CITY OF FOLEY MINNESOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – May 3, 2016

The May 3, 2016 City Council meeting was called to order at 5:30 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 – Mosford called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Bettendorf, seconded by Weis to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Comments & Open Forum:
Bob & Deb Cross, 261 Balsam Drive, spoke to the Council about promoting bee keeping in the City limits and modifying the City Ordinance to allow greater latitude in the rules. They stated that Foley Ordinances require that all bee hives must be 300' from all property lines which essentially eliminates the keeping of bees for most of the lots in the City. The Cross's spoke of the benefits of allowing bees and bee hives in the City. They were directed to speak to the Planning Commission.

Chad & Kelly Thomas, 201 Norman Ave S, requested that the City Council consider allowing chickens in the City. They spoke about how they see this as an educational opportunity for the family and that they would like to keep chickens for pets. They see keeping chickens similar to having a dog, only easier. They were asked to take their request to the Planning Commission.

Motion was made by Bettendorf, seconded by duMonceaux to approve the consent agenda items: April 5th minutes, April 19th Board of Equalization minutes, Resolution 2016-11Directing Summary Publication of Ord # 423 To Allow Housing in the Central Business District, Appointment of Election Judges: Karen Kampa, Lou DeMarais, Mary Ann Grow, Jan Nathe, Stephen Bartell, Judy Weis and Evelyn Kirby and Payment of the list of bills.

Subscription to Solar Garden, Geronimo Energy:
Mayor Mosford introduced Kurt Seestrom representing Geronimo Energy. Mr. Seestrom provided an overview of Geronimo Energy, solar gardens and how the subscription program works. He highlighted the saving of one cent per kilowatt of energy used with a subscription. Various questions and discussion took place covering the no cost subscription, 25 year contract, contract rights/obligations, MN League of Cities contract draft and limited time offering. Motion was made by Mosford, seconded by duMonceaux to have the Geronimo Energy contract reviewed and modified by the City Attorney and brought back to the June Council meeting for consideration.

Personnel Committee: The Statement of Values, Rules of Order, Decorum and Meeting Guidelines for the public were summarized by Barbian. A motion was made by duMonceaux, seconded by Bettendorf to approve the Statement of Values, Rules of Order, Decorum and Meeting Guidelines as the drafted edits reflect. Discussion commenced. Weis indicated that he would like number 8 and 9 included in the draft, which reflects time limits for Council member comments on a topic and requires the City Administrator provide approval before a Council member could contact the City Attorney or City Engineer. Mosford agreed. LeCuyer indicated that these points are covered in the Statement of Values in a similar fashion and pointed out

where to find these items in the documents. Discussion occurred. The vote was called. Motion carried with Mosford and Weis voting no.

Consideration on the purchase of two 1 ton pickup trucks: Mark Pappenfus presented the quotes received for the two trucks. The quotes are from Murphy Chevrolet, Foley and Country Chevrolet, Annandale. Pappenfus recommended purchasing the trucks from Murphy Chevrolet, the dump body at 29,661.00 to include additional equipment of 12,858.00 by others and the regular Cab at 29,730.00 adding a plow at 7,326.14 totaling 37,056.

Motion was made by Bettendorf, seconded by Weis to accept the quote from Murphy Chevrolet for the two one ton trucks, Crystal Truck Equipment for the plow and Northcentral truck for the dump body. Motion Carried.

Department Reports:
Police: Chief McMillin reported that the Emergency Management Plan is complete and going to the Public Safety Committee for review on the 9th and then to the Council. The Chief reported that drug calls and yard complaints are up. She reported that with Officer Abbott on leave shifts are being filled with the part time officers; and officer training is taking place.

Public Works: Pappenfus reported that Park Shelters are being painting, the pool mechanical room tuck pointing is being completed, the pool bottom was not as bad as thought and would be repaired. Also covered, was the DHS grant received to implement the well head protection plan, 4th Ave. South 2015 street project being prepared for the final wear course and that that the 4th Ave S. project is on schedule for an award at the June meeting. A sewer back up was reported and an insurance claim opened. Ron Youso commented that the Public Works response time was great, about 12 minutes. He then went on to express concern regarding the damage, what happened and the impact of the damages.

City Attorney: Ripple reported that questions on the status of the Police Union have come up. He explained that the Bureau of Mediation Services, a MN State office is responsible for designating or certifying the status of a Union and the City of Foley Police Union has been certified. They are represented by Minnesota Public Employees Association. He went on to explain that the contract is being negotiated and upon completion, officer dues would begin to be collected. Questions on the contract negotiation time line, revisions to City Personal Policies and review of the step scale came up. It was indicated that a specific time line for the Union Contract is not likely to exist and the Council may need to plan accordingly.

Administrator: Barbian reported that individuals interested in running for local office are to file with the City between August 2nd thru the 16th. The Planning Commission meeting is May 9th at 6:30 and Public Safety at 5:00. Liquor License, Cigarette License and gambling permits are in process. The County Administrator would like to meet to discuss funding for the new Economic Development organization. The hiring process for the Communications/Administrative Assistant and the Accounting & Administrative Positions was reviewed, the Council is ranking applicants after-which Mosford, LeCuyer and Barbian are to schedule the balance of the process, interviews etc.

Open Forum: Del Roy Kampa 540 4th Ave. North expressed that the signs on the corner of Highway 23 and Broadway Ave. are a vision hazard and something should be done about them. He also expressed that he did not think loosening the bee ordinance was a good idea as some

people including his nephew are allergic to bee stings and can have a significant reaction. Pappenfus responded the sign on HWY 23 is a MNDOT issues as the sign is on private property.

There was no Old Business, New Business or Mayor communications.

Motion made by Bettendorf, seconded by Weis to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

_____ Robert Barbian, Administrator