

LaFollette City Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 2, 2023 5:30 p.m.

The City of LaFollette Mayor and Council met in a regular monthly meeting on May 2, 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 APRIL MEETINGS INCLUDING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Jennings asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the March meetings. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve. 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-

REPORTS FROM BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Jennings asked if there was a motion to approve the various reports. Mr. Kitts 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. Mayor Jennings stated let it be noted being none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jennings asked if there were any announcements. Mayor Jennings announced City Administrator to come forward and announce the most improved property clean up winners for the month of May. Mr. Foust announced the winner Gregg Miller 603 South Indiana Avenue. Council applauded the winner.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

*** Ordinance 2023-06- Ordinance amending the personnel policy pertaining to bereavement leave. (Final Reading)**

Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-06. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Ordinance 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-

*** Ordinance 2023-07- Ordinance amending Title 8 section 8-212 of Alcoholic Beverages. (Final Reading)**

Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-07. Mr. Farmer made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-07. 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-

*** Ordinance 2023-08- Ordinance abandoning a portion of unopened street located within South 16th Street of the City of LaFollette. (First Reading)**

Mr. Foust advised Council the abandonment would only be the section of street that was requested and surveyed. Mayor Jennings asked Mr. Foust if that would be his recommendation. Mr. Foust replied yes. Mayor Jennings stated the Council had the recommendation of the Administrator and the Planning Commission. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-08. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-08. 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-

*** Ordinance 2023-09- Ordinance amending the purchasing policy for the City of LaFollette. (First Reading)**

Mayor Jennings asked if the Administrator to elaborate on the ordinance. Mr. Foust explained the changes to the amendment to the purchasing policy to the Council. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Ordinance 2023-09. Mrs. Solomon made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-09. 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 2023-08- Authorizing the City of LaFollette to submit an application to the Tennessee Housing Development Agency for the Home Grant Program. (THDA Grant)**

Mayor Jennings read the Resolution aloud. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council on Resolution 2023-08. Mr. Kitts made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-08. 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 of event permit for Coolidge Ridge Missionary Baptist Church to gather in rear parking lot of the LaFollette Municipal Building for May 18, 2023.**

Mr. Foust stated Mr. Robbins came to the workshop and spoke to Council about the event and his recommendation was to approve the application. Mayor Jennings asked, what is the pleasure of the Council. Mr. Queener 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 Jacob Wagner to a full-time Fire Fighter at a salary of \$31,077.47 effective May 6, 2023.**

Mr. Foust explained to Council it came on the recommendation of Chief Pack to promote Jacob Wagner to a full time Fire Fighter and he concurred with the Chief and his recommendation would be to approve. 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 Nicolas Marcum to a full-time Patrol Officer at a salary of \$35,596.86 effective May 6, 2023.**

Mr. Foust explained to Council it came on the recommendation of Chief Wallen to promote Nicolas Marcum to a full time Patrol Officer and he concurred with the Chief and his recommendation would be to approve. 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-

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

*** Approval of promoting Jamie Pack to a full-time Sanitation Worker at a salary of \$28,601.04 effective May 6, 2023.**

Mr. Foust explained to Council it came on the recommendation of Public Works Director to promote Jamie Pack to a full time Sanitation Worker and he concurred with the Director and his recommendation would be to approve. 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-

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

*** Acceptance of bid for portable restrooms from Renown Cargo Trailers in the amount of \$60,000.00.**

Mr. Foust stated to Council his recommendation was to accept the bid of \$60,000.00 from Renown Cargo Trailers and to add the \$1,300.00 delivery charge to the amount to be a total of purchase \$61,300.00. 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-

*** Acceptance of bid for portable concessions from Renown Cargo Trailers in the amount of \$26,863.00.**

Mr. Foust stated to Council his recommendation was to accept the bid of \$26,863.00 from Renown Cargo Trailers. 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-

*** Approval to solicit bids for guardrail at Sargeant Park.**


Mr. Foust stated to Council that the guardrail was much needed at the park and his recommendation was to solicit bids. 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-

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jennings asked if there was anything else to come before Council. Mayor Jennings asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Queener made the motion to adjourn.

Attest:  _____, Clerk
Stan Foust

 _____ Mayor
Cliff Jennings