

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: February 12, 2024
Meeting date: January 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, Sharon Neely, Maggie Terrell, Harold Kight, Freddie Harden

Employee: Sherell Russ

Others Present: Maefield Streetman, Floyd Kight, Shellie Smitley (True Citizen), Jerry Couch, Kathy Brown, James Neely

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 with announcements added.
- Council Woman Maggie Terrell seconded the motion to have the agenda approved.

Mayor Linda Wilkes stated the agenda will stand as order of the day.

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 to approve the minutes with necessary corrections.

Mayor Linda Wilkes asked for any opposes.

VM Sharon Neely-opposed

Minutes/corrections:

VM Sharon Neely

- Second sheet up under Councilman Neely fourth bullet down at December 31,2023. (Inaudible) did not understand statement correction. (LL)

Councilman Harold Kight

- Top right-hand corner where it says administrations Sherell Russ says interm administrator, I think it should say administrator.

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

Council Woman Kathy Couch: made a motion to approve the minutes with necessary corrections.

Councilwoman Maggie Terrell seconded the motion.

Mayor Linda Wilkes said the minutes will stand with corrections as noted.

Committee Reports

City Report:

Administrator Sherell Russ

- Said that she would hold an executive meeting with the city council Friday January 19,2024 @ 4:00 p.m. and they are more than welcome to bring any ideas that they want to change in the city for the near future.
- Asked was the date and time okay with everyone.

Environmental Water:

Councilman Harold Kight

- Same everything seems to be going the same with the water system and still have not seen any trees cut out of the fences yet.

- Asked Ms. Russ, is there any updates on the well?
- Ms. Russ answered payments are being made monthly for the well.
- Asked who was the last person at the water tank?
- Ms. Russ answered turnip Seed, councilman Harold Kight said they left the chain off the gate, and it's been off for five days now.
- Administrator Sherell Russ said that she would check on the situation.
- Councilman Harold Kight said the water tank should be locked up that could cause trouble because of the equipment that's up there and worried about someone tampering with the city water.
- Said the gate that goes into the spray fields has not been open in two years, but they have been open for two months now.
- Concerned about the gates not being locked up but everybody is fussing about a key.
- Said there was a couple of water leaks taken care of on Martin Luther King Jr Road.

Emergency/Personnel:

VM Sharon Neely:

- Asked was their update on the lights.
- Sherell answered we have not received a phone call about the lights.
- Said that she has received several calls from people about dogs running free.
- Asked was there any other solution to have the dogs picked up.
- Councilman Harold Kight said that he came out to go to a meeting the other night and there was a 90lb bulldog on his porch and also stated the mayor's dog was standing in his yard this morning said he didn't shoot it because he knew who dog it was, but it was chasing his granddaughter's cat.
- Ms. Russ corrected Councilman Harold Kight and said that was LaTora dog.
- Was concerned about the dogs in his yard.
- Councilman Harold Kight said that he would go down and talk to animal shelter his self to get more information.
- True citizen said that the residents may take the dogs to the animal shelter free of charge the only way residents are charged is if animal control has to come to the city to pick the animals up.
- VM Mayor Sharon Neely asked about a multipurpose building and said a while back the city council talked about a multipurpose building and a spot to put a building on.
- If she was not mistaken, she thinks they talked about the Charles Walker Building and versus trying to build a new building.
- Conversation amongst the council and the mayor about the building.

Building & Housing:

Council Woman Kathy Couch

- Said that the tiny house ordinance was passed.
- Said that there some tree branches cut down across the street from her house and citizen brought that to her attention and it needs to be cleaned up.

- Wants to get the community workers to come out to MLK and Hephzibah, Keysville Road.

Roads & Recreation:

Council man Freddie Harden

Roads

- Roads was discussed by Kathy Couch
- Named several streets that was paved inside the city.

Recreation

- Said that wood was picked up off the ground and put into the Doug out.
- Said someone took up the sign that says no parking.

Finance:

Council Woman Maggie Terrell:

- Queensboro Bank Statement December 2023
- Wellsfargo Bank Statement Decemeber2023
- Charles Walker Building Statement December 2023
- Was concerned about the payment to the business that paved the city roads.

Mayor Wilkes

Complaint/Concerns:

True Citizen Shellie Smitley

- Concerned about the council members continuing to hold their seats.
- Council Woman Kathy Couch responded that they were given two options by Doug Kidd, and they chose to stick with the second option.
- Concerned citizen James Neely was concerned about the elections and asked if there could be a lay out read to the city about the next upcoming election.

Finished Business:

Announcements/comments:

James Neely

- Thanked the city employees of Keysville for decorating the Charles Walker Building for the Christmas Dinner.
- Black History Martin Luther King march on January 15,2023 @ 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned

Mayor Linda Wilkes:

Asked for a motion to have the meeting adjourned.

Council Woman Kathy Couch

Made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Vm Sharon Neely

Seconded the motion.

Mayor Linda Wilkes Meeting adjourned.

