

CITY OF KEYSVILLE, GA

A City Where Everybody Is Somebody

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



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MINUTES
KEYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Today's Date: July 10, 2023

Meeting Date: June 12, 2023

TIME: 7:00 PM

KEYSVILLE CITY HALL

Meeting called to order: Mayor Linda Wilkes.

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

Prayer: Jerry Couch

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

Employee: Sherell Russ, LaTora Lewis

Others Present: True Citizen Shellie, Jerry Couch, James Neely, Kathy Brown, Angelia Williams, Kathy Brown, Andrea Birt,

Absent: Sharon Neely

Agenda: Mayor Wilkes asked for the motion to have the agenda approved as order of the day.

Council Woman Kathy motioned to have the agenda approved as order of the day.

Councilwoman Maggie Terrell seconded 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 asked for the approval of the minutes with necessary corrections if there are any.

Corrections Noted:

Mayor Wilkes presented the Minutes for approval and corrections noted. **Council Woman Kathy Couch** motioned to have the minutes approved with necessary corrections noted.

Councilman Harold Kight seconded the motion to approve the minutes. **Mayor Linda Wilkes** stated the minutes will stand with the necessary corrections as noted.

Committee Reports

Environmental Water:

Councilman Harold Kight:

- Manhole tore off around Tessie Blount house where the ambulance ran over it. Stated that someone put it back in place, thinks someone needs to go around and sweep the dirt off it and re anchor it to the top that way it does not get dirt into the sewer system.
- Mentioned he did an inspection through the sprayfields again the hole that was covered up must have blown out because there is a stream of water flowing where the man must stand and change the valves in each field. Said the leak is not a violation because it is treated water, but it is a violation cause the water is no going to its designated spot. Employees should not have to stand in water on their ankles to complete his job.
- Stated in the sprayfields there are a couple of sprinkle heads that is not working properly and said that he spoke with Mr. Johns about it said the reason of being for not having the sprinklers is because the city is not caught up on the supply bills , said that hole that needs to be repaired would have to dig up the whole thing at the valves and that it would be an expensive repair.
- Said that the grass is okay, but the weeds are the problem, the weeds are two – three foot higher than the grass. Was worried that the weeds will take over the grass. Said that he thinks the city should hire someone part time for maintenance to oversee the water department mainly the sprayfields and that there should be an ad in the newspaper.

Emergency and Personnel:

Council Woman Sharon Neely:

Building & Housing:

Council Woman Kathy Couch:

- Said that she has not heard anything from the community workers.
- Stated that she called Scott and asked about the Tiny House Ordinance and the ordinance passed him and must go to the commissioners. Once the Tiny House Ordinance is passed, she assumes it will be advertised in the paper.

City Roads and Recreation:

Councilman Freddie Harden:

- Some of the roads still need to be patched up.
- Stated he placed crush n run in a few resident driveways over the weekend and that the ones he did were the worse ones and that he still has four more driveways to do.
- Mentioned that the tractor was in (inaudible)shape, he came to the city hall to use the tractor before it was in the shop, the tractor needs a seatbelt connector on it so if an accident happened no one would get hurt.
- Mentioned that once he fills certain roads they wash right out, suggested that we get (INAUDIBLE) until the city gets approval and asked did the city still have those accounts. Mayor Linda Wilkes responded we still have the LMIG, and the TIA are for the roads, we just have to find someone to do it.
- Inaudible

Mayor Linda Wilkes:

- Said that the city did hear back from Merv and he asked about leaving the dumpsters on Perkins Mills Road to use as a bulk area pick-up, and county will provide trash cans for the residents. **Council Woman Kathy Couch** said that keeping the dumpsters will prevent people from dumping the trash on that road.
- Mayor Linda Wilkes asked would it be ok to go ahead and vote to keep the dumpsters down on the road for a bulk area and mentioned she was not sure if it was just for the Keysville area or certain areas for the pickup. **Councilman Freddie Harden** asked if the county was going to give the residents a trash can at their house. **Mayor Linda Wilkes** responded yes and said if you have big mattresses and things like that, the residents are allowed to take their sizable items to the bulk area for pick up. **Councilman Freddie Harden** asked how the resident would go by paying for the trash cans? Mayor Linda Wilkes said no one will have to pay for the trash can, if the resident would like a second trash can, they would have to pay for it and that county got money from somewhere to pay for the service. **Mayor Linda Wilkes** asked for a motion for the City Council vote to keep the Perkin Mills dumpsters area as the bulk pick-up for the county.
- Vote: **Councilman Harold Kight** made a motion to keep the dumpsters for a bulk area pick up for the county pickup. **Councilwoman Maggie Terrell** seconded the motion for the bulk area pickup. **Mayor Linda Wilkes** asked all in favor respond by yea: All council member responded yea, there were No Opposes.
- **Mayor Linda Wilkes said the council has voted to keep the dump area as one of the designated bulk areas for the county.**

Finance:

Council Woman Maggie Terrell

- Queensboro Bank statements May 2023
Stated that 54,000.00 was transferred from the LMIG account.
- Wells Fargo Bank statements May 2023
- Charles Walker building Revenue
- Mayor Linda Wilkes added as far as the well is concerned the city has a paid \$119,000.00 and has a bill that is due for \$80,000, and the money from Senator Warnock Ms. Russ could explain.
- City Administrator Sherell Russ stated that she had to contact Mr. Holding to get the congressional funds released.

Old Business

New City Business

Unfinished Business:

Announcements/Comments from the floor:

Mayor Linda Wilkes announced there would be a Juneteenth celebration at Boggs Academy from June 16-17,2023.

Mayor Linda Wilkes asked for the meeting to be Adjourned. **Council Woman Kathy Couch** made a motion to adjourn the meeting and **Council Man Harold Kight** seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.