

# **LaFollette City Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Tuesday May 2, 2017 5:30 p.m.**

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a regular monthly meeting on May 2, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the LaFollette City Hall. Mayor Michael Stanfield called the meeting to order. Chief Bill Roehl led the prayer and pledge. Mayor Stanfield asked for the roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Bill Archer.....	Present
Mr. Joe Bolinger.....	Present
Mrs. Ann Thompson.....	Present
Mr. Lonnie Wilson.....	Present
Mayor Mike Stanfield.....	Present

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 2017**

Mrs. Thompson made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 2017 meeting. Mr. Bolinger made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Bill Archer.....	Yes
Mr. Joe Bolinger.....	Yes
Mrs. Ann Thompson.....	Yes
Mr. Lonnie Wilson.....	Yes

-Motion Carried-

### **REPORTS FROM BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & DEPARTMENTS**

Mr. Bolinger made the motion that the various reports be approved. Mr. Wilson made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Bill Archer.....	Yes
Mr. Joe Bolinger.....	Yes
Mrs. Ann Thompson.....	Yes
Mr. Lonnie Wilson.....	Yes

-Motion Carried-

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Mayor Stanfield stated being noted there is none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Stanfield asked if anyone had any announcements. Mr. Jeffries stated that he had some announcements. The first announcement would be the council workshop that is normally scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup> would be changed to the 30<sup>th</sup> due to the city being closed for Memorial Day. Mr. Jeffries announced that he had spoken to Mr. Baird at LaFollette Utilities regarding water line project at the Country Club and the only thing they were waiting on was the contractor he had been held up a little because of the rain but they would be starting that project shortly. Mr. Jeffries stated that Devina from Community Development Partners called at the end of last week on the Safe Routes to School Project. Mr. Jeffries stated that the project was coming in for more than what TDOT had allotted for the project. Mr. Jeffries stated that Devina advised him that TDOT had originally allotted the amount and TDOT had cut it back approximately \$30,000.00. Mr. Jeffries stated that Community Development Partners was in the engineering phase to where they could cut back on the project or with this being the last year for the safe routes to school the city would technically be on the hook for the \$30,000.00 but the city would be able to get 80/20 money for a match. Mr. Jeffries said that Devina had said there was some 100% money left over because of money being left over from the previous year. Mr. Jeffries said she would try to get 100% money. Mr. Jeffries asked if the council would give him direction to go either to shorten the project or proceed with it. Mr. Archer asked if it would just cost the city \$6,000.00. Mr. Jeffries stated if Devina was able to get the 80/20. Mr. Jeffries stated technically that she was going to apply and she was pretty sure she could get 80/20. Mr. Jeffries stated the city was on the hook for approximately \$30,000.00. Mr. Jeffries said Devina did not have a hard number when he spoke with her due to them working out the engineering. Mr. Jeffries stated that Devina said she was pretty sure of the 80/20 and that it was possible she could get the 100% but she will not know until the papers are signed and it is not guaranteed. Mr. Jeffries stated that Devina felt very strongly she could get the 80/20. Mr. Bolinger asked if they got the 80/20 if the city's portion would be in this budget or in the upcoming budget for next year. Mr. Jeffries replied it would be paid in next year's budget because the project is just in the engineering phases and it could be paid in next year's budget. Mr. Jeffries stated that if they got the 80/20 it would be \$6,000.00 for the sidewalk project. Mrs. Thompson stated that she thought the city should go ahead with it. Mayor Stanfield asked Mrs. Thompson if that was a motion. Mrs. Thompson replied yes. Mr. Jeffries advised Mrs. Thompson that she would need to make a motion to suspend the rules first. Mrs. Thompson made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Bolinger made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Bill Archer.....	Yes
Mr. Joe Bolinger.....	Yes
Mrs. Ann Thompson.....	Yes

Mr. Lonnie Wilson..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

Mrs. Thompson made the motion to proceed with the Safe Routes to School Project. Mr. Bolinger made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Bill Archer..... Yes

Mr. Joe Bolinger..... Yes

Mrs. Ann Thompson..... Yes

Mr. Lonnie Wilson..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

Mr. Jeffries stated he had one more announcement Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> at West LaFollette Cafeteria would be the city fish fry from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Mr. Jeffries also added he would like to see in this upcoming budget year the city put some money in for the local National Wild Turkey Federation chapter in this area. Mr. Jeffries spoke about all the good things the chapter had done for the community, veterans and children each year. Mayor Stanfield replied he agreed with Mr. Jeffries due to the things he had saw from National Wild Turkey Federation. Mr. Archer also agreed with Mayor Stanfield and Mr. Jeffries.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**\*Approval to send out bids on HVAC maintenance contract.**

Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mrs. Thompson made the motion to approve. Mr. Wilson made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Bill Archer..... Yes

Mr. Joe Bolinger..... Yes

Mrs. Ann Thompson..... Yes

Mr. Lonnie Wilson..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\*Approval to transfer remaining Creek Clean Up Funds to the RV Park Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00.**

