

**Minutes
CITY OF FOLKSTON
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
March 18, 2024**

Before the meeting Council Member, Rick Carter was sworn into office by City Attorney and Notary Public, Patrick Brooks.

The Mayor and Council of the City of Folkston met in regular session on March 18, 2024 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
Rick Carter
Marion Davis Jr.
Rob Roberson
Bruce Young

Members Absent:

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

Visitors: Jamie Gardner-Charlton County Herald
Kim Bednarek-Executive Director Okefenokee Swamp Park and Adventures
Elaine Bailey

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Mrs. Ruby Baker made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, February 19, 2024 as presented. Mr. Bruce Young seconded the motion and it passed by a 4 to 0 vote. Mrs. Ruby Baker voted Yes, Mr. Marion Davis voted Yes, Mr. Rob Roberson voted Yes, Mr. Bruce Young voted Yes, Mr. Rick Carter abstain.

APPROVE INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENTS

Mr. Rob Roberson made a motion to approve the income and expense statements for February, 2024 as presented. Mrs. Ruby Baker seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Wesley Green stated the police department filed 29 incident reports, investigated 6 accidents and answered 1,845 calls during the month of February 2024.

The police department collected \$13,852.11 in fines and forfeitures; the city's portion is \$11,387.67.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Lloyd stated the resurfacing for Dixie Lake Road is done, the stripping is still needed.

He further stated there may be additional LMIG funds approved by the end of the month. He requested the council to recommend other streets that need to be repaired.

He then informed the council the city is currently testing a GPS and camera system on two city vehicles. If the system proves to be useful for the efficiency and safety of the drivers, he may recommend the council approve the system for all city vehicles.

GEFA LOAN RESOLUTION / LEAD SERVICE LINE PROJECT

Mayor Lee Gowen stated the GEFA Loan resolution is for the Lead Service Line study and replacement. Once the service lines are identified the city will be required to replace the lines. The loan is in the amount not to exceed \$48,600.00. The city has also received a GEFA Grant in the amount of \$93,400.00 for this project.

Mr. Marion Davis made a motion to approve the GEFA Loan Resolution in the amount not to exceed \$48,600.00 for the Lead Service Line Project as presented and to authorize Mayor Lee Gowen to sign any and all documents pertaining to the loan application. Mr. Bruce Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mayor Lee Gowen informed the council that he attended the CDBG 2024 Community Meeting on Ed Brown Street prior to the regular meeting and reported none of the residence from the project area attended the meeting.

He then stated the prison will hold a quarterly meeting on Tuesday, March 19 at 11:30 am at the training center.

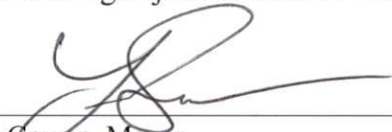
Ms. Kim Bednarek stated there will be a Charlton County community meeting on March 20th at 6:00 pm at the county annex auditorium to discuss the progress of the Okefenokee Swamp, World Heritage Site designation project. She presented information concerning the Company 1433 project, Community Archiving Day to be held on March 30th at the Train Depot Railroad Museum from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Mr. Bruce Young stated that he would like to discuss alcohol package sales in the city and the lose of revenue that the sales would generate. Mayor Gowen stated the issue would need a petition of the citizens to have the issue brought before the council. The issue would then go to the voters to vote whether to allow package stores within the city limits.

ADJOURN:

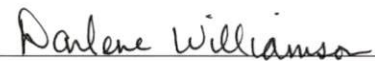
Mr. Bruce Young made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rob Roberson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.



Lee Gowen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Darlene Williamson, City Clerk

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES
RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY**

Recipient: CITY OF FOLKSTON

Loan Number: LSLI2022007

At a duly called meeting of the governing body of the Borrower identified above (the "Borrower") held on the 18th day of MARCH 2024, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borrower has determined to borrow but not to exceed **\$48,600** from the **DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY** (the "Lender") to finance a portion of the costs of acquiring, constructing, and installing the environmental facilities described in Exhibit A to the hereinafter defined Loan Agreement (the "Project"), pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") between the Borrower and the Lender, the form of which has been presented to this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement will be evidenced by a Promissory Note (the "Note") of the Borrower, the form of which has been presented to this meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the forms, terms, and conditions and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Loan Agreement and the Note are hereby approved and authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Loan Agreement and the Note (including the interest rate provisions, which shall be as provided in the Note) are in the best interests of the Borrower for the financing of the Project, and the governing body of the Borrower designates and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Loan Agreement, the Note, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Loan Agreement.

(Signature of Person to Execute Documents)

MAYOR
(Print Title)

Darlene Williamson
(Signature of Person to Attest Documents)

City Clerk
(Print Title)

The undersigned further certifies that the above resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

Dated: 03-19-2024

Darlene Williamson
Secretary/Clerk

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