

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: May 12, 2025

Meeting Date: April 14, 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: LaTora Lewis, Sherell Russ

Others Present: Kathy Brown, James Neely, Jerry Couch, Gwen Williams, Gwendolyn Vasquez, Cierra Williams, Lloyd Kight, Freddie Harden, Angila Williams, Rubeye Rucker, Marvin Scott, Vanessa Washington, Andrea Birt, Patsy Williams, Carolyn Blount, Maefield Streetman, George Terrell, Shirley Harkin,

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

Prayer: Jerry Couch

Absent:

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.
- **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

- Page one under Wilkes the third bullet take VM off Maggie Terrell.

Harold Kight

- Under Committee reports under environmental water the last sentence stated he asked was the vinyl replaced and was the hose repaired from where the tree had fell in the pond

Mayor Linda Wilkes

- Asked were there any other corrections.

Council Woman Maggie Terrell

- Stated under announcements about the qualifying fee it says \$35 but thought the Mayor was \$60.

Corrections Motioned

- Mayor Linda Wilkes asked for corrections to be approved as noted.
- Kathy Couch motion to approve necessary corrections if there be any.
- Sharon Neely seconded the motion.
- Mayor Linda Wilkes stated the minutes will stand with corrections as noted.

City Report

- Mayor Linda Wilkes asked LaTora was there any announcements needed to be made from the city.
- Mayor Linda Wilkes stated that Cities Week was coming April 21- 27,2025

Committee Reports

Environmental Water

Harold Kight

- Asked has the manhole in front of Mrs. Tessie Jordans house been covered up yet?
- Asked about the progress on the new well?
- Asked about the workers marking the roads with paint.

LaTora Lewis

- Stated that she knows that the city has been making payments on it, but she is not sure what the holdup was with the well.
- Answered and told Mr. Kight that work has nothing to do with the city, the county were the ones held responsible for what was going on.

Emergency/Personnel:

Council Woman Sharon Neely

- Asked as far the lights being replaced has anyone spoke with Georgia Power?
- Asked about the contract to the line dance class that was being held Bi-weekly?
- Stated Sherell was supposed to get back with her about the household bulk pickup.

Sherell Russ

- Stated that the bulk area was in another area.
Kathy Couch
- Mentioned about the signs for MLK.

LaTora Lewis

- Stated that no one has reported lights and that she has not had a chance to ride around at night to check and see which lights needed to be reported.
- Said that some the lights work off of a timer and most of the lights are lead lights like they requested.

Building & Housing:

Councilwoman Kathy Couch

- Stated she received an email about a non-compliance to ARPA.
- Stated the second email was pertaining to the Homestead exemption.
- Said that she did not get in contact with the community workers.

Sherell Russ

- **Stated the situation has been taken care of.**

Roads & Recreation:

Councilman Freddie Harden

- Put the fill-ins in the driveway and the rain washed it out.
- On 199 old Waynesboro Road where the leak was, they put dirt in the hole and one week it has a hump then it needs to be filled up again.
- As well as the one on Rhodes Lee Road and Tyrone Brooks it's the same thing as the other one.
- Said the city has a maintenance and two other city workers because they ride around in the city car, so he knows they have to feel that bump.
- Said the grass needs to be cut on side of the road.
- Stated that the trailer on the end of the road is not completely torn down.
- Asked about the light pole at the basketball court?
- Asked LaTora would she Like for him to recommend an electrician and spoke out a list of people and companies?
- LaTora Lewis answered the city has to get an electrician.

Roads & Recreation

Old business

Maggie Terrell

- Vice Mayor Sharon Neely asked, uh, last time about the, um, contract with the line dance class. Has the contract been presented?
- Asked was the situation with the dogs handled that Mrs. Whitaker brought up.
- Asked was the city thinking about doing the contract with the animal rescue.

Mayor Linda Wilkes

- Stated no, we haven't heard anything with us from her.

LaTora Lewis

- Mentioned Ms. Blount gave the city a contract, but she has not received the contract where she changed the dates.
- Asked was she stating that Mrs. Terrell like to include finished and finished business in the minutes.
- Said that the city is already short of funds so if we do the contract, it will cost the City of Keysville more money.

Harold Kight

- Stated its pretty bad when the citizens pay county and city taxes and can't even get a stray dog picked up.

Freddie Harden

- Stated the trailer needs to be completely torn down on the end of old Waynesboro Road.
- Asked about paying Ms. Williams and aske what was the process of paying her back?
- The Attorney says since we had Motion in second on it, we have to go with what the council said.
- We've asked about it, and nobody had never said anything else about it.

- The administrator said she was gonna go back and do it.
- Asked Ms. Williams when did she move into her house.
- Ms. Williams stated that she moved there in Oct.1999 and said that she was not connected to the sewer since she had been living there.
- Asked when will the budget be completed?

Mayor Linda Wilkes

- Asked was Freddie there when the attorney came?
- Said that she will contact the Attorney.

Sherell Russ

- Answered no, I can't do that because I don't. I wasn't here. I don't know nothing, but I don't know what she paid, how she paid.
- She could not give them a total on what was owed to Mrs. Williams.
- Stated that she gave a revise of the budget to the council.

Maggie Terrell

- Asked was the situation with Mrs.Seiglar handled?
- Said that she would like for the situation to be handled by the next meeting.

New business

Finances:

Maggie Terrell

- Queensboro Bank Statement March 2025
- Wellsfargo Bank Statement March 2025
- Charles Walker Revenue Statement March 2025
- Stated there was an article in the paper stating the city was paying a deceased person.
- Asked Ms. Russ did she have an update?
- Ms. Russ answered all she could do is investigate and said that she was waiting on the City Attorney Doug Kidd to get back in contact with her and that the bank was not giving her any information on the situation.
- Maggie Terrell mentioned Mr. Kidd could not investigate the city needs a CPA to investigate where the money is going.
- Maggie Terrell stated that payments were still being deposited as of the month of march and read out an amount that was deposited to Mrs.Seiglar.
- Ms. Russ stated she went into the quick books account and stopped payroll and also deactivated the account.
- LaTora mentioned to the council that there are better ways to handling situations than them just sitting up there attacking the city employees.
- Freddie Harden stated that the council was not attacking the employees they are just trying to figure out where the money is being spent and the council don't even know.
- Freddie Harden stated that he was going to claim that he works with Mrs. Terrell on the finances.
- Freddie Harden said when he asks for a finance report the city want to give it to him.
- Repeated conversation about the payment for Mrs. Eunice Siegler amongst the council and administrator.
- Maggie Terrell questioned about the city employees being treated for lunch and Birthdays.
- Ms. Russ stated that the situation was already going on before she got that position all she did was continue.

Agenda

James Neely

Complaints/Concerns

Andrea Williams

- Questioned about the Jr CCK having to pay for the park pavilion.

Mayor Linda Wilkes

- Requested that the City of Keysville refund Andrea Birt \$25.00.

Freddie Harden

- Asked about the Audits being completed?
- Concerned about how the city spends money?

Announcements

James Neely

- **Summer Camp Program June 24-27**
- **Award Ceremony went great.**
- **Council made a motion for the Summer Program at the Charles Walker Building.**
- **No Opposes.**

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.