

**Minutes
City of Folkston
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 17, 2021**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Folkston met in regular session on May 17, 2021 at City Hall.

Mayor Gowen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: Lee Gowen, Mayor
Ruby Baker
Marion Davis, Jr.
Jim Gowen
Rob Roberson
Bruce Young

Members Absent:
Also Present: Leonard H. Lloyd, City Manager
Darlene Williamson, City Clerk
Wesley Green, Chief of Police
Patrick Brooks, City Attorney

Visitors: Marla Ogletree with Charlton County Herald, Sylvia Everett, Antwon Nixon, Elaine Bailey, Kimberly Mitchell, Gloria Brown, Natasha Donley and Pastor Terrance Pender

AGENDA

Mayor Gowen requested the agenda be amended by removing item one under old business, Dana O'Quinn Okefenokee Chamber.

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the amended agenda as presented.

Mr. Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

Mr. Young made a motion to approve the minutes for April 12, 2021 work session, April 19, 2021 regular meeting and May 10, 2021 work session as presented.

Mrs. Baker seconded motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVE INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENTS

Mrs. Baker made a motion to approve the April 2021 income and expense statements as presented. Mr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Green stated the police department filed 42 incident reports, investigated 15 accidents and answered 1518 calls during the month of April 2021. The police department collected \$19,175.00; the city's portion is \$14,935.30.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Lloyd stated that Tower Street has been striped and is now open.

APPROVE RILEY PROPERTY / VARIANCE REQUEST

Mayor Gowen stated the city has received a request for variance from Denzil and Jacqueline Riley to place a 16' X 40' mobile structure that will be converted into a cabin/cottage for use as a vacation home. The property is located at 105 Mizell-Gibson Street. Mr. Riley has submitted signatures from the surrounding neighbors stating they have no issues with the mobile structure.

Mr. Young made a motion to approve the variance to allow Mr. Riley Denzil to place a mobile structure on the property located at 105 Mizell Street as presented. Mr. Gowen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

OKEFENOCKEE FESTIVAL DATE

Mayor Gowen stated the Okefenokee Festival is being advertised as a two-day event to be held on October 9th and 10th. The council will need to vote to approve the second day, Sunday October 10th. After a discussion the council agreed to keep the festival as a one-day event.

Mr. Young made a motion to approve the Okefenokee Festival for October 9, 2021 and deny the request to extend the Okefenokee Festival on October 10, 2021. Mr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

A list of surplus property from the police department was presented to the council. The equipment was removed from old patrol cars that the city has taken out of service. The city received a letter requesting the property be donated to the Homeland Police Department.

Mr. Davis made a motion to declare the list of property as surplus and be donated to the Homeland Police Department. Mr. Gowen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

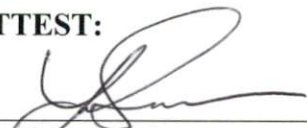
Mrs. Baker gave an update of the activities of the South Georgia Area Agency on Aging. Seniors 60 years and older are eligible for services.

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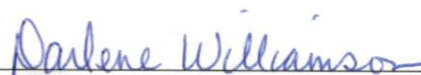
Mrs. Baker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting closed at 7:05 pm.

ATTEST:



Lee Gowen, Mayor



Darlene Williamson, City Clerk

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Marla Ogletree

Sylvia Everett

Antwon Nason

Elaine Bailey

Kimberly Mitchell

Gloria Brown

Natasha Donley

Terrence Pender

April 15, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor Gowen, Honorable City Manager Lloyd and Folkston City Council

RE: 105 Mizell Street

The purpose of this petition is to allow Denzil and Jacqueline Riley to place a new portable cabin/cottage at 105 Mizell Street. This new building will be approximately 16 x 40 feet long with vinyl siding and will be used as a vacation home. As neighbors of this property, we have no issues with the Rileys placing this type of structure on the property at 105 Mizell Street.

Sincerely,

J. H. Buddy Myrick

Address: 105 Mizell Gibson St. Folkston, Ga.

Name: J. H. Buddy Myrick

Address: 167 Mizell Gibson St. Folkston, Ga.

Name: ~~Joe Myrick~~

Address: 139 Mizell Gibson St. Folkston, Ga.

Name: Troy Sellers

Address: 85 Mizell Gibson St. Folkston, Ga.

Name: Jodie Gibson

Address: 38 Mizell Gibson St. Folkston, Ga.

Name: Melissa Hogg

Address: 1310 Elizabeth St. Folkston, Ga. 31537

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SURPLUS PROPERTY

1. Whelen Siren Speaker
2. Whelen Siren Amplifier
3. Jotto Desk Console
4. Motorola XPR 4550 Radio
5. Setina Prisoner Partition
6. Rear Window Guards (2)
7. Patrol Car Push Bumper

Homeland Police Department

401 Pennsylvania Avenue

Homeland, Georgia 31537



05/10/2021

To: Pender Lloyd, Folkston City Manager

From: Michael King, Homeland Police Department

Re: Used equipment

The Homeland Police Department is currently trying to equip a new patrol car. We understand that you have some used police car equipment available and would like permission to use it in our new vehicle. A list of what we are requesting is as follows:

Whelen siren speaker

Whelen siren amplifier

Jotto Desk Police console

Motorola XPR 4550 Radio

Setina Prisoner Partition

Rear window gurads (x2)

Patrol push bumper

Anything you could do to help us complete this project would be much appreciated and would be put to good use serving the citizens of the City of Homeland!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael King".

Michael King

Homeland Police Department