

**Minutes
City of Folkston
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 21, 2022**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Folkston met in regular session on March 21, 2022 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.
Jim Gowen
Bruce Young**

Members Absent: **Rob Roberson**

Also Present: **Leonard H. Lloyd, City Manager
Darlene Williamson, City Clerk
Patrick Brooks, City Attorney**

Visitors: Jamison Guice, Charlton County Herald, Deborah Young
and Natasha Donley

AGENDA

**Mrs. Ruby Baker 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 the February 21, 2022
Regular Meeting as presented. Mr. Jim Gowen seconded the motion and it passed
by unanimous vote.**

APPROVE INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENTS

**Mr. Bruce Young made a motion to approve the income and expense statements for
February, 2022 as presented. Mr. Marion Davis seconded the motion and it passed
by unanimous vote.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Green stated the police department filed 31 incident reports, investigated 6 accidents and answered 1,287 calls during the month of January 2022. The police department collected \$13,771.00 in fines and forfeitures; the city's portion is \$10,223.33.

Chief Green informed the council that the individual who had broken into the Church of God, the First Baptist Church and the Okefenokee Restaurant has been arrested. The individual had also broken into a church twice in Nassau County.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Lloyd informed the council that the city received the Georgia Power franchise check in the amount of \$144,873.73.

Mr. Lloyd stated the city is waiting on the parts for the drainage repairs at the intersection of Main Street and Tower Street.

DANA O'QUINN / OKEFENOKEE CHAMBER

Dana O'Quinn was not present.

APPROVE LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

Mayor Lee Gowen stated that the library is requesting that Becky Coleman and Bill Joiner be reappointed to the board for the term of three years.

Mr. Jim Gowen made a motion to approve Becky Coleman and Bill Joiner as city representatives for the Library Board. Mr. Bruce Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVE CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ARPA-SFRF GRANT

Mayor Lee Gowen informed the council that the city is required to open a noninterest bearing checking account for the American Rescue Plan Act – State Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA-SFRF) grant that the city was awarded. The grant is for the renovation of the wastewater infrastructure.

Mr. Bruce Young made a motion to approve the checking account at the Southeastern Bank for the ARPA-SFRF Grant. Mr. Jim Gowen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mrs. Deborah Young stated she is running for the school board district #1 this election. She wanted to introduce herself and stated her qualifications for the position.

Mrs. Natasha Donley thanked Mayor Gowen for the proclamation given to her at the Black History program on February 27th. She then stated that the plans for this year's Junetenth celebration is under way and she would present the details at a later date.

ADJOURN

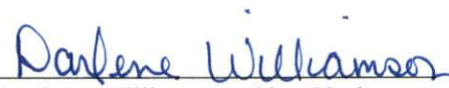
Mr. Bruce Young made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jim Gowen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting closed at 6:45 pm.

ATTEST:



Lee Gowen, Mayor



Darlene Williamson, City Clerk

