

Minutes
CITY OF FOLKSTON
WORK SESSION
May 10, 2021

The Mayor and Council of the City of Folkston met in a work session on May 10, 2021 at City Hall.

Members Present: Lee Gowen, Mayor
Ruby Baker
Jim Gowen
Bruce Young

Members Absent: Marion Davis Jr.
Rob Roberson

Also Present: Leonard H. Lloyd, City Manager
Hali Coffey, Deputy Clerk
Patrick Brooks, City Attorney

Visitors: Dana O'Quinn, Okefenokee Chamber, Kimberly Mitchell, Natasha Donley and Paster Terrance Pender

DANA O'QUINN / OKEFENOKEE CHAMBER:

Dana O'Quinn stated the Okefenokee Festival has been rescheduled to October 9th and 10th due to the car show having a conflict with October 16.

She informed the council that she is applying for an Explore Georgia Grant for tourism recovery. The grant has a minimum amount of \$5,000.00 up to \$100,000.00 available.

The farmer's market will be May 22nd and will only be once a month thereafter.

She further stated August 28, 2021 will be Ag Day and the event will be held at the high school Ag barn.

Plans for Halloween on Main Street are underway.

The Historical Society will be holding summer education events once a month inside the museum for adults and children. The first education day will be in June.

The new chamber signs on US1 have been installed.

NATASHA DONLEY / JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION:

Natasha Donley presented information on the plans to hold an event on June 19th, 2021 to celebrate and educate the community about Juneteenth, the oldest known celebration of the ending of Slavery. Ms. Donley stated the committee would like to hold the event on the Depot grounds. Activities and food will be a part of the celebration.

The council agreed to allow the event to be held at the Depot grounds and instructed Ms. Donley to work with Mrs. O'Quinn about the details.

RILEY PROPERTY MIZELL STREET – REQUEST VARIANCE:

Mayor Gowen presented a request for variance from Denzil and Jacqueline Riley to place a 16 X 40 feet mobile structure that will be converted into a cabin/cottage for use as a vacation home.

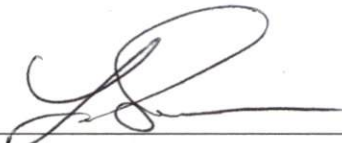
The property is located at 105 Mizell Street. Mr. Riley has submitted signatures from the surrounding neighbors stating they have no issues with the mobile structure.

The council will need to vote on the request at the regular meeting.

Bruce Young entered the meeting at 5:16 pm.

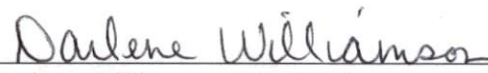
Paster Terrance Pender stated there was a bad hole on Pinewood Street that needs to be filled in. Bruce Young stated there are bushes growing at the corner of Sixth Street and Martin Street that are obstructing the view and need to be trimmed back.

The work session ended at 5:18 pm.



Lee Gowen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Darlene Williamson, City Clerk

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Please Sign In

Please Print

Dana O'Quinn

Kimberly Mitchell

Matasha Donley

Terance Rencher

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