

CITY OF KEYSVILLE, GA

A City Where Everybody Is Somebody

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



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MINUTES
KEYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Today's Date: May 13, 2024
Meeting date: April 8, 2024
TIME: 7:00 PM
LOCATION: KEYSVILLE CITY HALL

Meeting called to order by: Mayor Linda Wilkes.

Councilmembers Present: Linda Wilkes-Davis, Kathy Couch, Maggie Terrell, Harold Kight, Freddie Harden

Employee: LaTora Lewis

Others Present: Maefield Streetman, Shellie Smitley (True Citizen), Jennifer Powell, Kathy Brown, James Neely, Amber Brantley, Bobbie Powell, Gwen Williams, William Campbell Jr., Andrea Williams

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

Prayer: Maggie Terrell

Absent: Sharon Neely

Agenda:

Mayor Linda Wilkes asked to make a motion to approve the agenda as order of the day.

Council Woman Kathy Couch motioned to approve the agenda as order of the day.

Council Woman Maggie Terrell seconded the motion.

Minutes approved:

Mayor Linda Wilkes

- Asked for a motion to approve the minutes with necessary corrections if there be any.
- **Council Woman Kathy Couch** motioned to approve the minutes with necessary corrections if there be any.
- **Councilman Harold Kight** seconded the motion.

Committee Reports

City Report:

Environmental Water:

Councilman Harold Kight

- Read the water report and stated that we had a few water leaks in the city and named the areas the leaks were in.
- Said that he still has not seen any progress on the fence being cleaned.
- Said that he asked for it to be done months ago and asked is there still a maintenance guy.
- Mayor Linda Wilkes asked which fence he was talking about, and Councilman Kight answered the fence at our sewage station.
- Water Clerk LaTora Lewis asked what part of the water plant Councilman Harold Kight is talking about. LaTora Lewis said once all the current projects were completed then we would make the sewage station our next priority.
- Mayor Linda Wilkes said that she would check into the situation.

Emergency/Personnel:

Building & Housing:

Councilwoman Kathy Couch

- Said that she had the Georgia DOT number and Councilman Freddie Harden had already taken care of that.
- Stated that she would like to have the Tiny House Ordinance passed.
- Mayor Linda Wilkes said that she would have to get the Ordinance over to the City Attorney and asked if Mrs. Couch knew of anyone that was trying to put a Tiny House in the City of Keysville.
- Council Woman Kathy Couch answered their people putting up building and living in them.

Roads & Recreation:

Councilman Freddie Harden

Roads

- The road work repairs that were done on old Waynesboro where the water was repaired asphalt needs to be added in two spots.
- On Martin Luther King Road, for some reason the dumpsters are gone now and seems everyone still wants to bring their trash to the dumpsters, and he feels like the maintenance man should go around sometimes and pick up trash.

- Said the roads look good.

Recreation

- At the park he does not know if there is any water at the park in the bathrooms down there or not, said he road down to the park and there was no water on anywhere, he tries to check but all the doors were locked.
- Said that there was a meeting held at the park a few weekends ago and there was not any water running at the park, the restrooms were not available for use.
- Stated the park hours are from 9-6 so who is supposed to make sure everything is working.
- Mayor Linda Wilkes said the Maintenance is supposed to go unlock the doors when events go on but one of the bathrooms was out of order due to a leak and we have to call a plumber out cause the bathroom floods out.
- On highway 88 where a city employee cut down the trees, there is a resident cutting up the limbs because he said he was tired of looking at it by the road. Said if the city cuts down any trees, he thinks we should clean it up.

Finance:

Council Woman Maggie Terrell:

- Queensboro Bank Statement March2024
- Wellsfargo Bank Statement March 2024
- Charles Walker Building Statement March 2024

Complaint/Concerns:

- Council Woman Maggie Terrell asked when was the next budget meeting scheduled?
- Mayor Linda Wilkes responded the meeting will be held 4:00 p.m. Friday April 12,2024.
- Councilman Harold said that the council has asked for a copy of the employee pay rates and they have not received them yet. Said that he is just going to ask for an open records act and he does not see the big issue with the council wanting to know how much the city employees make and knowing the employee duties.
- Mentioned that he could go online and see any city employee pay scale from anywhere else, but for some reason he can't seem to see the City of Keysville Employee's pay rate and what their duties hold.
- Mayor Linda Wilkes answered she does not know why he can't get any information because Mrs. Terrell came down to the city hall and got all of those items. Said that whoever Mrs. Terrell got it for she does not know. Said that if you come in and ask for information, please understand how to read it.
- Mayor Linda Wilkes said that the council was more than welcome to come down to the city hall and get the information.
- Council woman Maggie Terrell stated that the quick books was incomplete, said the employee's area was x out.
- Water clerk LaTora Lewis said the bank information was x out and the social security numbers was x out but not the hourly rate the employer's make. The council even has time sheets to show how much we bring home every two weeks.
- Council woman Maggie Terrell stated the pay rate on the QuickBooks was x out and it was not there. It has nothing to do with the social security numbers or bank account information. It is the amount that was made that was x out.

True Citizens Shellie Smitley

- Was concerned about the city paying Attorney Doug Kidd invoice.
- Smitley was also concerned about the City Audits being completed.
- Water Clerk LaTora Lewis said it was the person's name that was x out, you also go back to the open records that was printed out for her she will see. Said that she knows what she printed and given to council person Terrell. Stated that all four employers pay amounts were on the sheet.
- Mayor Linda Wilkes mentioned it was only four sheets, so you are more than welcome to come down to the city hall and get a copy. There is no problem no one is trying to hide anything.
- Water Clerk LaTora Lewis said that she is still trying to figure out what's the issue with how much the City Employer's make? We have to pay our bills just you guys have to pay bills. So, what is the big issue about what the employees make? The council also receives a budget for the year every year so why does the council not know how much the employees make?
- Mayor Wilkes stated if you want the information come down to City Hall and pick it up.

Finished Business:

Announcements/comments:

Mayor Linda Wilkes

- Read CKH package about the Audits,
- Announced District Spring meeting @ Enterprise Mill April 18,2024 11-1 p.m.
- Sheet with new laws that was passed.
- Georgia Cities Week April 21-27

Agenda:

Amber Brantley

- Introduced herself as running for District Attorney in Richmond County and Burke County.
- Let everyone know her reason for running District Attorney (D.A) and hopes the community gets out and vote.

James Neely

- Introduced Andrea Birt and Mr. William Campbell Jr.
- Spoke on different events that has happened in the community and different things that they plan on doing in the near future.
- Mr. William Campbell from Barack Temple announced a few upcoming events that he would like for the city to attend and some of the things that he has done in the City of Keysville already.
- Mrs. Andrea Birt spoke on the past event for Easter and how it was a success.

Meeting Adjourned

Mayor Linda Wilkes:

Asked for a motion to have the meeting adjourned.

Councilwoman Kathy Couch

Made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Council Woman Maggie Terrell

Seconded the motion.

Mayor Linda Wilkes Meeting adjourned.

