

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: October 17, 2022
Meeting date: September 12, 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, LaTora Lewis, Ronald O'Brien

Others Present: (True Citizen) Shellie Smitley, Jerry Couch, MaeField Streetman, Harold Kight, David Powell, Bobbie Powell, Jennifer Powell

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

Prayer: Jerry Couch

Absent: N/A

Agenda: Mayor Wilkes asked for the motion to have the agenda approved. Council Woman Kathy motioned to have the agenda approved. Council Woman Sharon Neely Second the motion to have the agenda approved.

Minutes:

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

Council Woman Kathy Couch: motioned to have the minutes approved with necessary correction.

Council Woman Sharon Neely: Second the motion to have the minutes approved with necessary corrections.

Environmental Water:

City Clerk LaTora Lewis:

- No Report

Roads & Recreation:

City Clerk LaTora Lewis:

- No Report

Emergency/Personnel:

Council Woman Sharon Neely

- Stated that she would get with Ron and get an update on the lights in the city.

Building & Housing:

Council Woman Kathy Couch

- Stated Lex Howard son cleaned and mowed their grass.
- Stated her neighbors at 415 hwy 88 has cleaned up around their property.
- Stated overall the city looks good.

Finance:

Complaint/Concerns:

Finished Business:

New Business:

Harold Kight

- Stated he got with the city council about the council seats that were available and said that he would like to run for the Water Department Council seat in the general election.

Freddie Harden

- Stated that he would like to run for the Recreation Department.

Mayor Linda Wilkes

- Stated that the city Administrator will get with Mrs. Smitley to get an ad put in the true citizen's paper.

Council Woman Maggie Terrell

- Ask Mrs. Couch could she let the public know what the board of registrar said about qualifying for the general election.

Council Woman Kathy Couch

- Stated she was told that the city has 29 days before 11:50a.m. to have the ads in the paper go to the City Attorney and find out if the qualifying fees and qualifying dates are correct.

Other Business:

James Neely

Stated that he would like to acknowledge that the meeting took 17 minutes and the public saw minutes approved and now that they are approved why doesn't the public know what the minutes say. Said he would atleast know what the business of the city is.

City Clerk LaTora Lewis

- Stated that the minutes are posted to the website a week before the City Council Meeting

James Neely

- The finances of the city is important to everybody.
- Stated that it was kinda suspicious to only have the finances of the city announced to the city once a year.

Mayor Linda Wilkes

- Stated the rules is in the city charter
- Stated that the city attorney read out the city charter in a few meetings before.

James Neely

- Stated that he would like to find a way to amend the city charter, so the citizens can get more information on finances of the city.
- Asked the mayor was she violating the city charter when she was giving the statements at the other meetings
- Asked the mayor can she go back to being transparent?
- For what reason was it a problem for the finances to be read out?
- Said that now the mayor is being attacked because she would not tell the what was going on financially.

Mayor Linda Wilkes

- Said that we are not the only city that gives an annual report other cities do the same thing as well.
- She also stated that Neely would have to start off with the state.
- Stated that she was being transparency so the city can know what's going on with the finances.
- Stated she was being attacked for something the citizens already knew what was going on.

Meeting adjourned

LLewis, City Clerk