

CITY OF FOLEY MINNESOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – March 1, 2016

The March 1, 2016 City Council meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. at City Hall. Members Present: Mayor Dave Mosford, Council members Kris du'Monceaux, Brian Weis, Leslie LeCuyer and Gerard Bettendorf.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve the agenda - Motion by Bettendorf, seconded by Weis to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Comments: Chief McMillin stated the Department is initiating an Officer of the Month program, a different Officer will attend the first meeting of the next seven months to introduce themselves to the Council and public. The department will work with the paper to get their picture in the paper so citizens can become more familiar with the City of Foley Police Department. Officer Josh Lindgren introduced himself indicating that he has been with the Foley Police Department for just over a year as a part time officer. He is employed full time at St. Cloud State as a Public Safety Officer; his family has been in law enforcement and he enjoys both of his positions. He is planning to obtain his masters in law enforcement. A few comments and questions took place.

Nancy Kampa and Bonnie Heck then gave an overview of Foley Fun Days scheduled for June 20, 21 & 22 with a theme of Fishing & Hunting. There were various questions and comments that covered programs, games and a parade, as in years past, on City Streets of Foley, which was supported by the Council.

Elisa Efterfield, representing Catholic Charities gave an overview of the Meals on Wheels in Foley operated out of Dewey Place every weekday. She covered that March is Community Champions Month and invited Council members to partake March 21 – 24th.

Motion by Bettendorf, seconded by duMonceaux to approve the consent agenda items: minutes of Feb. 16th, sale of '93 Chev 3500 Truck/Grass Rig, closing of 3rd Avenue by MLVC April 9th 7:30 am to 1:00, application to DHS on Well Head Protection Plan and payment of the bills list.

Water Treatment & System Plan. Jon Halter, City Engineer and Pappenfus, Public Works Director, gave an overview on the water testing at the wells; the aim is to understand the components and determine appropriate treatment. This combined with a system analysis will enable a capital plan to be completed. The funding for the work is to be from the water fund. Motion was made by LeCuyer, seconded by duMonceaux to approve the Water testing & system plan as proposed by SEH. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Police: Chief McMillin reported that there were 255 calls in February; drug incidents and gun permits are up. Council member Weis inquired about a suspicious activity which the Chief indicated would be looked into.

Public Works: Pappenfus, reported that work is progressing on the inflow and infiltration with Council updates planned for April. Also indicated was the department attendance at the annual conference & school for water.

City Engineer: Halter provided an update on the 4th Avenue project. He and Pappenfus met with the owners of the Brickhouse to discuss the proposed sidewalk with the owners. The owners wishing to further consider the standard concrete or being assessed for the brick replacement as options; other project details were covered: plan review by County, variance request to MNDOT, anticipated council plan approval on April 5th with a BID award in May.

City Attorney: Ripple reported that the County is proposing changes to the agreement for the 4th Ave and Dewey reconstruction project; he anticipates it will be completed on time.

Public Hearing – Wine License TJ’s Coffee Shop: Mayor Mosford opened the public hearing at 5:32. Jackie Talberg representing TJ’s presented that they plan to hold regular event gatherings 4 to 6 times a year. The Mayor called for additional comments, hearing none, the public hearing was closed. Motion made by LeCuyer, seconded by duMonceaux to approve the issuance of the Wine Licensee. Motion carried.

Administrator: Barbian reported Vanessa Jonckowski would be coming back to manage the pool for the 2016 season and that life guards and instructors will be recruited again in the near future. Also covered was the Personnel Committee meeting to work on Council decorum and procedures; Also, the Housing Board meeting reviewed the Rental Licensee requirement and compliance giving added weight to the rental unit condition over Crime Free Certification.

Open Forum There were no comments.

LeCuyer inquired about Geronimo Energy and expressed an interest in exploring how solar energy could benefit Foley and the businesses of Foley. Weis summarized the subscription offered to the City by the Company with a 1 cent per kilowatt savings. Also covered was the proposed garden at the intersection of Hwy 23 and 4.

No new or old business.

Motion made by LeCuyer, seconded by Weis to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Robert Barbian, Administrator