

**Minutes
City of Folkston
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 20, 2021**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Folkston met in regular session on September 20, 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
 Hali Coffey, Deputy Clerk
 Wesley Green, Chief of Police
 Patrick Brooks, City Attorney

Visitors: Jamison Guice, Charlton County Herald
 Elaine Bailey; Sylvia Everett, Natasha Donley; Pastor Terrance Pender

AGENDA

Mr. Marion Davis made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Mr. Bruce Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

Mr. Bruce Young made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 12, 2021 Work Session and the August 16, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. Mr. Jim Gowen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVE INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENTS

Mrs. Ruby Baker made a motion to approve the August 2021 income and expense statements as presented. Mr. Bruce Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Green stated the police department filed 26 incident reports, investigated 9 accidents and answered 1771 calls during the month of August 2021. The police department collected \$15,679.00 in fines and forfeitures; the city's portion is \$10,759.23.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Lloyd stated the contracts have been signed for the LMIG / Main Street resurfacing project. A pre-construction meeting is being scheduled; the construction will not begin until the first week in November due to the Okefenokee festival and Halloween on Main Street activities.

Mr. Lloyd informed the council that he will be meeting in the morning with Marcus Sack, the city engineer and Michael Jacobs with Southern Georgia Regional Commission to discuss a possible grant for infrastructure improvements.

He then stated repairs have been made to the exterior siding on the city hall building. After the building is repainted, new gutters will be installed and new letters will be placed on the front of the building.

Mr. Lloyd presented a copy of the Okefenokee festival parade route to the council. The route will remain the same as last year, beginning at Martin Street turn onto First Street then Love Street to Okefenokee Parkway and back to Martin Street.

Mr. Lloyd informed the council that the public hearings for the millage rate increase will be held on October 7th at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and the third public hearing will be held on October 18th at 6:00 pm. The public hearing for the 2022 budget will be held on October 7th at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearing notices will be sent to the newspaper this week.

PASTOR TERRANCE PENDER/ UNIFIED ALLIANCE OF CHARLTON COUNTY

Pastor Terrance Pender gave an update on the events planned for the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, January 17, 2022. The parade route will remain the same as last year; begin at the Department of Family and Children Services building on Okefenokee Drive, travel to Main Street and ending at the Court House. The parade will begin at 11:00 AM. The celebration will begin at 12:00 PM at the Chatman-Mobley recreation park on Mount Carmel Street.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mayor Lee Gowen reminded everyone of the Champ Bailey Family Day on September 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event is to educate and promote the COVID vaccination. Free COVID testing along with blood pressure and glucose checks will be offered.

Mrs. Elaine Bailey thanked Mr. Lloyd for installing the additional street signs for Champ Bailey Lane.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Davis made a motion to proceed into executive session to discuss employment, periodic evaluation and /or compensation of personnel. Mr. Jim Gowen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting went into executive session at 6:45 pm.
Mayor Gowen declared the meeting back in open session at 6:56 pm.
No action was taken during the Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Mr. Rob Roberson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jim Gowen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting closed at 6:57 pm.

ATTEST:



Lee Gowen, Mayor



Darlene Williamson, City Clerk

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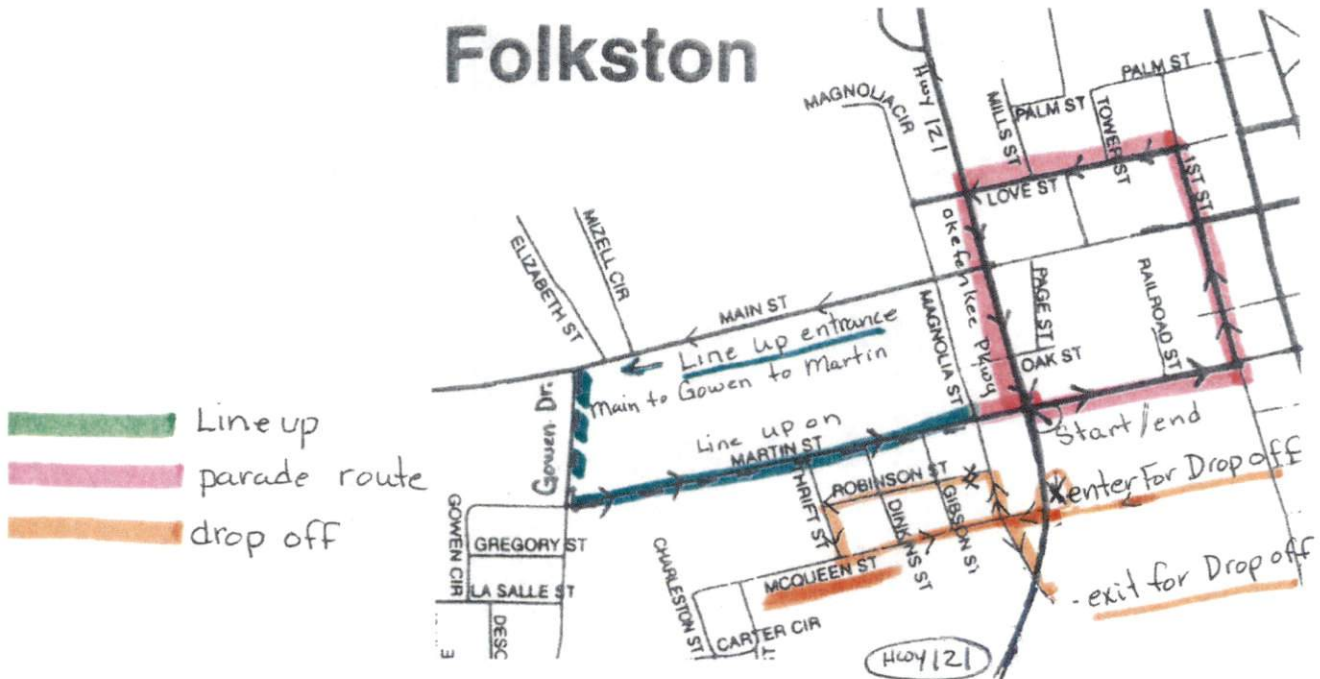
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Sign In

JAMISON Guice
Haine Bailey
SYLVIA EVERTT
Katalina Donley
Senaree Bender

2021 Parade Rules and Regulations

1. All motorized vehicle drivers must be 18 years or older and have a valid Driver's License.
2. Absolutely NO candy may be thrown from any float or vehicle.
 - a. You may walk alongside and hand out candy
3. Parade Line up will begin at 9:15 am.
4. Parade will begin at 10:00 am
5. Drop off and Pick up Streets for parade riders will be McQueen St., Magnolia St., Dinkins St., and Thrift St.
 - a. It is your responsibility to coordinate this with your parents and kids!
6. After the conclusion of parade all floats will exit via Martin Street.
 - a. It is your responsibility to coordinate pick up with parents and kids!
7. The parade committee reserves the right to refuse entry in any division of the parade.



STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CHARLTON

AFFIDAVIT RE: CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETINGS

The undersigned presiding officer, under oath certifies that at the meeting of the Mayor and City Council for the City of Folkston ("City") on September 20, 2021, the City Council closed its meeting as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Georgia. The legal exception(s) applicable to the exempt matters addressed during such closed meeting is/are checked below:

(Check or initial as appropriate)

- ☒ (X) To discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(6)
- () To discuss the future acquisition of real estate; O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(4)
- () To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial action brought or to be brought by or against the City or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2
- () Staff meetings for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law; O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(1)
- () Tax matters made confidential by state law; O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2

I certify that the subject matter of the closed meeting or the closed portion of this meeting was devoted to matters of official business or policy within the exceptions provided by law as set forth above.

Sworn to and subscribed before

Me on this the 20 day of
September, 2021.

Darlene Williamson
Notary Public

[Signature]
Mayor