Mayor Stanfield advised that Mr. Wilson had asked for the item to be omitted from the agenda. Mayor Stanfield said he felt the city should take the remaining \$5,000.00 and use it for planting trees and grass along the creek. Mr. Wilson said he would put that in

form of a motion. Mrs. Thompson asked a motion to do what. Mayor Stanfield replied to continue with planting trees and dressing up the creek bank. Mr. Jeffries stated the money was already in the fund to do that. Mrs. Thompson stated that she thought that was what they had already decided to do with the remainder. Mrs. Thompson stated they didn't need a motion due to the council had already agreed on the remainder of the money. Mr. Wilson said he agreed and dropped his motion. Mayor Stanfield stated they would go back to the RV Park another day.

**\*Discussion of Mobile Home. (Paul Sweat)**

Mayor Stanfield stated he had spoken to Paul Sweat about a mobile home the city had accepted from LaFollette Housing a few weeks back. Mayor Stanfield said Mr. Sweat was in need of it for a shelter for some men. Mr. Sweat advised the council of locations he had looked at for the mobile home. Mr. Sweat explained to the council that he was in the process of applying for a 501C3 and the lengthy process. Mr. Sweat stated that he had found a piece of property for \$15,000.00 and may end up purchasing it on a land contract. Mr. Archer asked where the property was located. Mr. Sweat replied that you cut by the old Doc Howard's place and go out through that area. Mayor Stanfield stated to Mr. Sweat that before the city even participated in giving him the mobile home he knew he had to be a 501C3. Mr. Sweat replied yes. He had the file and was just waiting to hear back on the status. Mr. Sweat stated he did understand if the city needed to get rid of it or needed to get it off the Housing Authority property. Mr. Jeffries recommended to the council that he would call Mr. Snodderly and ask how long he was willing to hang on to it before it had to be moved and get with Mr. Sweat and let him know. Mrs. Thompson said she thought they had discussed it last month and he wanted it moved as soon as possible. Mr. Jeffries stated he didn't care to call Mr. Snodderly and ask him what day he wants it gone. All council agreed for Mr. Jeffries to contact Mr. Snodderly about when he wants the mobile home to be gone. Mrs. Thompson asked Mr. Jeffries if he would let everyone know when he speaks to Mr. Snodderly. Mr. Jeffries replied that he would.

**\*Purchase of an Excavator.**

Mayor Stanfield said this would be an add on item to the agenda but the council had discussed it in the previous workshop. Mayor Stanfield asked Mr. Mullens if he would comment on the item. Mr. Mullens stated the city had got the money from selling the old brush truck to Jacksboro then he had some money left over from the purchase of an extension boom. Mr. Mullens said combining the two monies together would be \$36,000.00 and change. Mr. Mullens stated he could purchase a new machine if it was the councils pleasure for \$52,000.00 and change a Caterpillar. Mr. Mullens stated that is like Mr. Bolinger commented the other night that will be one thing off the wish list. Mr. Mullens said if the council could see fit they could use the piece of equipment.

Mayor Stanfield commented the city had talked about it for years of purchasing one and the Administrator had been searching the internet surplus to find one. Mr. Mullens said that was a big excavator he was looking at. Mr. Mullens said this one would be a small one that would be easy to mobilize. Mr. Jeffries asked how far it would reach. Mr. Mullens replied eleven or twelve feet straight out and nine or ten feet deep. Mr. Jeffries said that would probably go a long way of helping out on South Mass. Mr. Mullens replied that it would. Mayor Stanfield said they would have to come up with some money. Mr. Bolinger said about \$16,000.00. Mayor Stanfield stated the council had Mr. Jeffries and Mr. Mullens recommendation what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Wilson made the motion to approve. Mr. Bolinger made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Bill Archer..... Yes
- Mr. Joe Bolinger..... Yes
- Mrs. Ann Thompson..... Yes
- Mr. Lonnie Wilson..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

Mr. Mullens asked Mayor Stanfield to tell Mr. Sweat were to get the remainder of the money for the purchase. Mr. Mullens said in past history that is the first thing Mr. Sweat has asked him. Mr. Mullens said when he hears you approved this where did they say to get the money. Mayor Stanfield told Mr. Sweat that he could get it out of fund balance or reach in his back pocket and get it out of his billfold. Mr. Sweat stated the city had \$10,000.00 read to the budget for sales and fixed assets. Mr. Sweat said he needed to check and see how much the city had sold then out of the money he had to send a check to the Department of Mental Health. Mr. Sweat stated he had to have \$10,000.00 first before they had any money. Mr. Wilson stated they were going to have the sale on the surplus property. Mr. Jeffries said it would be the last week of the month. Mr. Wilson asked if that would work if it was on the last week of the month. Mr. Sweat said he budgets \$10,000.00 each year on sales surplus and assets so until he gets \$10,000.00 at least then that covers the budget we are in now. Mrs. Thompson asked if they could take it out of the sale of surplus merchandise other than out of fund balance. Mr. Jeffries said he thought they would have enough money. Mr. Jeffries said he thought they need to visit that in the upcoming budget cycle because unless he was wrong he thought they changed the law with seizures now go to the Department of Mental Health. Mr. Sweat stated that the city was writing a check from \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 a year now. Mr. Wilson asked if that was Police Department cars they seized or is it city surplus property. Mr. Jeffries replied that it was Police Department only. Mr. Sweat said when they do an auction they do it all together. Mr. Wilson stated we are not only selling Police Department seized vehicles we are selling city surplus properties. Mr. Sweat said

