

**Minutes  
City of Folkston  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
July 19, 2021**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Folkston met in regular session on July 19, 2021 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  
                                  Rob Roberson  
                                  Bruce Young

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

**Visitors:** Marla Ogletree with Charlton County Herald

**AGENDA**

Mayor Gowen informed the council that the agenda needs to be amended by adding an executive session to discuss employment, periodic evaluation and /or compensation of personnel.

**Mr. Young made a motion to approve the amended agenda as presented.**

**Mr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

**MINUTES**

**Mrs. Baker made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 21, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. Mr. Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

**APPROVE INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENTS**

**Mr. Young made a motion to approve the June 2021 income and expense statements as presented. Mr. Gowen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The police department filed 36 incident reports, investigated 9 accidents and answered 1376 calls during the month of June 2021. The police department collected \$16,085.00 in fines and forfeitures; the city's portion is \$10,916.97.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Lloyd stated the bids for the Main Street project will be opened August 4, 2021 at 11:00 AM. The bid opening for the Clay Branch lift station project will be July 21, 2021 at 11:00 AM.

The city has been approved for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant in the amount of \$940,500.00. The funds will be held and used toward the renovation of the sewer treatment-facility. A meeting is scheduled on July 29, 2021 with Environmental Protection Division (EPD); a representative with the wastewater permitting department in Atlanta; the city engineer, Marcus Sack; Mayor Gowen and City Manager, Pender Lloyd to discuss the wastewater project.

### **\*APPROVE PURCHASE OF GARBAGE TRUCK**

Mayor Gowen recommended the council approve the purchase of the garbage truck in the amount of \$164,993.60 without the metal surcharge and without reeving cylinder. This is the only garbage truck available with the equipment that the city requires to empty the style of garbage cans the city uses. No other quotes were submitted by other dealers. The garbage truck is an emergency purchase at this time.

**Mr. Gowen made a motion to approve the purchase of the garbage truck in the amount of \$164,993.60 to include delivery; and the additional cost for the metal surcharge and reeving cylinder. Mr. Roberson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

### **2022 BUDGET**

Mr. Lloyd informed the council of the need to increase the garbage fee and trash fee. He stated the Camden County landfill fees for yard debris is currently \$19.29 per ton. The average load the city will haul is 3 to 3.5 tons. The last garbage fee increase was in 2004, the budget will be short if the fees are not increased.

**Mr. Davis made a motion to increase the fees \$6.00 to be split between the garbage and trash. After a discussion Mr. Davis amended his motion.**

**Mr. Davis made a motion to increase the garbage fee by \$1.50 and the trash fee by \$1.50 effective immediately and to have another increase of \$1.50 for garbage fee and \$1.50 for trash fee to be effective January 1, 2022. Mr. Young seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.**

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Mayor Gowen informed the council the prison is still working to find a customer for the facility.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Mr. Davis 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 7:05 pm.  
Mayor Gowen declared the meeting back in open session at 7:13 pm.  
No action was taken during the Executive Session.

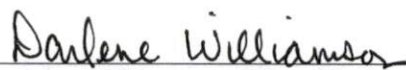
**ADJOURN**

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

**The meeting closed at 7:13 pm.**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lee Gowen, Mayor

  
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Darlene Williamson, City Clerk





STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF CHARLTON

AFFIDAVIT RE: CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETINGS

The undersigned presiding officer, under oath certifies that at the meeting of the Mayor and City Council for the City of Folkston ("City") on July 19, 2021, the City Council closed its meeting as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Georgia. The legal exception(s) applicable to the exempt matters addressed during such closed meeting is/are checked below:

(Check or initial as appropriate)

- To discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(6)]
- To discuss the future acquisition of real estate; [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4)]
- To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial action brought or to be brought by or against the City or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2]
- Staff meetings for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law; [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(1)]
- Tax matters made confidential by state law; [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2]
- Inspection of physical facilities under the jurisdiction of the Agency; [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-1(a)(2)]
- Meeting with a governing body, officer, agent or employee of another agency at a location outside the geographical jurisdiction of the City or such other agency and at which no final action is taken. [O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-1(a)(2)]

I certify that the subject matter of the closed meeting or the closed portion of this meeting was devoted to matters of official business or policy within the exceptions provided by law as set forth above.

Sworn to and subscribed before  
Me on this the 19 day of  
July, 2021.

Darlene Williamson  
Notary Public



