

**Minutes
CITY OF FOLKSTON
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 15, 2023**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Folkston met in regular session on May 15, 2023 at City Hall.

Mayor Lee 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
Patrick Brooks, City Attorney

Visitors: Jamison Guice, Charlton County Herald
Melodey Martindale and Julia Warren, Okefenokee Chamber

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Mr. Bruce Young made a motion to approve the minutes for April 17, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented. Mrs. Ruby Baker 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 April, 2023 as presented. Mr. Jim Gowen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report was given.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Lloyd stated the well at city hall has been repaired and back in operation. He informed the council that he is working on updating the customer application for services. Once the updates are added the application will be presented to the council for approval.

MELODEY MARTINDALE / OKEFENOKEE CHAMBER

Mrs. Melodey Martindale, Okefenokee Chamber Director approached the council with concerns of the chamber and the upcoming Junetenth celebration. Mayor Gowen stated he would get more information and get back with her on this event. She then stated concerns about the commercial trucks on Main Street and ask if they could be restricted from using Main Street. She discussed ideas about Main Street beautification and promoting tourism for downtown.

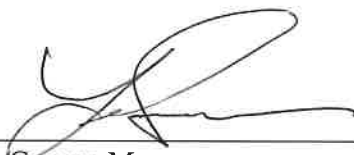
APPROVE RESOLUTION 2305-01 TO AMEND THE COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM IN THE 2020 JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Jim Gowen made a motion to approve Resolution 2305-01 to Amend the City of Folkston 5-Year Community Work Program in the 2020 Joint Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Bruce Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. (Resolution Attached)

ADJOURN:

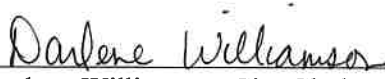
Mr. Rob Roberson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bruce Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



Lee Gowen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Darlene Williamson, City Clerk

City of Folkston

Regular Meeting

May 15, 2023

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Julia Warren

Melodey Martindale

CITY OF FOLKSTON

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM FOR THE CITY
OF FOLKSTON IN THE 2020 JOINT CHARLTON COUNTY
AND THE CITIES OF FOLKSTON AND HOMELAND
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS the City of Folkston has amended the Charlton County and the Cities of Folkston, and Homeland 2020 Comprehensive Plan, by adding to Section II Plan Elements, Item 7 of the City of Folkston Community Work Program 2021 – 2025, Housing, and Community Facilities & Services by adding the following:

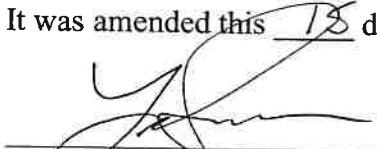
7. City of Folkston 5-Year Community Work Program Update (2021 - 2025)

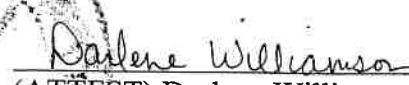
PROJECTS	ESTIMATED COST	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	FUNDING SOURCE	GOAL	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25
HOUSING									
Redevelop housing in declining areas that will facilitate the provision of affordable housing to low and moderate-income families, particularly in the Dixie Lake area, Ed Brown Street, Jones Street, Okefenokee Drive, and other areas of the city	\$1.5 million	City of Folkston	CDBG	2			x	x	x
COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES									
Paving and flood and drainage improvements for Brown Street and Henri Street	\$1.250 million	City of Folkston	CDBG	2			x	x	x

WHEREAS, this document was prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City of Folkston will amend the 2020 Joint Charlton County and Cities of Folkston and Homeland Comprehensive Plan.

It was amended this 18 day of May 2023.


Lee Gowen, Mayor



(ATTEST) Darlene Williamson, City Clerk