

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: June 9, 2025

Meeting Date: May 12, 2025

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: KEYSVILLE CITY HALL

Meeting called to order by: Mayor Linda Wilkes.

Mayor: Linda Wilkes

Councilmembers Present: Kathy Couch, Maggie Terrell, Freddie Harden, Harold Kight, Sharon Neely

Employee: Sherell Russ

Others Present: Kathy Brown, James Neely, Jerry Couch, Anthony Smith, Merv Waldrop, Annette Washington, Shirley Harden, Angila Williams, Marvin Scott, Maefield Streetman, Shawanna Jackson, Margaret (True Citizen), Rodney Braswell

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

Prayer: Maggie Terrell

Absent: LaTora Lewis

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:

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.
- **VM Maggie Terrell seconded the motion.**
- **Mayor Linda Wilkes stated the minutes will stand without any corrections and Council Woman Maggie Terrell stated that there were corrections to be noted.**

Corrections:

Maggie Terrell

- Others present Shirley last name should be **Harden**.

Kathy Couch

- Others present Freddie Harden (Jr).
- Said that revise should be **revision**.

Sharon Neely

- Roads and recreation take the **word um** out of the sentence in the third paragraph.
- The 6th bullet the word should be **unfinished** not in finished.

Maggie Terrell

- Stated **ed** supposed to go on the end of **asked** in the second bullet.
- Top of page three the second bullet lead should be **LED**.
- Under finances bullet 8 Seigler should be **Seigle**.

Corrections Motioned

- Mayor Linda Wilkes asked for a motion to approve necessary corrections as noted.
- Kathy Couch motioned to approve necessary corrections as noted.
- Maggie Terrell seconded the motion.
- Mayor Linda Wilkes stated the minutes will stand with corrections as noted.

Committee Reports

Environmental Water

Harold Kight

- Stated that he sees the manhole is covered on Rhodes Lee Street with a barricade and two 2x6 boards asked who was responsible for fixing the hole?
- Concerned about child safety on Rhodes Lee Street around the manhole.
- Mentioned he asked for the hole on RhodesLee Street to be repaired.
- Asked has anyone checked on the pumping station?
- Asked has anyone checked on the waste plant?
- Asked about the Annual CCR Water Report?

Mayor Linda Wilkes

- Stated the insurance company was going to handle the roofs that need to be repaired at the City Hall and at the Waste Plant.

Emergency/Personnel:

Council Woman Sharon Neely

- Asked Sherell if could get in contact with Georgia Power about the lights because the city is dark at night?
- Appreciated the City for having the bulk area for Georgia Cities Week.
- Asked the City if they could have Ryland to bring out the dumpsters again?
- Asked were the summer program dates approved?
- Mr. Neely stated that the dates were approved in the last council meeting.

Building & Housing:

Councilwoman Kathy Couch

- Stated that people put trash out on the ground beside the bulk area at the park instead of putting the stuff in the dumpsters.

Sharon Neely

- Mentioned that the trash was there before the dumpster got there.
- Asked did Ms. Russ know anything about the deer crossing signs that she asked about?
- Concerned about the trailer being torn down on Old Waynesboro Road.

Roads & Recreation:**Councilman Freddie Harden****Roads & Recreation**

- 199 Old Waynesboro where the leak was at the hole was filled in with dirt now it has washed away.
- On Rhodes Lee and Tyrone Brooks Street where the repair was done, it washed out and needs to be filled in again.
- Down at the park the pavilion has a water spicket that is broken off where the water hose should connect and it has a shut off valve connected to it, said that it needs to be replaced.
- The ramps that go up to the restroom needs to be repaired.
- Stated there is no receptacle on the power pole at the park so there is no power there on the light around the old basketball court.
- Stated the city needs to hire an electrician to fix the light pole at the park.
- Said that the well is still sitting down at the park with a trash can over it.

Old business**Freddie Harden**

- Asked when will a meeting be held about the budget?

Sharon Neely

- Said that she showed Ms. Russ what needed to be corrected on the budget.

New business**Freddie Harden**

Motioned for the City to not hire anyone from the City of Keysville without going through the council.

Kathy Couch seconded the motion.

No opposes.

Sharon Neely motioned for the City Maintenance man not to operate any of the city's vehicle without a license until he provides proof of a license.

Kathy Couch seconded the motion.

No Opposes

Freddie Harden motioned for the Administrator, and City Water Clerk to be in office at all times and not the cleaning lady to be in the office answering phone calls during business hours.

Kathy Couch seconded the motion.

No opposes.

Finances:**Maggie Terrell**

- Queensboro Bank Statement April 2025
- Wellsfargo Bank Statement April 2025
- Charles Walker Revenue Statement April 2025
- Said there is a deposit still being made to Mrs. Seigle and has anyone done anything about it?
- Asked was Mr. Anthony Smith working as a contractor or is he on payroll?

Sherell Russ

- Ms. Russ mentioned that Mrs. Terrell has the paperwork concerning the situation with Mrs. Seigle.
- Ms. Russ stated that there was no money being taken from the City Account to be deposited to Mrs. Seigle.
- Ms. Russ answered payroll for Anthony Smith.

Agenda

Complaints/Concerns**Maggie Terrell**

- Concerned about Mrs. Seigle getting a deposit.
- Concerned about Mr. Smith being paid for tearing down the city trailer.

- Freddie Harden concerned about how much was the contract that was offered to tear down the trailers?
- Freddie concerned about getting copies of the Audit.
- Freddie asked about the 2024 budget.
- Concerned about the budget being turned in.
- Freddie Harden concerned about where money is being spent.

Announcements

- Merv Waldrop and Rodney Braswell gave a presentation about the usage of the bulk area.
- Mr. Braswell stated the city well has been a continuous issue with the wellbeing completed said that he and Merv Wal drop came up with a solution to help.
- Merv discussed the expenses of how much the well could cost. Stated that he has a solution that can help the county and the city.
- Stated that they are trying to partner with different cities.
- Given presentation from the Burke County Commission.

James Neely

- CCK meeting will be Monday May 19,2025

Mayor Linda Wilkes

Mentioned the Juneteenth festival June 7,13,14,21,2025.

Adjournment

Mayor Linda Wilkes asked to make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Council Woman Kathy Couch motioned to adjourn the meeting.

VM Sharon Neely seconded.

Mayor Linda Wilkes Meeting adjourned.