

# LaFollette City Council

## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday March 14, 2023 5:30 p.m.**

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a regular monthly meeting on March 14, 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 FEBRUARY MEETINGS INCLUDING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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

### 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

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. Mayor Jennings thanked Mr. Henson for his comments to the Council. 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. Mayor Jennings announced Codes Officer Mr. Jeff Duncan to come forward and announce the most improved property clean up winners for the months of January, February, and March. Mr. Duncan announced the winners in order Coleen Lay 717 Cherry Street, Deanna Bailey 210 West Kentucky, and Laura McKamey Cherry Street. Council applauded the winners. Mayor Jennings thanked each winner and stated it was the city's goal to clean it up and be proud of it. Ms. Bailey addressed the Council and Mr. Duncan regarding her cleaning up her property and was very appreciative of all the support. Mayor Jennings commended the three winners again for all their hard work. Mayor Jennings asked if the Council would like to comment. No other comments were made.

### ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

**\* Ordinance 2023-03- Ordinance amending the zoning ordinance of the City of LaFollette, Tennessee. (Final 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. 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..... No
- Mrs. Stephanie Solomon ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Ordinance 2023-04- Ordinance amending the City of LaFollette Code with respect to Title 11 Municipal Offenses. (First reading)**

Mayor Jennings read the Ordinance aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-04. Mr. Queener made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-04. 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-

**\* Ordinance 2023-05- Ordinance amending the City of LaFollette code, Title 9 Business, Peddlers, Solicitors, etc. (First Reading)**

Mayor Jennings read the Ordinance aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-05. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-05. 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 2023-05- Amending the 2022/2023 Budget.**

Mayor Jennings read the Resolution aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-05. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-05. 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-

**\* Resolution 2023-06- Resolution to award bid for Storm Water Rehabilitation Project.**

Mayor Jennings read the Resolution aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-06. Mr. Farmer made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-06. 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-

**ADMINISTRATION**

**\* Approval of year end 6/30/22 audit.**

Mr. Foust recommended to Council to approve year end audit 6/30/22. Mr. Foust stated the city had been present they audit at its March workshop by Pugh and Company with one finding from previous administration on fuel but had been corrected. 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 year end 6/30/2022 audit. 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 environmental study and engineering on Fifth Street tabled from February Geo Services \$4,750.00 and MacIndoe and Associates \$2,500.00.**

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

Mayor Cliff Jennings.....Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Approval to submit bids for emergency sirens.**

Mr. Foust recommended to Council to approve to solicit for bid. Mr. Foust stated the funds to purchase sirens had been allocated from the ARPA funds. Mayor Jennings stated to the Council 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 Farmer 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-

**\* Acceptance of bid on storm water drainage for Beech Street from Portland Utilities Construction Co. LLC. In the amount of \$756,131.75 contingent upon the funding agency funding the project.**

Mr. Foust recommended to Council to approve the bid from Portland Utilities in the amount of \$756,131.75. Mr. Foust also stated that the grant administrator recommended that the city should also set aside an additional \$100,000.00 constituency money for any change orders that may come up. Mr. Foust stated he concurred with that recommendation as well, which would bring that total to \$856,131.75. Mayor Jennings stated to the Council 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 Farmer 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 declare 54 Glock 40 caliber service weapons surplus.**

Mr. Foust explained to Council it came on the recommendation of Chief Wallen to surplus the 54 Glock 40 caliber weapons and he concurred with the Chief and his recommendation would be to approve to surplus the 54 weapons. 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-

**\* Approval to trade 54 Glock 40 caliber service weapons and purchase 30 new Glock 9mm service weapons.**

Mr. Foust explained to Council it came on the recommendation of Chief Wallen to trade the 54 Glock 40 caliber weapons and purchase 30 new Glock 9mm weapons and he concurred with the Chief and his recommendation would be to approve to trade the 54 Glock 40 caliber weapons and purchase the 30 new Glock 9mm weapons. 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-

**\* Retiring Police Canine Morris and relinquishing ownership to former Canine handler Corey Lawson in the amount of \$1.**

Mr. Foust explained to Council the contract had been signed by the former handler and it came at the recommendation of the canine trainer Matt Forsyth and Chief Wallen to retire the canine. Mr. Foust stated he concurred with the Chief and the trainer to retire the canine and would be his recommendation to approve. Mr. Foust asked if any of the Council had any questions regarding the contract and if all Council had got a copy of the contract. Mr. Queener said he had not and was provided one in the meeting. 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. 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-

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**\* Acceptance of bid for paving of landscaping boxes and stripe removal.**

Mr. Foust stated to the Council that the city had received one bid from Boshears paving in the amount of \$26,500.00. 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. Mr. Queener made the second. Mayor



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Mr. Phillip Farmer ..... Yes

Mr. Wayne Kitts ..... Yes

Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

**\* Acceptance of bid for guardrail at Rosehill / South Thirteenth Street and Cherry Street behind Calvary Baptist Church.**

Mr. Foust stated to the Council that the city had received one bid from Highway Markings inc. for Rose Hill and South 13<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$4,975.00. Cherry Street in the amount of \$4,750.00. 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. 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

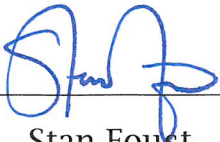
Mr. Chuck Queener..... Yes

Mrs. Stephanie Solomon ..... Yes

-Motion Carried-

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.

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

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