

LaFollette City Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 1, 2023 5:30 p.m.

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a regular monthly meeting on August 1, 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 JULY 2023 MEETINGS.

Mayor Jennings asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the July 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
- Mrs. Stephanie Solomon Yes

-Motion Carried-

REPORTS FROM BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Jennings asked if there was a motion to approve the various reports. Mrs. Solomon 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 asked Mr. Duncan to announce the July and August clean up winners. Mr. Duncan announced Triple H Boat Storage Randy Heatherly 814 South Cumberland Avenue was the winner for July and that LeeAnn Hall with Ideal Florist was the winner for August. 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 both monthly winners.

ADMINISTRATION

* Appointment of LaFollette E-911 Board Member.

Mayor Jennings advised it was open for any nominations. Mr. Queener made the motion to nominate Mr. John Long. Mayor Jennings asked if there were any other nominations for the E911 Board Member. No other nominations were made. 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-

*** Appointment of LaFollette Beautification Board Member.**

Mayor Jennings advised it was open for any nominations. Mr. Queener made a motion to nominate Mr. Andy Kitts. Mayor Jennings asked if there were any other nominations for the Beautification Board Member. No other nominations were made. 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. 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 Heritage Baptist Church.**

Agenda item removed.

*** Approval to open a new checking account at Peoples Bank of the South for General Fund Special Escrow Account.**

Mr. Foust stated his recommendation was to approve opening the new account. 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-

FIRE DEPARTMENT

*** Approval of promoting Tim Frazer to a full-time Entry Level Fire Fighter with EMT at a salary of \$33,095.54 effective August 12, 2023.**

Mr. Foust stated this recommendation comes from the Fire Chief and he concurs with the Chief and his recommendation was to hire Mr. Frazer as a full time Fire Fighter at a salary of \$33,095.54 effective August 12,2023. 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 of promoting Shane Tileman to a full time Sergeant at a salary of \$39,964.08 effective August 12, 2023.**

Mr. Foust stated this recommendation comes from the Police Chief and he concurs with the Chief and his recommendation was to hire Mr. Tileman as a full time Sergeant at a salary of \$39,964.08 effective August 12,2023. 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-

*** Approval of promoting Timothy Collingsworth to a full time Sergeant at a salary of \$39,964.08 effective August 12, 2023.**

Mr. Foust stated this recommendation comes from the Police Chief and he concurs with the Chief and his recommendation was to hire Mr. Collingsworth as a full time Sergeant at a salary of \$39,964.08 effective August 12,2023. 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-

*** Approval of promoting LeAnn Helton to a full-time Dispatcher at a salary of \$29,993.60 effective August 12, 2023.**

Mr. Foust stated this recommendation comes from the Police Chief and he concurs with the Chief and his recommendation was to hire Ms. Helton as a full time Dispatcher at a salary of \$29,993.60 effective August 12,2023. 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-

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

*** Resolution 2023-10- Authorizing the City of LaFollette to participate in PEP Risk Management Pool (Safety Partners) Loss Control Matching Grant Program.**

Mayor Jennings read the Resolution aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-10. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-10. 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 2023-11- Resolution providing for In Lieu of Tax Payments from LaFollette Utilities.**

Mayor Jennings read the Resolution aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-11. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-11. 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 2023-12- Amending the 2023/2024 Budget.**

Mayor Jennings read the Resolution aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-12. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-12. 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 2023-13- Adopting Formal Policies and Procedures for Housing Rehabilitation.**

Mayor Jennings read the Resolution aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-13. Mr. Farmer made the motion to approve Resolution 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 2023-11- Ordinance amending City of LaFollette court fees. (First 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. Farmer made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-11. 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-

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