

**Minutes
City of Folkston
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 15, 2021**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Folkston met in regular session on November 15, 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
 Rob Roberson
 Bruce Young

Members Absent: **Marion Davis, Jr.**
 Jim Gowen

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

Visitors: Jamison Guice, Charlton County Herald
 Elaine Bailey

AGENDA

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

Mrs. Ruby Baker made a motion to approve the amended agenda as presented.

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

MINUTES

Mr. Bruce Young made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 18, 2021 Public Hearing and October 18, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented.

Mr. Rob Roberson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVE INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENTS

Mrs. Ruby Baker made a motion to approve the October 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 37 incident reports, investigated 13 accidents and answered 1584 calls during the month of October 2021. The police department collected \$9,224.55 in fines and forfeitures; the city's portion is \$6,668.17.

He then informed the council that Officer Moneke Holmes was hired. The department is still advertising for a second officer.

The patrol cars have been delivered and the bids for the equipment are pending.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Lloyd stated the Main Street resurfacing project is scheduled to begin tonight at 8:00 pm. The sewer grant has been submitted and is under review.

He then stated he has submitted an application for the State Public Safety and First Responder's Supplemental Grant.

***APPROVE CITY OF ETHICS RESOLUTION**

Mayor Lee Gowen stated the City of Ethics Resolution is required to be updated every two years. The council will need to vote to approve the resolution.

Mrs. Ruby Baker made a motion to approve the City of Ethics Resolution as presented. Mr. Bruce Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mrs. Elaine Bailey stated today the Mobile Food Pantry served four hundred families in the community. The health department was on site to administer FLU and COVID vaccines.

Mr. Bruce Young, EMS director was on site to give out masks and help with the food distribution.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting closed at 6:45 pm.

ATTEST:



Lee Gowen, Mayor



Darlene Williamson, City Clerk

CERTIFIED CITY OF ETHICS

WHEREAS: The Board of Directors of the Georgia Municipal Association has established a Certified City of Ethics program; and

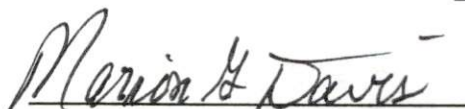
WHEREAS: The City of Folkston wishes to be certified as a Certified City of Ethics under the GMA program; and

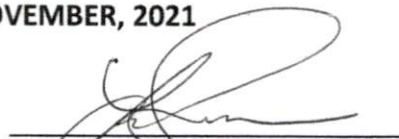
WHEREAS: Part of the certification process requires the Mayor and Council to subscribe to the ethics principles approved by the GMA Board.

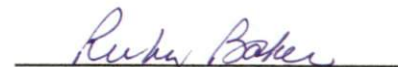
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of the City of Folkston, Georgia that as a group and as individuals, the governing authority subscribes to the following ethics principles and pledges to conduct its affairs accordingly:

- * Serve Others, Not Ourselves
- * Use Resources With Efficiency and Economy
- * Treat All People Fairly
- * Use the Power of Our Position For The Well Being Of Our Constituents
- * Create An Environment Of Honesty, Openness and Integrity

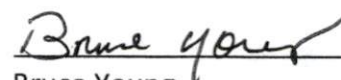
RESOLVED THE 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021

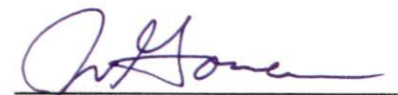

Marion G. Davis, Mayor Pro-Tem

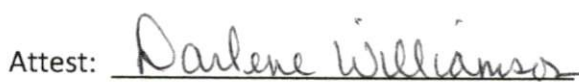

Lee Gowen, Mayor


Ruby Baker, Councilmember


Rob Roberson
Councilmember


Bruce Young
Councilmember


Jim Gowen
Councilmember

Attest: 
Darlene Williamson, City Clerk