

Minutes
CITY OF FOLKSTON
WORK SESSION
June 12, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the City of Folkston met in a work session on June 12, 2023 at 5:30 pm, at City Hall.

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
Patrick Brooks, City Attorney

Visitors: None

E&R / 2022 TAX APPEALS:

A list of 2022 tax appeals that have been approved by the Charlton County Board of Assessors was presented. The tax invoices have been paid in full as billed. The appeals that were approved has created a tax overpayment that will need to be refunded to the owners.

The council will need to vote to approve the E&R tax refunds at the regular meeting.

DPS RECOVERY / DEBT COLLECTIONS

Mayor Gowen stated the city has requested information from DPS Recovery for debt collections for delinquent utility accounts and outstanding police department citations. DPS recovery charges a 30% collection fee that will be charged to the customer in addition to any amount owed to the city. This 30% fee is at no cost to the city.

The council will need to vote to approve the agreement at the regular meeting.

CASH AND INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT POLICY:

Mayor Lee Gowen stated the written Cash and Investment Management Policy is a requirement for auditing purposes. The council will need to vote to approve the policy at the regular meeting.

WATER SEWER UPDATES:

Mr. Lloyd informed the council that the city has requested a water-sewer rate study to be conducted by Georgia Rural Water. Once the rate study is completed the information will be resubmitted to GEFA. The council discussed other possible changes for utility service fees.

MERIDIAN DISPOSAL:

Mr. Lloyd informed the council that he had met with a representative from Meridian Disposal to get information concerning garbage and yard waste collections for the city. After a discussion by the council, Mr. Lloyd recommended to not make any changes with our current service.

GA 40 WATER SEWER:

Mr. Lloyd requested the council to approve a moratorium on water and sewer connections for GA40 and Indian Trail until the four-lane construction project is complete. The city will be required to relocate the water and sewer lines once the construction begins. The council will need to vote on the moratorium at the regular meeting.

The work session ended at 6:30 pm.



Lee Gowen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Darlene Williamson, City Clerk