

CITY OF KEYSVILLE, GA

A City Where Everybody Is Somebody

City Council
LINDA WILKES, MAYOR
Ms. Sharon Neely
Ms. Kathy Couch
Ms. Maggie Terrell



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MINUTES
KEYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 11, 2022
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

Employee: Sherell Russ, LaTora Lewis, Ronald O'Brien

Others Present: Marvin Scott, Ruby Rucker, (True Citizen) Shellie Smitley, Jerry Couch, James Neely, Maefield Streetman, Vanessa Washington, Freddie Harden, Harold Kight, David Powell, Bobbie Powell

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

Prayer: Marvin Scott

Absent: N/A

Agenda: Mayor Wilkes asked for the motion to have the agenda approved. Council Woman Kathy motioned to have the agenda approved. Council Woman Sharon Neely Second the motion to have the agenda approved.

Minutes: Council Woman Terrell made a necessary Correction. Stated Mr. Ronald Obrien Clarified the codes for 2018. Council Woman Couch stated that Maggie Terrell did not find out about the city code enforcer until later Saturday evening.

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

Council Woman Kathy Couch: motioned to have the agenda approved with necessary correction.

Council Woman Sharon Neely: second the motion to have the agenda approved with necessary corrections.

Environmental-Water:

City Clerk LaTora Lewis:

- Stated that most of the leaks were fixed around the city.
- Had one leak on Tyrone Brooks Street. Friday June 3 Georgia Power came out and restored a light pole at the city park.
- The city has 6 lights out in the city but there will be 6 lights restored in the city.
- Finuf sign company came out and put our new city sign up in front of our city hall.

Roads & Recreation:

Emergency/Personnel:

Council Woman Sharon Neely:

- Stated that the city is still having issues with the dogs around the city.

Mayor Linda Wilkes:

- Stated that there is a lady that would stop and pick the dogs up and take them to a shelter.

Ronald O'Brien:

- Stated that six dogs were removed from the city the past weekend

Building & Housing:

Council Woman Kathy Couch:

- Apologized for the way she conducted in the last meeting.
- Stated she is proud of the city code enforcer for what he has accomplished throughout the city.
- She asked about the Strowbridge property.
- Stated a light on Center Avenue needed to be replaced.

Ronald O'Brien

- Stated that the city is currently working on getting the property cleaned.
- State that Georgia Power will be coming out to fix that problem.

Council Woman Sharon Neely:

- Stated that before any lights are replaced, please let the city council know before they are placed.

Finance:

Council Woman Maggie Terrell:

- No statement

Complaint/Concerns:

JAMES NEELY:

- Stated the mayor mentioned 5 Project's in five areas \$494,000.00 water sewer, recreation land acquisition.
- Asked if the funding was good til 2024
- Asked how much of the money is remaining from the funding?
- Asked if citizens can add onto projects that is already underway.
- If there was a recreation project that is started and not complete would u have to have the funds already in an account to complete.
- Stated that some one told him the projects were municipal projects.
- Asked the mayor to explain capital projects.
- Asked the mayor what her priority for the city was.

Mayor Linda Wilkes:

- Stated the funding started in 2020.
- Stated that it was as four-to-five-year funding.
- Stated yes, the funding was good til 2024.
- Stated that the information for the funding comes from the county.
- Stated we cannot add projects with the new money. New Money new projects!!!!
- Stated the money has its own account and cannot be mixed in with any other funds.
- Stated the projects were capital projects and not municipal projects.
- Said that capital projects: for example
Buildings
Park equipment
New Well

Jerry Couch

- Asked about an emergency shelter.

James Neely:

- Asked the mayor what her priority for the city was.
- Mentioned having a library. For kids to be able to stay occupied.
- Asked about the ordinance fees being posted inside of the city hall for the citizens to be able to get that information.

Mayor Linda Wilkes:

- Stated the city must wait on the county to decide.
- Said her priority was to make sure we have our new well and then we can move on to the next project.
- Mentioned that the library was a great idea.
- Told Mr. Neely that at all city council meetings the citizens do not really get a chance to speak in council meetings. Sometimes they may get 3 minutes to speak.
- Asked Mr. Neely to please give the council time to get their information together and his questions will be answered.

David Powell

- Asked to clean the tank we must have a well or already have one in process.

Mayor Linda Wilkes:

- Stated the tank is to reserve water if the water system goes out.

Finished Business:

VOTE:

Ordinance Fees- Tabled

IPMC Book Chapter 3- No Opposes

Approved -Sale of Vehicle- City truck-\$499.00 or OBO
White Car -\$499.00 or OBO
Golf Cart-\$399.00 or OBO
Police Car -\$499.00 or OBO

New Business:

Marvin Scott:

- Stated there was no water at the city park on Friday
- Stated that the owner of the old Keysville Nursing home gave him a call complaining of the dogs climbing onto the roof of the building.
- Asked for a printout once a month of all the money that comes to the city and the money that is being spent.
- Stated that a meeting was held with Ms. Matthew from Martinez, and nothing was accomplished.
- Stated that others were interested in helping the city and that the city needs to get on the ball game
- Stated that there were three priorities: Media center
Splash pad
New Wells

Mayor Linda Wilkes:

- Asked why the concern citizens would need a printout of the city's financial report?

Marvin Scott

- Answered the citizens wanted to know where the money is going.
- Stated again that the concerned citizens would like an itemized list of the finances.

Mayor Linda Wilkes:

- Asked if the city can get a copy of the concerned citizens personal finances.
- Stated the city is required to give the financial statement once a year.

Council Woman Maggie Terrell

- Said she gives out the beginning of the month statement and the debits and credits of the beginning of the month and the end of the month debits and credits.

Other Business

Mr. James Neely:

- Had questions about the ordinance the code enforcer made.
- Stated who has the authority to tell him that he cannot smoke, or he is high on his property.
- Stated to the mayor he would like to see the qualifications of a code enforcer cause even in hiring for maintenance it is falling under the Code Enforcement.
- Stated why would the code enforcer would have sit in on an interview for what purpose?
- Stated that code enforcer has taken a position but is taking over the mayor's responsibility.

- Asked how the Code Enforcer can have the right to sell the city vehicles.
- Said that there is a sign posted on the door stating that No Firearms Allowed.
- Asked if the code enforcer has special permission to have a firearm.

Ronald O'Brien

- Stated he is a certified officer and he does have certificate.

Mayor Linda Wilkes:

- Stated that the code enforcer was the maintenance supervisor as well.
- The person who is hired will be working up under him.
- Stated he is not the one that will be doing the hiring.
- Stated that the city Code Enforcer is also our city Maintenance Supervisor, and he knows what's wrong with the city vehicles that is for sale.

Shellie Smitley (True Citizens)

- Stated she has been to every city council meeting in every city.
- Stated no one gets to speak at any of the meetings, if they do speak, they must be put on an agenda and gets only three minutes at the most to speak.
- Said the city council does not share any information with public the council shares it amongst each other

Council woman Maggie Terrell:

- Stated she has been to other council meetings and said the other city's never gave a finance report.

Meeting adjourned

L.Lewis, City Clerk