

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: January 13, 2025 Meeting Date: December 16, 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, Harold Kight

Employee: LaTora Lewis, Sherell Russ

Others Present: Maefield Streetman, Kathy Brown, James Neely, Jerry Couch, Mary Powell, Annette Washington

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 are any.
- **Council Woman Kathy Couch** motioned to approve the minutes with necessary corrections if there be any.
- **Mayor Linda Wilkes** asked were there any corrections to be made.

Corrections:

Maggie Terrell

Said under Sharon Neely the fourth bullet the **a** in (A)ugust needed to be capitalized.

- Said under Roads and Recreation second bullet **lee** (L) is supposed to be capitalized and bullet four the **c** in (C)ounty should be capitalized.
- Second bullet under roads the sentence should state on Rhodes Lee and Tyrone Brooks St. there was (a) hole, now a water repair was dug up and repaired there, now there is a leak there.
- Said on recreation bullet 3 the m on Mayor should be capitalized.
- Under finance the eighth bullet where it says but the city did get **an**(a) cashier's check from the bank and the check was never cashed.
- Under Emergency Personnel the eighth bullet stated as far as the keys, someone needs to have a set of keys, just in case **and** (an) emergency does happen there needs to be an extra set of keys.

Kathy Couch

- Said under emergency personnel said that she was here in august or whatever date she was here and said she gave the mayor names of citizens that helped out moving trees and **Kathy said something about her neighbor.** (Mentioned that the neighbors helped clean up highway 88 all the way down to the bridge.) Said that she did not see where she mentioned the statement in that sentence.

Freddie Harden

- Roads on page 4 said that he did not say anything about a person or a camera. Freddie Harden stated that he would like to see the camera and he would like to have the person that said it, the video, burke county sheriffs' office and the newspaper here. (Freddie Harden stated that he would like to see the video, Burke County Sheriffs' office and the True Citizens here.)
- Capitalize Rhodes Lee in the last bullet under Roads.
- Mayor Linda Wilkes asked to have the minutes approved with necessary corrections.
- Council Woman Kathy Couch motioned to have the minutes approved with necessary corrections.
- VM Sharon Neely seconded.
- Mayor Linda Wilkes stated the minutes will stand with necessary corrections.

Committee Reports

Environmental Water

Harold Kight

- Saturday morning, he got a phone call stating the alarm on the pumping station sounded off all day Saturday and Sunday. Said that the alarm did not get shut off until Monday morning.
- Said the water system is being neglected.
- Said there was a tree laying inside the sewage pond.
- Stated at the lab the hole in the roof has expanded.
- Mentioned that the city has to have a qualified maintenance.
- Said if the city can't keep the water system up something needs to be done even if it means turning it over to the county.

City Water Clerk LaTora Lewis

- Asked who sent out the text about the alarm sounding off and said it seems like everyone got the message but her and said that she works on the water system as well.
- Mentioned the water system is not being neglected.
- Said that the water system is being fixed, and that the city spoke with someone in Waynesboro on Friday and stated that the water is not being neglected its actually being worked on.
- Said that she rode pass the station Sunday and seen that the alarm was going off and she alerted J&T.

Emergency/Personnel:

Council Woman Sharon Neely

N/A

Building & Housing:

Councilwoman Kathy Couch

- Stated the limbs and tree trunks has been picked up so it's looking pretty good.
- The lights that she reported to Sharon, said that she questioned Sharon about the lights on Center Avenue mentioned there is a light, but it does not have a globe.
- Asked about the lumber behind the lab house said its just scattered on the ground if the city does not want the lumber, she would like to have it.

Roads & Recreation:

Councilman Freddie Harden

Roads

- The hole on Rhodes Lee and Tyrone Brooks there is gravel in the hole.
- On Old Waynesboro Road there was a water leak repaired and they put dirt in the hole but its going to need some gravel put in it.
- On Old Waynesboro Rd right there by Mrs.Anfield house where the safety sign is they put dirt in that hole it needs gravel put in the hole.

Recreation

- The light that was mentioned that stay on all night long at the park the pole has been broken by the storm there no meter or wire its just a disconnect with the lock hanging on.
- Stated that he seen the trees cut up at the park.
- Mentioned bathrooms were opened, and they were pretty clean.

Finances:

Maggie Terrell

- Queensboro Bank Statement November 2024
- Wellsfargo Bank Statement November 2024
- Charles Walker Revenue Statement November 2024
- Said that she had a question in reference to the cashiers check and the discrepancy about the lawn mower that was not purchased at Home Depot.
- From her understanding Ms. Russ went and got a affidavit for declaration of loss and there was another check issued and since the money TIA drawn from the account the money should be put back into the TIA account but got a statement saying the money was deposited into the Queensboro Primary Account.
- Asked why would the cashier's check be written out in Ms. Russ name?
- Asked about the budget meeting?

Sherell Russ

- **Mentioned if she waits until next month the money will be transferred into the correct account.**
- **Stated that she does not know why the bank issued the check that way.**
- **Stated that the budget meeting will be held Monday December 30,2024.@4p.m.**

Announcements

- Marvin Scott Christmas Dinner Dec,20,2024
- James Neely said that the minutes has not been posted online since September 2023. Concerned about the water comment Harold Kight made.

Sorry I did not hear the meeting adjournment (inaudible)

Mayor Linda Wilkes Meeting adjourned.