

LaFollette City Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 2, 2022 5:30 p.m.

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a regular monthly meeting on August 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the LaFollette City Hall. Mayor Phillip Farmer called the meeting to order. Chief Bill Roehl led the prayer and pledge. Mayor Farmer asked for the roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Mark Hoskins Present
- Mr. Wayne Kitts Present
- Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Present
- Mr. Bryan St. John..... Present
- Mayor Phillip Farmer.... Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 2022 MEETINGS INCLUDING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Hoskins made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 2022 meetings. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Mark Hoskins Yes
- Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes
- Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes
- Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

REPORTS FROM BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Kitts made the motion that the various reports be approved. Mr. Hoskins made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Mark Hoskins Yes
- Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes
- Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Mayor Farmer asked if there were any comments from the citizens. State Representative Dennis Powers spoke to the Council regarding displaying the American Flag and gave specifics that the Comptroller Office advised such as passing an ordinance or resolution resulting from past Comptroller findings in the past.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Farmer asked if there were any announcements. Mr. Foust announced that the National Night Out was being held in Seargeant’s Park right after the meeting.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

*** Resolution 2022-18- Resolution providing for In Lieu of Tax Payments from LaFollette Utilities.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2022-18. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-18. Mrs. Solomon made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Resolution 2022-19- Resolution for authorizing water upgrade project.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2022-19. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-19. Mr. St. John made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Mark Hoskins Yes
- Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes
- Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes
- Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Resolution 2022-20- Authorizing the City of LaFollette to participate in PEP Risk Management Pool (Safety Partners) Loss Control Matching Grant Program.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2022-20. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-20. Mr. Hoskins made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Mark Hoskins Yes
- Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes
- Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes
- Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Ordinance 2022-10- Ordinance amending personnel policy on recommendations of state law regarding work/overtime hours reporting. (Final Reading)**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2022-10. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-10. Mr. St. John made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Mark Hoskins Yes
- Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes
- Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes
- Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Ordinance 2022-11- Ordinance amending Title 8 Chapter 2 of Alcoholic Beverages. (First Reading)**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2022-11. Mr. Hoskins asked, since the city had gathered new information on the beer laws should the ordinance be postponed until a later date. Mr. Troutman advised no that this would be the model ordinance and they could work off of it before the final passage and that they could work on any changes at the next workshop. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-11. Mr. St. John made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Mark Hoskins Yes
- Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes
- Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes
- Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Ordinance 2022-12- Ordinance amending personnel policy regarding personal relationships. (First Reading)**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2022-12. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-12. Mr. Hoskins made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Mark Hoskins Yes
- Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes
- Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes
- Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

ADMINISTRATION

*** Approval of promoting April Marlow to a full time Janitorial at a salary of \$25,470.64 effective August 13,2022.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. St. John made the motion to approve. Mr. Kitts made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

FIRE DEPARTMENT

*** Approval of promoting Ryan Wagner to a full-time Entry-Level Fire Fighter/ Advanced EMT at a salary of \$32,077.47 effective August 13,2022.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve. Mr. St. John made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Approval of promoting Jeremiah Dagley to a full time Entry-Level Fire Fighter at a salary of \$31,077.47 effective August 13,2022.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Hoskins made the motion to approve. Mr. St. John made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

*** Approval of promoting Joshua Eters to a full time Entry-Level Fire Fighter/ Basic EMT at a salary of \$31,577.47 effective August 13,2022.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. St. John made the motion to approve. Mr. Hoskins made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

POLICE DEPARTMENT

***Appointment of Steve Wallen to Police Chief at a salary of \$53,500.00 effective August 13,2022.**

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

Mr. Mark Hoskins Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

* Mr. Kitts made a motion to suspend the rules regarding an investigation report they had received on the complaint Sgt. Charles Duff with LaFollette Police Department had filed about harassment. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

Mr. Kitts advised the Council that they had received a report that day regarding the complaint Sgt. Charles Duff had filed on harassment and that a firm had been hired to investigate the matter for the city. Mr. Kitts advised they had received the report that afternoon before the meeting. Mr. Kitts asked if he should read a part of the report. Mr. Hoskins replied he didn't need to air the laundry. Mr. Kitts asked if the administrator would like to comment on it at all. Mr. Foust said he would comment on it briefly. Mr. Foust stated that he had received a complaint of harassment from Sgt. Charles Duff after reviewing the complaint he felt it would be a conflict of him to do the investigation as well as the Council so it was his recommendation to the Council to seek an outside source to investigate the complaint. Mr. Foust stated as of today we received the findings of the investigation. Mr. Foust advised it would be up to the Council body of how they wanted to move forward with the findings. Mrs. Solomon stated after reading the findings from Ms. Herbert she would like to make a motion to terminate employment of Mr. Monty Miller and Mr. Brian Tiller. Mr. Kitts seconded the motion. Mr. Foust called the roll, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins No

Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes

Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

Mr. Foust asked if the termination was immediately. Mrs. Solomon confirmed yes.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

*** Approval of declaring Gradall Excavator surplus.**

Mayor Farmer asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve. Mr. St. John made the second. Mayor Farmer requested roll call, which was as follows:

Mr. Mark Hoskins Yes
Mr. Wayne Kitts Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Solomon..... Yes
Mr. Bryan St. John..... Yes
-Motion Carried-

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Farmer asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kitts made the motion to adjourn.

Attest: _____, Clerk



Stan Foust

Phillip Farmer, Mayor

Phillip Farmer