

CITY OF KEYSVILLE, GA

A City Where Everybody Is Somebody

City Council  
LINDA WILKES, MAYOR  
Ms. Sharon Neely  
Ms. Kathy Couch  
Ms. Maggie Terrell  
Mr. Harold Kight  
Mr. Freddie Harden



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MINUTES  
KEYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Today's Date: Febuary 13, 2023  
Meeting Date: January 9, 2022  
TIME: 7:00 PM  
LOCATION: KEYSVILLE CITY HALL

**Meeting called to order by:** Mayor Linda Wilkes.

**Councilmembers Present:** Linda Wilkes, Kathy Couch, Sharon Neely, Maggie Terrell, Harold Kight

**Employee:** LaTora Lewis, Sherell Russ

**Others Present:** Jerry Couch, Maefield Streetman, David Singletary, Rubye Rucker, James Neely, Kathy Brown, Gwen Williams, Shellie Smitley (True Citizens)

**Mayor Wilkes:** Welcomed all and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**Prayer:** Maggie Terrell

**Absent:**

**Agenda:** Mayor Wilkes asked for the motion to have the agenda approved. Council Woman Kathy motioned to have the agenda approved as order of the day. Council Woman Sharon Neely second the motion to have the agenda approved as order of the day.

Mayor Wilkes said the agenda will stand as order of the day.

## **Minutes:**

Mayor Wilkes presented the Minutes for approval and corrections if there be any. Council Woman Kathy Couch motioned to have the minutes approved with necessary corrections if there be any. Council Woman Maggie Terrell second the motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Linda Wilkes stated the minutes will stand with no necessary corrections noted.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Environmental Water:**

#### **Councilman Harold Kight:**

- Stated that Ms. Lewis called Jeremy Johns on January 3, 2023 for a water on Martin Luther King Jr Road and Mr. Johns fixed the leak the same day.
- Asked about the same 6 key locks for the gates that Mr. Johns mentioned in the last meeting.
- Said that EPD was going to start on our new well on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January. Stated that EPD apologized for the drilling that is going to occur the night of January 16<sup>th</sup>. EPD asked that all residents bare with them until the drilling is complete.
- Mentioned that he would like for maintenance to purchase a tire for the generator and crank the generator up. Said that he would help maintenance Terry out if he had trouble with the generator. Stated that the generator needed to be cranked up at least once a month.

#### **Water Clerk LaTora Lewis**

- Answered that the city did purchase the same six locks for the gates.

### **Emergency and Personnel:**

#### **Council Woman Sharon Neely**

- Asked how the residents would go about applying for the trash cans.
- Said that there was an issue about the streetlights being out again and asked was it possible that the water clerk can get the numbers from the light pole again.

#### **Mayor Linda Wilkes**

- Said once Murv Waldrop says the bid is put in she will be able to give more information.

#### **Water Clerk LaTora Lewis:**

- Told Council Woman Sharon Neely that there was a link that she could use instead of calling Georgia Power to report light outages. That she would send her the link.\
- Said that she did report the lights being out.

**Councilman Harold Kight:**

- Spoke out and said that Georgia power came out and fixed the light pole on center street.
- Councilwoman Sharon Neely said that Center streetlight was the last light to be reported.

**Water Clerk LaTora Lewis:**

- Asked Council Woman Sharon Neely what other areas in the city has street light outages.
- Councilwoman Sharon Neely answered the Light on Tyrone Brooks Street and on Neely Street.
- LaTora Lewis said the light was reported on Tyrone Brooks Street.

**Council Woman Sharon Neely:**

- Said that she is still receiving complaints about the stray dogs running around.
- Water clerk LaTora Lewis responded by saying there is nothing the city can do. We were told to set traps for the dogs.
- Was concerned about the water running down the road on Martin Luther King Jr Rd. Water Clerk LaTora responded and said that the problem was not on the city it was on the residents and was supposed to be fixed the same day.

**Building & Housing:**

**Council Woman Kathy Couch**

- Says she reached out to the Sheriff's department about the trash on Martin Luther King Jr Road and said that she is waiting for someone to reach out to her about the trash being cleaned off the road.
- Asked about when the city will receive the ordinance for the tiny houses.
- Shelly Smitley Responded- inaudible.
- Mentioned that someone brought to her attention that the city needs to get the tractor repaired or buy a new one.
- Complained about the maintenance building on the hill by the water tower said that it needed work.

**Water Clerk LaTora Lewis**

- Responded that the office just discussed the tractor being replaced or repaired, but there was not a decision made yet.
- Mentioned that she spoke with the guy who done the roofing last on the building because he renewed his business license.

**Mayor Linda Wilkes**

- Responded by saying that we will shop around for a quote to have the roofing repaired.

## **Roads and Recreation:**

City Administrator Sherell Russ.

- Mentioned the city is working on getting the roads paved.

## **Other City Business**

### **City Administrator Sherell Russ**

- Said that she was preparing the taxes for 2023 they will be completed soon.
- Said that the audit is still being worked on there is only one year left to turn in should be completed by Saturday so that the audit could be picked up Monday.

## **Finance:**

### **Council Woman Maggie Terrell**

- Queensboro Bank statements
- Wellsfargo Bank statements

## **Citizens Complaint/Concerns**

### **Finished Business:**

### **Unfinished Business:**

## **Announcements/Comments from the floor:**

### **Mayor Linda Wilkes:**

- Told the city council members about the Burke County Chamber of Commerce Dinner at the Augusta Technical College in Waynesboro, Georgia
- Received an email from the Georgia academy of economic development stating that Waynesboro and Burke County participants are welcome to participate in the class it is a two day class and if anyone on the council was interested in going please let the city administrator know.
- Received a letter from Murv Waldrop stating that there was an investment to the sanitation pick up will be dismissing the commercial section of it there will no longer be any dumpsters. They will only be picking up neighborhood, city trash.

### **Mayor Linda Wilkes**

Mayor Linda Wilkes asked for the meeting to be Adjourned. Council Woman Kathy Couch made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Council Woman Sharon Neely second the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.