

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – December 6, 2016

The Foley City Council held a regular meeting on December 6, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Foley City Hall.

Members Present: Mayor Dave Mosford, Councilmembers Gerard Bettendorf, Brian Weis, Kris du'Monceaux and Leslie LeCuyer.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion by Bettendorf, seconded by Weis, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, unanimous.

Consent Agenda

Motion by du'Monceaux, seconded by Bettendorf, to approve the consent agenda, which included the following:

- Approving the minutes of November 15, 2016.
- Accepting bid from Adam Foss on 1990 Chevy Dump Truck.
- Accepting bid from Jack Kemble for 1995 721 Case Loader.
- Adopting Resolution #2016-26 Accepting Donation.
- Adopting Resolution #2016-28 Supporting Safe Routes to School.
- Approving payment of bills paid for by checks #49194-#49264.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Police Union Contract

City Administrator Brunn gave an overview of the police union contract and indicated the contract has been approved by the union members. City Attorney Pamela Steckman, reviewed the language items and that a number of the terms are a reflection of the city's existing personnel policy. Motion by LeCuyer, seconded by du'Monceaux, to approve the contract. Motion carried, unanimous.

Discussion on 2017 Water/Sewer Rates

City Administrator Brunn outlined the water/sewer expenditures and the need to increase rates to support operations and capital reinvestment. Public Works Director Mark Pappenfus agreed and commented on the need to support activities and upcoming projects.

Motion by du'Monceaux, seconded by Bettendorf, to adopt Code of Ordinances 424 and Code of Ordinances 425 Water Charges and Sewer Rates. Motion carried, unanimous.

Mayor Comments & Open Forum

Delroy Kampa, 540 4th Avenue N, expressed concern over the increase in water and sewer rate increases.

Department Reports

Chief Katie McMillin updated the council on the monthly law enforcement activity report.

Public Works Director Pappenfus indicated things in the public works department have been quiet and staff did clean carpets in the city hall.

Pappenfus updated the council on the I/I project and indicated a need to continue follow-up on non-compliant properties. The allowed contract amount for S.E.H. has been reached and council direction is needed. Pappenfus also indicated many properties need re-inspections. LeCuyer questioned the total contract amount and costs to finish the re-inspections. Brunn indicated the need to continue progress before assessing penalties. Bettendorf indicated a need to move forward and complete the project. There was discussion on the sump pumps discharging to the street. The council also discussed the process of implementing fines. Pappenfus indicated staff will assist in some of the re-inspections when possible. The council directed staff to proceed with re-inspections and authorize the additional engineering expenditures and if a new contract is needed to bring that item to a later meeting.

Pappenfus indicated bids closed on the fire truck for a total of \$3,751. Motion by LeCuyer, seconded by Bettendorf, to authorize the sale of the truck to the highest bidder.

City Administrator Brunn updated the council on a “Citizen of the Year” program being considered by the Chamber. The Chamber is requesting these awards be displayed in City Hall. The council indicated no concerns to allow the display of these awards.

Brunn gave an overview of a proposal from the Benton County Assessor’s Office on providing assessing services for the City of Foley beginning the next cycle in spring of 2017. Costs were reviewed. Motion by Mosford, seconded by Bettendorf, to accept the county contract for assessing services from May 1, 2017, through April 30, 2022. Motion carried, unanimous.

Brunn updated the council on the hiring process for the Accounting & Administrative Clerk. Brunn indicated interviews will be conducted by the department heads and the personnel committee will also be reviewing applications. Bettendorf indicated a desire to review applications as well. LeCuyer offered to step down on the personnel committee on this item and allow Bettendorf to participate.

Brunn provided a proposed 2017 council meeting calendar and asked members to review it and let City Hall know if there are any concerns.

2017 Truth-In-Taxation Public Hearing

Mosford recessed the regular city council meeting to conduct the public hearing on the 2017 Tax Levy. Brunn overviewed the 2017 levy and taxes. No one spoke for or against the proposed tax levy for 2017. Mosford reconvened the regular city council meeting.

Motion by Bettendorf, seconded by Weis, to adopt Resolution 2016-27 Adopting 2017 Levy. Motion carried, unanimous.

Old Business

Du'Monceaux asked if the council would like to discuss the recording of council meetings. LeCuyer indicated support over recording the meetings. Costs were discussed. Bettendorf indicated concerns over the expense versus the value of the service and if a lot of people will actually view the meetings. Bettendorf would like to see individuals actually attend the meetings. LeCuyer indicated having recordings of the meeting available is a good way to have everyone have access to the information. LeCuyer indicated support of the \$190/meeting option of having the meetings recorded. du'Monceaux asked if hits or access to

the meetings could be tracked. There was discussion on the pros and cons. Mosford asked if any audience members had comments. Delroy Kampa, 540 4th Avenue N, commented on how the paper covers the meetings. Motion by LeCuyer, seconded by du'Monceaux, to authorize services from Kalton Communications for 6 months of council meeting recording at \$190/meeting. Bettendorf indicated preference to let the new council decide. LeCuyer, du'Monceaux - aye, Mosford, Weis, Bettendorf - nay. Motion failed.

New Business

Brunn presented plaques to outgoing councilmember Leslie LeCuyer and Mayor Dave Mosford.

Motion by LeCuyer, seconded by Bettendorf, to adjourn. Motion carried, unanimous.

Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator