

**Minutes  
CITY OF FOLKSTON  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
February 17, 2020**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Folkston met in regular session on February 17, 2020 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.  
Rob Roberson  
Bruce Young

**Members Absent:** Stanley Golaszewski

**Also Present:** Leonard H. Lloyd, City Manager  
Darlene Williamson, Clerk  
Wesley Green, Chief of Police  
Patrick Brooks, City Attorney  
Marla Ogletree, Charlton County Herald

**Visitors:** Brittany Green

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

The council was presented the minutes from the January 13, 2020 regular meeting.

**Mr. Young made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Roberson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

**APPROVE INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENTS**

**Mrs. Baker made a motion to approve the January 2020 income and expense statements as presented. Mr. Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Green stated the police department filed 34 incident reports, investigated 6 accidents and answered 1048 calls during the month of January 2020. The police department collected \$8,632.00; the city's portion is \$6,188.97 of the fines and forfeitures collected.

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**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

The council was given a copy of the notes from the Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting for the Spanish Creek Watershed Management Plan, held on February 11, 2020. Mr. Lloyd stated the city will participate in the monitoring procedures there will be five sites tested for one year.

**APPROVE TAX E&R**

Mrs. Williamson informed the council that the city has received the 2019 Tax E&R adjustments for the Utility Companies and a few personal properties (list attached).

**Mrs. Baker made a motion to approve the E&R adjustments as presented. Mr. Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Mr. Young made a motion to proceed into executive session to discuss employment, periodic evaluation and /or compensation of personnel. Mrs. Baker seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

The meeting went into executive session at 6:40 pm.


Mayor Gowen declared the meeting back in open session at 6:52 pm.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

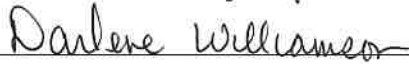
**ADJOURN:**

**Mrs. Baker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

  
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Lee Gowen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Darlene Williamson, City Clerk





# Developing a Nine Element EPA Watershed Management Plan for Spanish Creek in Charlton County

## Citizen's Advisory Committee, Meeting #2

February 11, 2020, 6:00-7:30 PM  
Charlton County, County Annex  
68 Kingsland Drive, Folkston, GA

### NOTES

Copy of PowerPoint slides are attached with these notes as "**Committee Mtg-PPT Slides\_021120.pdf**"

#### I. **Water Quality Monitoring**

- Reviewed planned sampling locations / Monitoring Plan
  - Committee was fine with the five monitoring locations selected in previous mtg.
  - For monitoring plans, those sampling will have a sheet with them to fill out to identify if anything they observe might indicate high bacteria levels (e.g., odors, dead animals, etc). Also, there will be a blank sample that they bring with them to help determine if any sample is contaminated during sampling or transport.
  - Rob followed up with Reid Jackson at EPD on 2/12/20 regarding sampling from County Pond and he said it is best to sample before water enters the pond. If that is not accessible, then to go to the point closest to where it enters Spanish Creek instead of sampling right at the road crossing.
- Reviewed additional sampling results in Spanish Creek Watershed
  - In general, when sampling events were right after large rainfall events (1+ inches), there were higher hits of bacteria.
  - Bacteria sampling, as grab samples, has high variability associated with it, so upstream and downstream samples did not always correspond to each other.

#### II. **Schedule (Other Ongoing Grant Activities During this Period)**

- Water Quality Sampling
  - First winter event on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in late March.
  - Summer sampling will take place in June-August
- River Clean-up at two County-owned public river accesses on Earth Day – 4/25/2020
  - Encourage participation through social media and networks. We will have more information at the next meeting in April (14<sup>th</sup>).
- Quarterly newspaper/website updates
  - County Website is active and will be updated with Meeting notes/summaries
- Bi-monthly updates at BOC, City Councils, SMRK, SMRMC

#### III. **Watershed Characterization**

- A few general characteristics of this watershed for the portion that lies in Georgia
  - The largest Land Use is "Agricultural/Forestry" at 91.0% followed by "Residential" at 3.5%.
  - About 20% of the watershed is wetlands, and the majority of those (94.8%) are "Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetlands"

- 84.5% of the watershed is not in a Flood Zone (X-zone), while 15.3% is within an “A” or “AE” Flood Zone (1% chance flood per year; 100-year flood zone)
- Only 3.1% of the watershed is in a groundwater recharge zone. In this case it is “Miocene/Pliocene Recent Unconfined”
- Most of the soils in this watershed are “poorly drained” followed by “very poorly drained” and “somewhat poorly drained”
- Most of the soils in this watershed have high water tables (<12 inches from the surface).

#### **IV. Review of Previous Plans**

- GMC reviewed pollutant sources and management strategies from the 2002 TMDL Implementation Plan to give context of what thoughts and plans were 18 years ago.
  - NPDES Discharges from WWTP was on the list in 2002, but it is likely a smaller contributor now because since 2005, they began disinfecting.

#### **V. Brainstorming Session – Pollutant Sources & Management Measures**

- Pollutant Sources identified from previous meeting
  - Wildlife
  - Debris and trash in ditches flushed during rain events
  - Beaver Dams in Long Branch (low DO)
  - Potentially development west of County Pond/Sardis Rd
  - Dumping of animal carcasses/septic waste/etc at bridges
  - Failing septic systems
- Additional/new pollutant sources discussed:
  - Dog/fox pens that were located just downstream of where Long Branch merges with Spanish Creek. They were there for decades and fed with excess food from restaurants for years. They were gone by 2017, so this might be a large pollutant source that is no longer present.
  - There are a few areas where cows have access to the River, mostly on Clay Branch near Gibson Post Road. But several others have good buffers in place between grazing areas and the creek.
  - There are very limited areas with agriculture, so this is not as much of a concern.
  - There does not seem to be many areas with streambank erosion in this watershed
  - Runoff from developed/urban areas
- Discussion of new ideas for Management Strategies
  - Buffers
  - Ordinances

Next Meeting – April 14, 2020

For 2019 tax year

**Utilities Public Utilities were received after the 2019 Digest was approved**

Bill Number	Taxpayer	Amount Due Before	Adjustment	Amount Due After
2019 33	AT&T Communications	5.00	-0.54	4.46
2019 36	Atlanta Gas Light Co	3,270.51	-183.56	3,086.95
2019 191	CenturyLink Communications	133.14	-34.61	98.53
2019 286	CSX Transportation Inc	15,701.04	1,191.98	16,893.02
2019 343	Dukenet Communications LLC	26.42	-2.64	23.78
2019 348	Earthlink Business LLC	14.48	-5.19	9.29
2019 499	Georgia Power Company	6,406.98	463.73	6,870.71
2019 500	Georgia Windstream Inc	3,369.32	-186.45	3,182.87
2019 868	MCI Telecommunications Services Inc	114.96	121.48	236.44
2019 961	Okefenokee Rural EMC	446.26	11.86	446.26
2019 1174	Sprint Communication Company	10.65	1.10	11.74

Bill Number	Taxpayer	Amount Due Before	Adjustment	Amount Due After
2019 472	Gantt Enterprises - Settled Appeal	710.81	-204.35	506.46
2019 16	William and Mary Allen - House burned 2018	366.85	-318.70	48.15

<b>Total for E&amp;R Adjustments</b>		<b>30,209.57</b>	<b>854.11</b>	<b>31,370.51</b>
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**Insolvent - Unable to collect**

Bill Number	Taxpayer	Amount Due Before	Adjustment	
2015 847	Lloyd's Auto Electric Inventory/Equipment	27.43	-27.43	Out of business
2014 634	Huddle House Inventory/Equipment	61.92	-61.92	Out of business
2008 565	Latitia Bianka Harvey / Real Property	54.71	-54.71	Bankruptcy
2009 611	Latitia Bianka Harvey / Real Property	44.83	-44.83	Bankruptcy
2010 613	Latitia Bianka Harvey / Real Property	44.83	-44.83	Bankruptcy
2011 595	Latitia Bianka Harvey / Real Property	48.05	-48.05	Bankruptcy
2012 601	Latitia Bianka Harvey / Real Property	48.05	-48.05	Bankruptcy
2013 598	Latitia Bianka Harvey / Real Property	30.83	-30.83	Bankruptcy
2014 326	AA Ready Mix Inventory/Equipment	410.00	-410.00	Bankruptcy
2015 2	AA Ready Mix Inventory/Equipment	359.98	-359.98	Bankruptcy
2016 2	AA Ready Mix Inventory/Equipment	343.87	-343.87	Bankruptcy
2017 2	AA Ready Mix Inventory/Equipment	133.00	-133.00	Bankruptcy
2018 1	AA Ready Mix Inventory/Equipment	129.22	-129.22	Bankruptcy
2014 103	Folkston Pro Wash Inventory/Equipment	166.15	-166.15	Bankruptcy
2015 110	Folkston Pro Wash Inventory/Equipment	147.51	-147.51	Bankruptcy
2016 116	Folkston Pro Wash Inventory/Equipment	139.95	-139.95	Bankruptcy
2017 111	Folkston Pro Wash Inventory/Equipment	125.50	-125.50	Bankruptcy
2018 107	Folkston Pro Wash Inventory/Equipment	131.86	-131.86	Bankruptcy
2015 3	AA Ready Mix / Real Property	741.63	-741.63	Bankruptcy
2016 3	AA Ready Mix / Real Property	700.54	-700.54	Bankruptcy
2017 3	AA Ready Mix / Real Property	656.40	-656.40	Bankruptcy
2018 2	AA Ready Mix / Real Property	677.98	-677.98	Bankruptcy
<b>Total for Insolvent</b>		<b>5,224.24</b>	<b>-5,224.24</b>	

Total for E&R and Insolvent

-4,370.13