

Minutes
CITY OF FOLKSTON
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
March 18, 2019

The Mayor and Council of the City of Folkston met in regular session on March 18, 2019 at City Hall.

Mayor Gowen called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. He gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: Lee Gowen, Mayor
Ruby Baker
Marion Davis Jr.
Stanley Golaszewski
Rob Roberson
Bruce Young

Members Absent:

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

Visitors: Matt Gardner, Charlton County Herald
Ed Gilchrist

AGENDA

Mayor Gowen requested the agenda be amended by removing number 1 under old business, zoning variance request/Allen Nelson and adding item number 4 under new business, four-way stop at Pinewood and Sixth Street. Also add Executive Session following general discussion.

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

MINUTES

The council was presented the minutes from the February 11, 2019 Work Session and February 18, 2019 Regular Meeting.

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

APPROVE INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENTS

Mrs. Baker made a motion to approve the February 2019 income and expense statements as presented. Mr. Golaszewski seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Green informed the council that the police department filed 33 incident reports, investigated 8 accidents and answered 830 calls during the month of February 2019. The police department collected \$12,734.00; the city's portion is \$9,819.00 of the fines and forfeitures collected.

The new patrol car ordered in 2018 should be ready by the end of the week.

The police department is still taking applications for a new officer.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Lloyd stated the repairs at the rail platform have been completed.

The installation for the new vinyl fence at city hall started today.

The EPD water evaluation report has been completed.

There will be a meeting in April with USDA to review the sewer project financing.

***APPROVE LICENSE FOR LIQUOR / CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES FOR LOS 3 MARIACHIS MEXICAN RESTAURANT**

Mayor Gowen informed the council that Los 3 Mariachis Mexican Restaurant has met all the requirements of the ordinance to purchase a liquor license.

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the liquor license for consumption on premises for Los 3 Mariachis Mexican Restaurant. Mr. Golaszewski seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

***WATER DEPARTMENT SURPLUS**

Mr. Lloyd informed the council that the surplus is a collection of galvanized pipe fittings that the city no longer uses, estimated value \$2,862.00. All of the pipe and fittings are now PVC.

Mr. Roberson made a motion to declare the galvanized pipe fittings as surplus. Mr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

***FOUR-WAY STOP SIGN**

Mayor Gowen requested the council to approve a four-way stop at the intersection of Pinewood Street and Sixth Street due to speeding and accidents in that area.

Mr. Golaszewski made a motion to approve the four-way stop at the intersection of Pinewood Street and Sixth Street. Mr. Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Gowen stated there will be a ribbon cutting at the new school board building tomorrow, March 19 at 4:30 PM.

Dixie McGurn is hosting a business after hours, kick off for rail watch weekend on April 5th at her caboose rental located on Railroad Street.

Mayor Gowen informed the council that Dawn Allen has declined the appointment to the library board at this time.

Mr. Ed Gilchrist approached the council with his concern about zoning for property owned by Southern Poverty Law Center located on Main Street. Mr. Gilchrist made a complaint of the amount of traffic at the house.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Gowen requested an executive session to discuss potential litigation.

Mr. Davis made a motion to proceed into executive session to discuss potential litigation. Mrs. Baker seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting went into executive session at 6:55 PM.


Mayor Gowen declared the meeting back in open session at 7:15 PM.

No action was taken during the executive session.

ADJOURN:


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

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.



Lee Gowen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Darlene Williamson, City Clerk