

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: September 9, 2024
Meeting date: August 12, 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, Freddie Harden, Sharon Neely

Employee: LaTora Lewis

Others Present: Maefield Streetman, Kathy Brown, James Neely, Bobbie Powell, Annette Washington, True Citizen, Jerry Couch, Andrea Birt, Cora Burke, Patrice Burke

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

Prayer: Jerry Couch

Absent: Harold Kight

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.

VM Sharon Neely seconded the motion.

Minutes approved:

Corrections

Councilman Freddie Harden

- Read aloud the conversation amongst him and the mayor and said that he did not say anything about the mayor being Devin Wilkes supervisor stated that he said that Devin Wilkes was conflict of interest for working for the city and also asked Ms. Russ did she hire Devin Wilkes?
- Ms. Russ responded back yes, she did.

Council Woman Maggie Terrell

- Under environmental water concerned about the way poo is spelled said that it should have a p on the end of it and said that another term could have been used instead of the word poo and she does not think Mr. Kight said poo he said poop.
- Under environmental the 6th bullet down the word crank should be crunk up.

Kathy Couch

- Said under building and housing the second bullet should say she would be able to get community workers.

Mayor Linda Wilkes

- Asked for a motion to approve the minutes with necessary corrections if there are any.
- **Council Woman Kathy Couch** motioned to approve the minutes with necessary corrections if there be any.
- **Councilwoman Maggie Terrell** seconded the motion.

Committee Reports

Environmental Water

City Administrator Sherrell Russ

Mentioned there several water leaks on MLK and also a water leak at 415 and 421 Hwy88.

Emergency/Personnel:

Council Woman Sharon Neely

- Said she had a few citizens to come and ask her where they can take the big bulk trash for house supplies?
- City Administrator answered back SpringHill Church Road
- Said that she knows the city is still working on animals so the best thing to do is secure the trash as much as possible.
- Said the bathroom at the park on the weekends we need to get that straight.

City Administrator Sherrell Russ

- Stated that the park will be closing.
Friday at 5
Saturday-
Sunday-closed
- Said that when you go to most recreation centers their bathrooms are closed.
- She also said that she has gotten information from other places.
- Said that LaTora did say that she would open and lock the park bathroom doors on the weekend.

Council Woman Sharon Neely

- Asked that the city opens the park bathrooms from 8a.m-8p.m on Saturday and Sunday's.
- Stated that barrack temple asked about the usage of the Charles Walker Building and asked did the city get back in contact with anyone concerning the building.

Mayor Linda Wilkes

- stated that they were waiting for a response back from the organization.

Building & Housing:

Councilwoman Kathy Couch

- still researching on the tiny house ordinance.
- noticed that we have lost double lives at a house on hwy 88.
- Stated the two trailers at the end of Old Waynesboro Road and MLK Road are now torn down.
- Concerned about the hole that was in the back of the trailers and mayor Linda Wilkes responded the city has to get it covered up.
- Made a comment about getting in contact with the community workers.

Roads & Recreation:

Councilman Freddie Harden

Roads

- 492 mlk the driveways need gravel in them every time it rains the water washes the driveways down.
- Said that it would not take much for burke county to come and fill the driveways.
- Said he had a meeting with a resident about a leak they had in their driveway.
- Said the hole on old Waynesboro Road where a repair was done needed to fill back in.
- Said a tree fell down in the road on Sunday night Tyrone Brooks Street and Rhodes lee St.
- Mlk and hwy 88 Dot has not came and paved those roads yet.

Recreation

- Said the wood has been removed from the dugout.
- The pump is still sitting as is.
- Said the barren was being fixed on the lawnmower Sherell Russ answered we now have the lawnmower and Mr. Harden mentioned the grass needs to be cut.
- Asked a question to get a clear understanding of what will be opened and closed at the park?
- Council Woman Sharon Neely answered the bathrooms at the park.
- Asked will the bathrooms be closed at 6:30-7:00? Ms. Russ answered yes sir.

Finance:

Council Woman Maggie Terrell:

- Queensboro Bank Statement July 2024
- Wellsfargo Bank Statement July 2024
- Charles Walker Building Statement July 2024

Complaint/Concerns:

Council Woman Maggie Terrell

- Asked why the council can't receive the minutes two weeks before the city council meetings?
- Said that if the city council members receive the minutes ahead of time the corrections that needs to be made could be done before hand, so that when the meeting comes up the city council will already have the copy of the minutes with the corrections done that way, they don't have to make the corrections during the meeting.

Mayor Linda Wilkes

- Answered this is a situation that has to be managed outside of the meeting.

City Administrator Sherrell Russ

- Stated that she would talk to Ms. Lewis to see if she can have the minutes ready a week before the meeting.

Councilman Freddie Harden

- Asked about Mr. James Neely receiving a response back about the election information that he asked for back on May 23,2024. Mayor Linda Wilkes asked Mr. Neely did he receive the information. Mr. Neely responded back by saying he received a list last meeting and read out loud the years of each person that has election terms coming up.

James Neely

- Concerned about the minutes being done.

Announcements/comments

Mayor Linda Wilkes

- Stated coming home to Keysville day should already be in the planning process so if anybody have any ideas or wants to be a part of planning for that day, please call the City of Keysville to put your name on the list.
- GMA meeting October10,2024

Andrea Birt

- Stated that she and her husband has started going down to the park on Sunday's and said that she came to the meeting to address the bathrooms and that there was one bathroom open on Sunday when they were at the park, and also ask for more support with bringing the kids down to the park on Sundays to play baseball.

James Neely

- Asked questions about Georgia Power cutting down trees on private property.
- Asked what the dates for Coming Home to Keysville day were. City Administrator Sherell Russ answered the second Saturday in October which is the 12th and that Sunday the 13th of October.
- Concerned about bulk area for the resident's trash.

Jerry Couch

- Concerned about the trees that are hanging from the road over to his driveway falling down and says when the wind blows really hard you can hear the tree cracking if it falls it is going to cover the road.

Agenda:

Meeting Adjourned

Mayor Linda Wilkes:

Asked for a motion to have the meeting adjourned.

Councilwoman Kathy Couch

Made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

VM Sharon Neely

Seconded the motion.

Mayor Linda Wilkes Meeting adjourned.