

CITY OF KEYSVILLE, GA

A City Where Everybody Is Somebody

City Council
LINDA WILKES, MAYOR
Ms. Sharon Neely
Ms. Kathy Couch
Ms. Maggie Terrell



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MINUTES
KEYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Today's Date: November 14, 2022
Meeting date: October 17, 2022
TIME: 7:00 PM
LOCATION: KEYSVILLE CITY HALL

Meeting called to order by: Mayor Linda Wilkes.

Councilmembers Present: Linda Wilkes-Davis, Kathy Couch, Sharon Neely, Maggie Terrell

Employee: Sherell Russ

Others Present: Doug Kidd, Jerry Couch, Maefield Streetman, Harold Kight, David Powell, Bobbie Powell, Jennifer Powell, Freddie Harden, Christine Ryans, Dwayne Twiggs, Gwen Williams, Melody Tindal, Rubye Rucker, Mary Powell, Marvin Scott, Andrea Birt, James Neely, John Davis, Kathleen Whitaker, Dr. Saxon-Myles

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

Prayer: Maggie Terrell

Absent: N/A

Agenda: Mayor Wilkes asked for the motion to have the agenda approved. Council Woman Kathy motioned to have the agenda approved with announcements added. Council Woman Maggie Terrell second the motion to have the agenda approved with announcements added.

Minutes/corrections:

Mayor Linda Wilkes: asked to have the minutes approved with necessary corrections

Council Woman Maggie Terrell:

- Stated that on the others present Shellie Smitley was not present in the last meeting

Mayor Linda Wilkes:

- Stated she will look into the situation and make correction as needed.

Council Woman Sharon Neely:

- Had concerns of the announcements and citizen concerns being back on the agenda.

Lawyer Doug Kidd:

- Stated there is nothing in the city charter that states that comments can be in the beginning or the end of the city agenda.
- Said if the council wants the comments and announcements, they may have them.
- The mayor has authority over the city charter and the meetings.
- Stated the council can amend it to add things to the agenda, it's the council responsibility if they want to be heard.
- Said the council can make a motion to amend the agenda to add the comments to the end of the agenda once they had a chance.

Council Woman Kathy Couch:

- Made a motion to have the agenda amended to comments/ announcements added to the end of the agenda.

Council Woman Sharon Neely:

- Second the motion to have the agenda amended for comments/announcements added to the end of the agenda.

The city council and the mayor favored to amend the agenda to have announcements and comments added to the end of the agenda.

Mayor Linda Wilkes.

- Stated the minutes will stand with the necessary corrections.

Environmental Water:

City Administrator Sherell:

- Stated that there were several water leaks that were to be repaired, said the city contacted Jeremy Johns to have the leaks fixed.

Roads & Recreation:

City Administrator Sherell:

- Said maintenance cuts grass around the city on regular basis.
- Stated that Mr. Snipes fixed the front tire on the city tractor due to a flat tire.
- City coordinated the coming home to Keysville parade on October 8th and maintenance put out road closed signs on October 9th for coming back to Keysville day.
- The city is having problems with stray dogs.
- City light is out on Tyrone Brooks Street.

Mayor Linda Wilkes:

- Stated the city will continue to work on our roads and parks
- The city water tower is in the process of being cleaned.
- Thanked the committee that helped with coming home to Keysville.

Emergency/Personnel:

Council Woman Sharon Neely:

- Stated there is a light out on Neely Street.
- Asked about the car decals for the city cars.
- Asked attorney Doug Kidd to type an agreement so that Mr. Freddie Harden could cut grass for the city.

City Administrator Sherell:

- Stated the woman that we are having to do the decals will be getting back in contact with us due to a family emergency.

Attorney Doug Kidd:

- Stated a contract is typed up he just forgot to bring it along.

Mayor Linda Wilkes:

- Stated the city charter states City Council Members cannot work for the city.
- Mr. Kidd, said the mayor is right and he will see if anyone can work as unpaid

Freddie Harden.

- Stated the letter he gave to the city council for Come Back to Keysville Only and that it was not intended to work for the city.
- Stated that no one contacted him about his being qualified for the city council seat and said that he will not help the city with anything until further notice.

Mayor Wilkes

- Informed Mr. Kidd that having private meetings with members of the city council was out of order and requested a copy of all communications and responses that have taken place without her knowledge.

Attorney Doug Kidd

- Stated that he would provide copies to the mayor

City Administrator Sherell:

- States the elections was not her responsibility and the young lady that handles elections was not present at the time.

Attorney Doug Kidd:

- Mentioned that Freddie and Harold were the only two who qualified for the 2 specific seats for the city council and said congratulations.

Building & Housing:

Council Woman Kathy Couch:

- Asked Attorney Doug Kidd about the tiny house ordinance.
- Appreciated the coordination of the city parade said it was nice.
- Said the city looks nice.

Attorney Doug Kidd

- Stated the ordinance was complete.

Finance:

Council Woman Maggie Terrell:

- Said that finances were added back to the agenda.
- Said that she requested a full copy of the finance report for the month of September 2022, instead she has a budget from the city.
- She wants a report from Queensboro
 - General funds account
 - Primary funds account
 - TIA Account
- Wellsfargo Account information

Council Woman Maggie Terrell would like to have all the information for these accounts.

- Requested full financial reports for September and October.

Mayor Linda Wilkes stated that information was on the report and read the items from September report as presented, stated she will get with the city administrator and have the financial report formatted in a way that Council Woman Terrell will be able to read them.

Attorney Doug Kidd:

- Stated the council has the right to see the finances just as well as the mayor.
- Stated that council Woman Neely has access to the bank records as well.

Mayor Wilkes

Complaint/Concerns:

Finished Business:

Mayor Linda Wilkes:

The white golf car, the police car and the truck were sold for a total of 550, because the police car was molded and in bad condition.

The white car was sold for requested amount.

Attorney Doug Kidd:

Stated the Strawbridge property was sold.

Announcements/comments

John Davis stated he wanted to inform the council that he was putting a RV park on his property.

Council member Neely stated to get a proposal and present it to the city council when he is ready.

Mr. Neely stated that the jr. concerned citizens were planning a Halloween party on 10/28/2022 and wanted permission to use the Charles Walker Bldg. and also that the concerned citizens were going to plant fruit trees in addition to the community garden.

Mayor Wilkes stated that was city property and fruit trees were permanent fixtures and could not be planted on the property. Also stated that since they were a nonprofit organization, they should consider purchasing their own property for the fruit trees.

Mr. Neely stated that they would remove the tree if the city needed the property.

Unknow Audience member stated, they should look at the contracts because most contracts will not allow the tree to be removed.

Maefield Powell asked if the council could vote for the use of the building.

Mayor stated the council members could not vote because of a conflict of interest, stated they could use the building on that date.

Meeting adjourned.