

**CITY OF LAFOLLETTE**  
**Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday February 7, 2023 5:30 p.m.**

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER**

**\*Public Hearing for Public to comment on Ordinance.**

1. **Ordinance 2023-01- Ordinance abandoning a portion of unopened street located within West Elm Street of the City of LaFollette.**

**\* Comments from the Public.**

**\* Comments from the Council.**

**Public Hearing Adjourned**

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor
2. Prayer & Pledge
3. Roll call by Clerk
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 2023.
5. Reports from Boards, Committees and Departments
6. Comments from the Citizens
7. Announcements

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

1. Ordinance 2023-01- Ordinance abandoning a portion of unopened street located within West Elm Street of the City of LaFollette. (Final Reading)
2. Ordinance 2023-02-Emergency ordinance to amend section 11 of the zoning ordinance for the City of LaFollette to address storage buildings in C-1 and C-2.
3. Ordinance 2023-03- Ordinance amending the zoning ordinance of the City of LaFollette, Tennessee. (First Reading)
4. Resolution 2023-03- Amending the 2022/2023 Budget.
5. Resolution 2023-04- Amending the 2022/2023 Budget.

**ADMINISTRATION**

1. Approval to open new bank account at Peoples Bank of the South for tourism.
2. Approval to allocate an additional \$5,000.00 for computer software upgrades from the capital outlay funds.
3. Approval to hire MacIndoe and Associates for design and core drilling of Fifth Street and 18.5 acres on Jacksboro Pike (phase1) not to exceed \$15,000.00.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

1. Approval to apply for Violent Crimes Grant in the amount of \$93,000.00.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

1. Approval of promoting Clifford Gerrish to a full-time Sanitation Worker at a salary of 28,601.04 effective February 11, 2023.
2. Approval to submit bids for paving of landscaping boxes and stripe removal.
3. Approval to submit bids for guardrail at Rosehill / South Thirteenth Street and Cherry Street behind Calvary Baptist Church.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**BEER BOARD MEETING**

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman.
2. Roll call by Clerk.
3. No permits to date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

# LaFollette City Council

## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday February 7, 2023 5:30 p.m.**

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a regular monthly meeting on February 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the LaFollette City Hall. Mayor Cliff Jennings called the meeting to order. Mr. Wayne Kitts led the prayer and pledge. 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 JANUARY MEETINGS.

Mayor Jennings asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the January 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. 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-

### COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

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. Mr. Robert Henson addressed Council regarding the core drilling that was purposed on Fifth Street. Discussion occurred between Mr. Henson and the Council regarding the engineering and core drilling fees regarding the proposal of removing a portion of Fifth Street to expand Liberty and Seargeant parks. Mr. Henson said he would like to see a member of Council to make a motion to table the removal of Fifth Street and make it go away. Mr. Henson stated if anyone had any questions. Mr. Queener stated he would be in favor of postponing any further actions on Depot Street. Discussion occurred between Councilman Queener and Council on the reasoning for the postponing. Mr. Queener made the motion to postpone any action the city was taking on Depot Street until a later date. Discussion continues between Council regarding Mr. Queener's motion to table postponing further action on the Depot Street. Mr. Farmer seconded the motion made by Mr. Queener. Mayor Jennings asked, the council if they had any questions. Discussion occurred between Mr. Kitts and Council regarding tabling the item would include the 18.5 acres on Jacksboro Pike. Mr. Queener stated he was in favor of continuing core drilling on the 18.5 acres. Mrs. Solomon asked if the two could be split up. Mr. Foust stated that Council had three contracts in their packets the core drilling was separate contracts but the engineering was one lump sum and could not be divided. Mr. Foust recommended that if Council wanted to do one instead of both is to approve the contract for the 18.5 acres and the engineering not to exceed a total of \$9,000.00 and the remaining of the of the \$5,000.00 for engineering on Fifth Street would not be spent. Discussion occurred between Mrs. Solomon and Mr. Queener regarding amending the motion. Discussion continues between Council regarding separating the motion on the Fifth Street project and the 18.5 acres on Jacksboro Pike. Mayor Jennings asked Mr. Queener his reasoning for tabling the item because it was for the kids. Mr. Queener replied that he didn't see the city spending that kind of money on any

kind of project with the city's infrastructure is at this time. Mr. Queener stated if the city had all its streets paved and all the other projects complete and money setting in an account, he would be all for the city looking at ways to give back. Discussion continued with Mr. Queener and Mayor Jennings regarding Mr. Queener's reason he wanted to postpone. Mr. Foust recommended to the Council to wait until they came to the item on the agenda and then make their motion so it would not cause as much confusion. Mr. Queener withdrew his motion. Mr. Farmer withdrew his second. Mayor Jennings asked if anyone else would like to address Council. Noted being none.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jennings asked if there were any announcements. Noted being none.

## ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

### **\* Ordinance 2023-01- Ordinance abandoning a portion of unopened street located within West Elm Street of the City of LaFollette. (Final Reading)**

Mayor Jennings read the Ordinance aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-01. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01. 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 2023-02-Emergency ordinance to amend section 11 of the zoning ordinance for the City of LaFollette to address storage buildings in C-1 and C-2.**

Mayor Jennings read the emergency Ordinance aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-02. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-02 simply because storage buildings going in C-1 and C-2 was costing the city its potential revenues and our kids and

grandkids will be the one has to pay the price. Mrs. Solomon made the second. Mayor Jennings asked if there was any discussion. Councilman Queener asked if anyone had checked with Clinton and Oak Ridge to see how they were handling storage units. Mayor Jennings said he had not checked, but it was really simple every time a storage building went up in a C-1 or C-2 the city lost revenue. Mayor Jennings stated you might as well put a grave yard on those pieces of property as you would a storage build because it will not bring the city any future revenue except for the property tax itself. Mayor Jennings stated the city had only few attractive pieces of property left and they sure needed to make sure they were not filled with storage buildings. Mayor Jennings requested roll call, which was as follows:

- Mr. Phillip Farmer ..... Yes
- Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes
- Mr. Chuck Queener..... No
- Mrs. Stephanie Solomon ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Ordinance 2023-03- Ordinance amending the zoning ordinance of the City of LaFollette, Tennessee. (First Reading)**

Mayor Jennings read the Ordinance aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-03. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-03. 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..... No
- Mrs. Stephanie Solomon ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Resolution 2023-03- Amending the 2022/2023 Budget.**

Mayor Jennings read the Resolution aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-03. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-03. 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-

**\* Resolution 2023-04- Amending the 2022/2023 Budget.**

Mayor Jennings read the Resolution aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-04. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-04. 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-

**ADMINISTRATION**

**\* Approval to open new bank account at Peoples Bank of the South for tourism.**

Discussion occurred between Mr. Foust and Council regarding opening the new account. Mr. Foust recommended to Council to open the account. Mayor Jennings stated to the Council you have the recommendation from the Administrator. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve the new account. 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 to allocate an additional \$5,000.00 for computer software upgrades from the capital outlay funds.**

Discussion occurred between Mr. Foust and Council regarding the additional \$5,000.00 needed to lock in the cost for the new computer software. Mr. Foust recommended the additional funds would come from the remainder of the Capital Outlay Note making the new total \$25,000.00 for the software update. 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 to hire MacIndoe and Associates for design and core drilling of Fifth Street and 18.5 acres on Jacksboro Pike (phase1) not to exceed \$15,000.00.**

Mr. Foust advised this is the agenda item that had lengthy discussed at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Foust asked Councilman Queener if he would like to continue. Mr. Queener made the motion to table the agenda item. 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 ..... No

Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Approval to hire MacIndoe and Associates for design and core drilling of the 18.5 acres on Jacksboro Pike (phase1) not to exceed \$9,000.00.**

Mr. Queener made the motion to continue with the engineering and core drilling the 18.5 acres on Jacksboro Pike not to exceed \$9,000.00. 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-

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**\* Approval to apply for Violent Crimes Grant in the amount of \$93,000.00.**

Mr. Foust explain to Council the grant would be a 100% funded grant paid over the next three years and his recommendation would be to approve to proceed applying for the grant. 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**

**\* Approval of promoting Clifford Gerrish to a full-time Sanitation Worker at a salary of 28,601.04 effective February 11, 2023.**

Mr. Foust stated to the Council that Mr. Gerrish was doing a very good job at Public Works and he had spoken with Public Works Director and the both agreed in promoting Mr. Gerrish to full time. Mr. Foust recommended approval to the Council. 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 to submit bids for paving of landscaping boxes and stripe removal.**

Mr. Foust stated to the Council that Public Works had completed tearing out the landscaping boxes earlier that day and this would be the final step of completion was repaving. Mr. Foust stated that on the stripe removal is in front of the former Bowman Jewelers where the handicap ramp would be removed and a curb reinstalled due to flooding. Mr. Foust recommended approval to the Council. 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 to submit bids for guardrail at Rosehill / South Thirteenth Street and Cherry Street behind Calvary Baptist Church.**

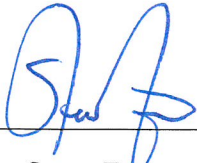
Mr. Foust stated to the Council that Public Works Director recommended that the two different guardrails were needed due to safety concerns in both areas. Mr. Foust recommended approval to the Council. Mayor Jennings stated you have the recommendation of the Administrator. Mayor Jennings asked, what 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-

ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Stan Foust

 \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor  
Cliff Jennings

# LaFollette City Council

## Public Hearing

February 7, 2023

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met for a Public Hearing on Tuesday February 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.at the LaFollette City Hall. Mayor Cliff Jennings called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose for the Public Hearing was for the following ordinance. 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

1. **Ordinance 2023-01-** Ordinance abandoning a portion of unopened street located within West Elm Street of the City of LaFollette.

Mayor Jennings asked if they were any comments from citizens or council on the ordinance.

Mayor Jennings stated being noted they are not any comments from citizens or Council.

Mayor Jennings stated let it be noted no comments from the public or Council. Mayor Jennings asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Mayor Jennings declared the Public Hearing adjourned.

Cliff Jennings, Mayor

Attest: BAF, Clerk