

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: March 13, 2023
Meeting Date: February 13, 2023
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, Freddie Harden

Employee: Sherell Russ

Others Present: Christine Ryan's, James Neely, Bobbie Powell, Kathy Brown, Jerry Couch, MaeField Streetman

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:

Council Woman Kathy Couch

- **Mentioned under building and housing, in last sentence the complain about the building up the hill. Said it was a citizen that complained about the building.**

Councilman Harold Kight

- **Stated that the corrections were that the contractors were the company to fix the well and not EPD.**
- **That the contractors were the ones to apologize about the loud drilling not EPD.**

Council Woman Sharon Neely

- **The date January 9th,2022, it should have been 2023.**
- **Inaudible**

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 noted. Council Woman Sharon Neely second the motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Linda Wilkes stated the minutes will stand with necessary corrections noted.

Committee Reports

Council Woman Sharon Neely

- **Stated the minutes from November needed to be amended.**

Mayor Linda Wilkes

- **Stated that she will have the water clerk LaTora Lewis will correct the minutes.**
- **Presented an agreement to the council from Merv about animal patrol. Stated that burke county already has a animal patrol officer. The city would have to adopt the animal patrol ordinance and agree to pay a fee to control the animals. The fee for the animal patrol to capture each animal is \$200.00.**

Environmental Water:

Councilman Harold Kight:

- **There was no water report.**
- **Stated he did not know he could not see anything, inaudible, said that he was asking for a tire and the generator to be cranked.**
- **Stated the city has no money to pay someone to take care of the stuff.**
- **Asked who was over the water and was told Jeremy Johns. Said that why didn't Jeremy johns fix the tire on the generator. If the city had all this money, why can't the city hire a maintenance man to complete the job on a day-to-day maintenance in the water department.**

- The hoses are off of the pumps and the pumps are not designed to run with the panels on it.
- Said that he does not know when the generator has been crunk said that he has been asking for 3months.
- Stated Mrs. Neely is on the water bill for emergency contact and that she has nothing to do with the water. If Jeremy Johns is over the water that is who should be on the water bill for emergency contact.
- If we were worried about the security for the water system people can drive around the gate into the sprayfield and run over every spray head, we have.
- Stated he wanted to make a motion to have a gate put up. Councilman Freddie Harden 2nd the motion. The Council favored I.

Emergency and Personnel:

Council Woman Sharon Neely

- Stated she had citizens to say the lights are still blinking.
- Said to go ahead and list in the minutes the lights that were being complained about said if we could get Georgia Power out to check them.
- Asked about the city audit and said that it was something said about it would be ready by the second weekend.
- Mayor Linda Wilkes stated everything is turned in.
- Said there was something in the paper about an office assistant, asked was that up under the new budget. Stated the budget has not been accepted and said the position has not been filled yet (correct). Sherell Russ answered no.
- Said she think she heard something about the roofing needed to be repaired.
- Asked did the city get a bid yet.
- Mayor Linda Wilkes said we did not get a bid yet because the city has not made the first payment on the water. Said we have to have the pump paid for, we have \$397,000 to come up with to finish the pump.
- Added the light by the water treatment plant light to the lights that needed to be fixed, because the lights have been out for a while.

Building & Housing:

Council Woman Kathy Couch

- Said that there was trash outside of our city limits and wants to know who could be contacted to clean it. Also made a statement about the trash piles being left on the side of the road. Said that she thinks it would be great to get cory a trash can on wheels or wagon to pick up the trash piles.
- Wanted to make a motion to buy a wagon.
- Mayor Linda Wilkes suggested that we wait for the motion to be made.

City Roads and Recreation:

Councilman Freddie Harden

- Stated there is a trench on the top of Tyrone Brooks Street located at 496 entrance way coming from off the hill, the water was converted into the ditch now the water is not running down Tyrone Brooks Street anymore.
- January 20,2023, councilman Freddie Harden met with Stacey Brad about a swamp road the bushes were blocking the view on hwy88, and on January 24,2023 the bushes were cut back form the road.
- Spoke with Scott Palmer about the tree on old Waynesboro Road. Spoke with Councilman Harold Kight and was told that was his department to do what was needed to that concern.
- inaudible

Other City Business

City Administrator Sherell Russ

Finance:

Council Woman Maggie Terrell

- Queensboro Bank statements
- Wellsfargo Bank statements
- Stated to Administrator Sherell Russ that there need to be a monthly report for the Charles Walker Building.
- Administrator Sherell Russ responded yes mam.

Citizens Complaint/Concerns

Mr. James Neely

- Mentioned the mayor said she was turning camp meet over to the council there was no identification of who she was referring to take over. Is the council going to determine who's taking over? Will the city take the lead on the coming back to Keysville day.
- Left a message for everyone about the Black history program on February 25th and made a request for the city to help and would like to know something as soon as a decision is made.

Jerry Couch

- Stated that the city generator was very important that he thinks it should look at.
- Stated the bridge on highway 88 is shifting and it could be very dangerous and suggested that the city calls the DOT. Mayor Linda Wilkes said she had a concern about the bridge and that she will call DOT herself.
- Asked about the pumps and said was the city going to hire a new maintenance guy to make sure the pumps are running. Mayor Linda Wilkes stated that the pumps were going to be serviced.
- Said if the City thinks that job is for Jeremy Johns then there should be a letter written stating that it needs to be fixed.

New Business:

Mayor Linda Wilkes

Stated that she gave the council a paper in reference to camp meet 2023. Said that she was going to turn over camp meeting 2023 over to the City Council to come up with a plan because its only three city workers and its five councilmen. Said if the council needs help the city would be more than welcome to help. The city will only sponsor Saturday and not Sunday.

Stated the council had a dog catching agreement and that Waynesboro already has a animal control officer.

Finished Business:

Unfinished Business:

Announcements/Comments from the floor:

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 all the council members second the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.