

Minutes
CITY OF FOLKSTON
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
April 15, 2024

The Mayor and Council of the City of Folkston met in regular session on April 15, 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.
Bruce Young

Members Absent: Rob Roberson

Also Present: Leonard H. Lloyd, City Manager
Darlene Williamson, City Clerk

Visitors: Jamie Gardner-Charlton County Herald
Peggy Smith, CSX Regional Manager Community Affairs and Safety
Kim Collins, CSX Risk Management

Mayor Lee Gowen welcomed the guest. CSX representative, Peggy Smith was present to give an update on the train collision that happened today at the overpass. She commended the city's quick response to the accident. She reported that two cars from each train had derailed. One train was setting still and the other train was traveling north on the same track when the collision occurred. CSX have crews working at the scene and hope to have everything cleaned up and the track back open by noon tomorrow. She then stated that three people were injured, but none of the injuries were life threatening.

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, March 18, 2024 as presented. Mr. Bruce Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVE INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENTS

Mr. Marion Davis made a motion to approve the income and expense statements for March, 2024 as presented. Mr. Rick Carter seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mayor Lee Gowen stated the police department filed 42 incident reports, investigated 17 accidents and answered 2,021 calls during the month of March, 2024. The police department collected \$11,590.60 in fines and forfeitures; the city's portion is \$7,594.04.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Lloyd stated the heavy rains from last week caused a section of pavement to wash out on Gowen Drive. The repairs will include constructing a headwall where the washout occurred, installing larger drain pipes and concrete over the repairs. He then discussed the drainage issues on Kay Street and Martin Street. The ditches need to be leveled and some pipes need to be cleaned out, this should help with the drainage.

The drainage inside city hall has been an issue for several years. The plumbers have determined that there is a break in the drain line and a new line would need to be installed. The city crew will cut a new drain line in the floor from the kitchen across the council room and continue to the back wall to connect to the existing drain line behind city hall. The bathrooms will also be connected to the drain line.

He then continued to report that the Depot building was in need of repairs. The floor in the supply closet by the kitchen and the air conditioner room needed to be replaced. The roof has a leak at the side door on the Depot Street side and the shingles need to be replaced. The repairs have been scheduled.

The CDBG 2024 application for Ed Brown Street has been accepted. The city will not know until later in the year if they will be awarded the \$591,000.00 grant, with the city's match of \$70,000.00 for the project.

The city has been awarded an additional \$72,000.00 in LMIG money from the Department of Transportation for street resurfacing.

APPROVE 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mayor Lee Gowen stated the 2023 budget amendments are for audit purposes. The General fund decreased by \$53,904.00, the water fund increased by \$83,955.00 and the sewer fund decreased by \$10,000.00.

Mr. Marion Davis made a motion to approve the 2023 budget amendments by department and line item as presented. Mr. Bruce Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVE TAX E&R ADJUSTMENTS

Mayor Lee Gowen stated the tax E&R adjustments are the result of tax appeals that have been settled and the change in utility evaluations.

Mr. Bruce Young made a motion to approve the Tax E&R adjustments as presented.

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

APPROVE SAMSARA CAMERA SYSTEM

Mr. Lloyd recommended the purchase of the Samsara Camera System to be installed in every Vehicle. This would be 30 vehicles, at a cost of \$22,800.00 for the first year, second year at \$22,680.00 and third year \$22,680.00. The camera will record the driver and the road traffic. It has GPS tracking and will show the route taken and the time at idle. It can report diagnostic issues on the vehicle to help with maintenance, before larger issues develop.

Mr. Marion Davis made a motion to approve the purchase of the Samsara Camera System, not to exceed the cost of \$22,800.00. Mr. Rick Carter seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

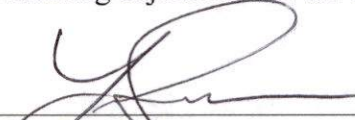
GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Chamber Director, Mrs. Melodey Martindale informed the council that she and Mr. Lloyd are working on updating the Hotel/Motel tax agreement and the agreement for the budgeted monthly revenue the chamber receives from the city. She then stated the Chamber has 89 members and continues to increase. She reminded the council of the Chamber luncheon at the Depot on May 20th, for the city and county employees.

ADJOURN:

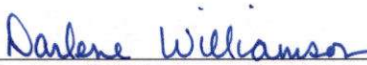
Mr. Marion Davis made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rick Carter seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.



Lee Gowen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Darlene Williamson, City Clerk

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Meloday Martindale

Kim Collins

Peggy Smith