that was right but like he said he had \$10,000.00 that goes to the general fund up front that was spread to all the department budgets and if they have a surplus sale he had to have \$10,000.00 to fix it for the budget before anything else. Mr. Wilson replied we will be there. Mr. Sweat said as long as he got the \$10,000.00. Mr. Wilson replied he would get it. Mrs. Thompson asked if it needed to made into a motion to take the money out of the surplus auction to cover that for Mr. Mullens. Mayor Stanfield asked Mr. Troutman and he replied no.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **\*Approval of Computer Bids.**

Mayor Stanfield asked Chief Roehl if he would comment. Chief Roehl stated they had received a \$15,000.00 grant from the State of Tennessee Department of Justice. Chief Roehl stated it was a 100% grant no matching from the city. Chief Roehl said that when they submitted the grant they had to specify exactly what they were going to purchase. Chief Roehl said they were purchasing computers for the patrol cars. Chief Roehl said it went out for bid and they received one bid and it was from Office Depot. Mr. Archer asked if any of his computer stuff come under state bid. Chief Roehl replied what this is specifically for in car computers that can be taken out to the field with the officer. Mr. Archer replied a lot of time the state has stuff like that on bid contract. Chief Roehl agreed and said they had looked at that and the computers they are ordering are limited sources to get them. Mayor Stanfield asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Archer made the motion to approve. Mrs. Thompson made the second. Mayor Stanfield requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Bill Archer.....	Yes
Mr. Joe Bolinger.....	Yes
Mrs. Ann Thompson.....	Yes
Mr. Lonnie Wilson.....	Yes

-Motion Carried-

Mayor Stanfield said he had one other thing he wanted to add. Mayor Stanfield said Mr. Mullens had provided him and the council with a list of seventy-nine streets for paving. Mayor Stanfield said Kelly and Mr. Mullens went around and looked at the street and got an approximate dollar figure of \$1,450,000.00. Mr. Mullens stated that this paving does not include the STP paving. Mr. Mullens said there was two or three streets on the list that are gravel. Mr. Mullens advised the council that they would have to gravel and grade themselves because the gravel and grading was not included. Mr. Mullens stated the milling where it is necessary where there is curb and gutter is included. Mr. Mullens said it was on the list to correct the curb out on Central. Mr. Wilson asked if the council

needed to go ahead and put it out for bid. Mr. Archer said he thought they should go ahead and get started on it. Mayor Stanfield asked if they had given a time frame when they could get started. Mr. Mullens replied no it had to be advertised first. Mr. Mullens said he thought the city would have to run it a minimum of three weeks. Mr. Jeffries replied the TDOT rules are twenty-one days. Mr. Mullens said if you could get it in the paper today you would probably be looking at about six weeks. Mrs. Thompson said it was too late to get it in the paper this week. Mr. Mullens replied the city was looking at seven weeks at best. Mr. Jeffries stated to the council that something the council could do to save them some time. Mr. Jeffries said that all of the TDOT stuff is laid down by statute if the council just wanted to make a motion to follow the TDOT guide lines with the paving. Mr. Jeffries said that way the council would not have to come back each time to approve everything over and over. Mr. Bolinger asked Mr. Jeffries if he felt that would be a better way. Mr. Jeffries said he thought the city should follow the TDOT guide lines but approve the bids and that kind of stuff when they came in. Mr. Jeffries said they are a lot of small things that will have to be put on. Mr. Jeffries recommended to follow TDOT guide lines but approve all bids when they come in. Mr. Bolinger stated I put that in form of a motion. Mayor Stanfield stated he had a motion was there a second. Mr. Archer second the motion. Mayor Stanfield requested a roll call, which was as follows:

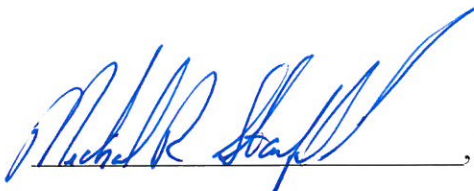
- Mr. Bill Archer..... Yes
- Mr. Joe Bolinger..... Yes
- Mrs. Ann Thompson..... Yes
- Mr. Lonnie Wilson..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Stanfield declared the meeting adjourned.

Attest:  , Clerk  
Stan Foust

 , Mayor  
Michael R. Stanfield