

**Minutes
City of Folkston
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 20, 2022**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Folkston met in regular session on June 20, 2022 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**

Members Absent: **Bruce Young**

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; Natasha Donley, Claudia Burkhart and Elaine Bailey

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. Marion Davis made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 16, 2022 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 income and expense statements for May, 2022 as presented. Mr. Jim Gowen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Wesley Green stated the police department filed 47 incident reports, investigated 10 accidents and answered 1,468 calls during the month of May 2022.

The police department collected \$14,295.00 in fines and forfeitures; the city's portion is \$11,223.42.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Lloyd stated the city has received the parts for the drainage repairs at the intersection of Main Street and Tower Street.

There is a water leak under the street located at the intersection of US1 and Main Street. Plans are to replace the line by installing a new line from Oakwood Street and tie into the service line at Main Street.

CLAUDIA BURKHART / OKEFENOKEE CHAMBER

Mrs. Burkhardt informed the council that the Okefenokee Festival is planned for October 8, 2022 and will be a one-day event. The parade is still in the planning stage along with other details of the festival, updates will be given in the up coming months. The Mayor and Council commended Mrs. Burkhardt for her dedication to the Chamber and stated their support to help with the festival as needed.

Mrs. Burkhardt then stated the Juneteenth Festival was a success and commended Mrs. Natasha Donley for her hard work in planning and the coordination of the festival.

Mrs. Donley thanked Mayor Gowen for his support and the resolution. She then thanked Mrs. Ruby Baker for being present and presenting the resolution and Mr. Jim Gowen for the ice and helping with handing out water.

APPROVE BOYD STREET SPEED BUMPS

Mayor Lee Gowen stated the city has received a petition for speed bumps on Boyd Street. The county has agreed to install the speed bumps on the county portion and the city will need to install one for the city portion of the street.

Mr. Marion Davis made a motion to install one speed bump on Boyd Street.

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

BRICK HOUSE / BEER AND WINE APPLICATION

Mayor Gowen informed the council the city has received an application for a beer and wine license from the Brick House Restaurant, location 3566 Second Street South dated May 11, 2022. The council will need to vote to approve the license at the July regular meeting.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mayor Lee Gowen stated that Mr. Lace Futch passed away last week. Mr. Futch was the Executive Director for the Regional Commission for several years and the Mayor of Willacoochee. He served as the Chairman of the County Commission for Atkinson County.

He then presented a framed aerial photo of the City of Folkston taken in 1953 to be displayed at city hall, this picture was from his grandfather's old surveying papers.

Mrs. Elaine Bailey stated her appreciation to everyone who helped with the Juneteenth Festival. She then expressed her concerns about the commercial truck traffic on Main Street.

Mrs. Burkhart stated there is a problem with not being able to see around vehicles parked on Main Street when turning from Depot Street onto Main Street. She asked if a traffic mirror could be placed on the light pole to help with the issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Marion Davis made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Mr. Jim Gowen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting went into executive session at 7:05 pm.

Mayor Gowen declared the meeting back in open session at 7:15 pm.
No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Mr. Marion Davis made a motion to approve a pay raise of 5% across the board for all employees to be effective immediately. Mrs. Ruby Baker seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

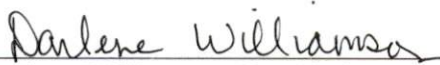
Mr. Rob Roberson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jim Gowen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting closed at 7:15 pm.

ATTEST:



Lee Gowen, Mayor



Darlene Williamson, City Clerk

PETITION FOR SPEED BUMPS

CHARLTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHARLTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT

All property owners with property along:

(STREET NAME) Ethel Stafford

located between 66 Boyd St and Shannon

are hereby given the opportunity to sign this petition to request speed bumps at the above stated location.

Petitioner's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (912) 276-2473

Printed Name	Address	Telephone #	Assessor's Parcel #	Approval ☒ Yes/ ☐ No	Signature
Ethel Stafford	66 Boyd	912 276-2473			Ethel Stafford
Thomas Walker Jr	44 Boyd St	912-496-4167		yes	Thomas Walker Jr
Chris Burroughs	57 Boyd St	912-276-2104		yes	Chris Burroughs
Leo Jackson	188 Boyd St	912-5486320		yes	Leo Jackson
Julia Edwards	210 Boyd St	912-276-3173		Yes	Julia Edwards
Sheila Williams	41 Short St	912-276-1144			Sheila Williams
Thomas Walker Jr	44 Boyd St	912-496-4167		yes	Thomas Walker Jr
Carolyn Williamson	159 Boyd St	912-390-9830		yes	Carolyn Williamson
Essie Sims	159 Boyd St	912-492-2108		yes	Essie Sims
Diane Humphries	524 Laura St	904 489 5221		yes	Diane Humphries

Date submitted to BOC: 1/1/

Decision:

PETITION FOR SPEED BUMPS

CHARLTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHARLTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT

All property owners with property along:

(STREET NAME) Boyd, St

located between Boyd and Mayer

are hereby given the opportunity to sign this petition to request speed bumps at the above stated location.

Petitioner's Name: Betty Sims,

Address: 67 Boyd, St

Telephone: (912) 496-7604

Printed Name	Address	Telephone #	Assessor's Parcel #	Approval Yes/No	Signature
DEBORAH YOUNG	159 BOYD ST			YES	Deborah Young
Lafayette JACKSON	152 Boyd St.	912-464-7824		YES	Lafayette Jackson
Lamont Jenkins	128 Boyd St	912-390-2410		YES	Lamont Jenkins
Betty Sims	67 Boyd, St	912-496-7604		YES	Betty Sims

Date submitted to BOC: 1/1

Decision: