding his recommendation of promoting Mr. Jones in the workshop and that he concurred with Director's recommendation. Mayor Jennings stated you have the recommendation from the Administrator and the Director. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on promoting. Mr. Queener made the motion to approve the promotion. 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

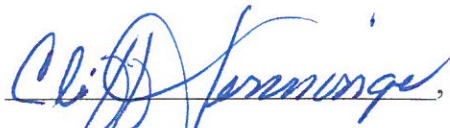
Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jennings asked if there was anything else to come before Council. Mayor Jennings asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Queener made the motion to adjourn.

Attest:  _____, Clerk
Stan Foust

 _____, Mayor
Cliff Jennings