

**Minutes
City of Folkston
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 18, 2021**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Folkston met in regular session on October 18, 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
 Bruce Young

Members Absent: **Rob Roberson**

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

Visitors: Jamison Guice, Charlton County Herald
 Elaine Bailey, Tammy King and Pastor Terrance Pender

AGENDA

Mr. Jim Gowen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Mrs. Ruby Baker seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

Mr. Bruce Young made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 13, 2021 Work Session; September 20, 2021 Regular Meeting; October 7, 2021 AM-Public Hearing and October 7, 2021 PM-Public Hearing 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 September 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 25 incident reports, investigated 11 accidents and answered 1545 calls during the month of August 2021. The police department collected \$10,755.00 in fines and forfeitures; the city's portion is \$7,532.96.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Lloyd stated the last invoice for the Tower Street project has been paid by the city and will be reimbursed by Department of Transportation. The project can be closed out once all the documents are completed.

The Main Street resurfacing project is scheduled to begin November 8, 2021 and should be completed by November 18, 2021.

He informed the council that the city received the Fire Commissioner Tax check in the amount of \$344,952.00, the city had budgeted 290,000.00.

DANA O'QUINN / OKEFENOKEE CHAMBER:

Mrs. Dana O'Quinn, Director of the Okefenokee Chamber gave an update on the upcoming events. She stated the two-day festival was a success and that Sunday was more of a community event. The food vendors sold out on both days. She expressed her concerns about vendors that set up outside the festival area and questioned if anything could be done to regulate vendor participation during the festival. She commended the city employees for keeping everything clean during and after the festival.

She then stated October 30, will be Halloween Downtown, there will be food trucks and DJ music during the event.

Christmas on Main Street will be December 4th. There will be a market in the park, food trucks and a lighted parade.

***ADOPT 2021 MILLAGE RATE**

The city was required to hold three public hearing for the 2021 millage rate increase. First public hearing was held on October 7, 2021 at 10:00 AM, the second one was held on October 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM and the third public hearing was held on October 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Mayor Gowen recommended the council approve the millage rate of 8.114.

Mrs. Ruby Baker made a motion to adopt the millage rate of 8.114 as presented.

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

***ADOPT 2022 BUDGET**

The city held a public hearing on October 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM for the 2022 Budget. Mayor Gowen recommended the council approve the 2022 Budget.

Mr. Bruce Young made a motion to adopt the 2022 Budget as presented.

Mr. Jim Gowen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

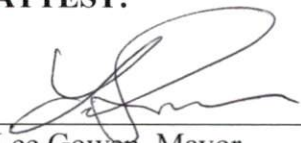
Mrs. Elaine Bailey stated she enjoyed the festival and felt it was very nice. The two days gave everyone an opportunity to attend the festival. She then stated her concern with the dogs that were allowed to be inside the festival area and safety issues. Mr. Lloyd stated there were no signs posted at the entrances and therefor they could not police the dogs, unless an incident had occurred. He then stated that next year the chamber and the city would make sure that signs would be posted to prohibit any pets inside the festival area. Chief Green stated his concerns with the golf karts and side-by-side vehicles that were allowed to be inside the festival area and the safety issues.

ADJOURN

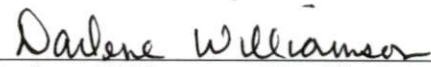
Mr. Bruce Young made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jim Gowen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting closed at 7:00 pm.

ATTEST:



Lee Gowen, Mayor



Darlene Williamson, City Clerk

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Sign In

Dana O Quinn

Elaine Bailey

James King

Terence Redden

CITY OF FOLKSTON
ANTICIPATED BUDGET FOR 2022
GENERAL

ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS AND BEGINNING BALANCES

PROPERTY TAXES	594,362
ALL OTHER TAXES	664,550
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	358,000
T-SPLOST	65,000
SPLOST	200,000
LICENSES & PERMITS	37,500
FINES & FORFEITURES	160,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	308,540
OTHER REVENUE-NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	23,320
FEDERAL/STATE GRANTS	57,491
FUND BALANCE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	215,000
TOTAL INCOME	2,683,763

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES AND ENDING BALANCES

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT	397,554
PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION	55,385
STREETS	513,750
GENERAL OPERATIONS	512,226
POLICE DEPARTMENT	953,504
ADMINISTRATION	251,344
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,683,763

WATER

ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

WATER REVENUES	717,800
WATER EXPENSES	717,800

WASTEWATER

ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

WASTEWATER REVENUES	621,500
WASTEWATER EXPENSES	621,500

A Copy of the entire budget is available at City Hall for review.