

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: January 9, 2023  
Meeting Date: December 12, 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

**Others Present:** Jerry Couch, Maefield Streetman, David Powell, Bobbie Powell, Jennifer Powell, Melody Tindal, Rubye Rucker, Marvin Scott, James Neely, Alatin Sungu, Kathy Brown, Kathleen Whitaker, Vanessa Griffin, Jeanette, Andrea Birt, Gwen Williams, Jeremy Johns, Shellie Smitley (True Citizens)

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

**Prayer:** Maggie Terrell

**Absent:** Council Man Freddie Harden

**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 Sharon Neely second the motion. Mayor Linda Wilkes stated the minutes will stand with no necessary corrections noted.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Environmental Water:**

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

- Read the water report
- Stated that he felt like there should have been a 24hr notice when the water notices are being passed around.
- Said that Jeremy John reported the leak on Neely Street had to be replaced with a stock valve and there was a notice for water interruption passed around the day before.
- Says he spoke with Mr. Johns on Friday. Says he discussed somethings with him about maintenance and stated that there are certain things that does not get handled that is not in Mr. Johns contract.
- Stated that he was referring to the maintenance that needed to be handled by the city.
- There are somethings that need attention and that our maintenance person should have type of mechanically inclined skills.
- Stated that Mr. Johns told him that if there are things that Mr. Harold wanted done that, he was going to charge the city extra to complete that task.
- Says he asked for a set of keys for oversight not to do Mr. Johns job. Stated several issues that need to be handled within the city.
- Complained of the meeting that was held with turnip seed about the well being cleaned. Said that none of the council members were aware of the meeting.
- Councilman Kight made a motioned that anytime a taxpayer's money is being spent that the council should be aware of all meetings and anything that has something to do with taxpayers' money. All four council members motioned to agree.

#### **Emergency and Personnel:**

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

- Asked were the decals purchased for the city cars and trucks.
- Reported another light outage at 175 Tyrone Brooks Street.
- City Clerk LaTora responded that the light had already been reported at 175 Tyrone Brooks St.

- Councilman Harold Kight reported a light out at 153 Center Street.

### **Building & Housing:**

#### **Council Woman Kathy Couch**

- Stated that the city looked good. Would like for some cleaning to be done on the outside of the city limits.
- Asked how we would go by getting someone to clean the outside of the city. Mayor Linda Wilkes stated that Burke County must be contacted.
- Stated that was all she had and asked about the tiny house ordinance.

Mayor Linda Wilkes said the council agreed to postpone the tiny house ordinance until the Burke County Commission is done with their ordinance.

### **Roads and Recreation:**

#### **City Clerk LaTora Lewis**

- Stated that she recognized the potholes and road indentions in the city streets and that she was working on trying to find someone to fix those road issues.

### **Other City Business**

Mayor Linda Wilkes states she received an email from Merv Waldrop stating the county is seeking a bid for residential curb side pickup for the city.

### **Finance:**

#### **Council Woman Maggie Terrell**

- Coming home to Keysville report
- Queensboro Bank statements
- Wellsfargo Bank statements

### **Citizens Complaint/Concerns**

#### **Alaetin Sungu**

- Complained of his neighbors Sean Estep yard not being suitable for the city and as him being his neighbor the yard is a mess and would like for it to be cleaned.
- Mr. Sungu would like for Mr. Sean Estep yard to be cleaned by January 1,2023. He stated that the matter was serious, and he will take further action if no one does anything about his neighbor Sean Estep yard being cleaned.
- Asked Mayor Linda Wilkes when will the city act on pushing the issue of his neighbor Sean Estep to clean his property.

#### **Council Woman Kathy Couch**

- Stated that Mr. Sean was working on cleaning the yard. That there was a pile of trash hauled off and that the pile of trash problem was eliminated and the statement she made was true.
- Said that Mr. Estep had a broken shoulder.
- Asked for Mr. Sungu to be patient, that Mr. Estep is currently working on handling the situation of cleaning the yard.

**Mayor Linda Wilkes**

- Responded to Mr. Sungu and informed him that the complaint was given to the city attorney and the matter would be handled once the city receives a response back from the attorney.

**Finished Business:**

**Jeremy Johns: J&T Environmental**

- Said he been contracted under the city for at least 5 years.
- Stated that they go by the guidelines of EPA and EPD.
- Said that the new well could be cost more because of the chemicals on both wells.
- Stated that he ran across a few manholes that has been knocked off mentioned that in the near future that sewer lines will need to be cleaned.
- Mentioned that there are no violations with EPD.
- Council Woman Kathy Couch asked were all the keys turned by the previous maintenance supervisor.
- Mr. Johns said that it would be best to go ahead purchase and change out the locks for security purposes. Best to have 6 same key locks. Discussed the gates being shut.

**Unfinished Business:**

Tiny House Ordinance placed on hold until Burke County completed their ordinances

**Announcements/Comments from the floor:**

**Marvin Scott**

- Annual Christmas Dinner December 23, 2022 @ 6.pm
- Food gives away Saturday December 17, 2022 @ 1 pm
- Keysville Nursing Home Parade December 17, 2022, 11:00 am

**Mr. Neely** asked for an update on a previous request in reference to election schedules

**Mayor Wilkes** stated she thought the answer was provided at last meeting. Informed **Mr. Neely** that she would provide the information at our city council meeting next year.

**Mayor Linda Wilkes**

- Monday December 19, 2022, City of Keysville Annual Toy Drive.

Ask for a motion to have the meeting Adjourned. Motion by ?????? and second by ????????

Meeting adjourned.