

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – February 7, 2017

The Foley City Council held a regular meeting on February 7, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the Foley City Hall.

Members Present: Mayor Gerard Bettendorf, Councilmembers Kris du'Monceaux, Jeff Gondeck and Gary Swanson.

Members Absent: Councilmember Brian Weis

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion by du'Monceaux seconded by Gondeck, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, unanimous.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by du'Monceaux, to approve the consent agenda, which includes the following:

- Approving minutes of January 3, 2017.
- Approving police department policies and procedures.
- Approving Ashely Holtz as part-time police officer.
- Approving application process for part-time police officer eligibility list.
- Approving payment of bills paid for with checks #49324 - #49445.

Motion carried, unanimous.

**Public Hearing – Foley Lumber Re-zoning**

Mayor Bettendorf recessed the regular City Council meeting at 5:31 p.m. to conduct the public hearing on Foley Lumber. No one spoke for or against the application. Mayor Bettendorf reconvened the regular City Council meeting at 5:32 p.m. Motion by du'Monceaux, seconded by Gondeck, to adopt Resolution #2017-5 Amending Zoning Ordinance and approving the re-zoning request. Motion carried, unanimous.

**Discussion on vacant city councilmember position.**

du'Monceaux spoke in favor of nominating Amanda Wilken for the vacant city council seat. du'Monceaux outlined Wilken's qualifications and that Wilken had run for the seat this past fall. Gondeck indicated a need for council experience and nominated Gary Swanson for the position. Bettendorf overviewed the process to find interested parties for the position. Bettendorf indicated support for Gary Swanson. Motion by Bettendorf, seconded by Gondeck, to approve Gary Swanson for the position. Bettendorf, Gondeck – aye; du'Monceaux - nay. Motion carried.

Gary Swanson was administered the oath of office and took his seat as a Councilmember.

**Foley Boy Scouts – Discussion on Eagle Scout Projects**

Gerry Goble, representing the Foley Boy Scouts, gave an overview of the Eagle Scout program. The troop is requesting suggestions on potential projects. du'Monceaux asked for the Boy Scouts to be introduced to the council. Bettendorf asked if the council could relay ideas for projects to the scout leader. Isaiah Anderson, a current scout, gave an overview of his project to

the council and an upcoming fundraiser for his project. Swanson asked if it will be one project or multiple projects based on the number of Eagle Scouts. Swanson invited the scouts to attend the Legion meeting for assistance. Gondeck questioned the criteria for projects. Goble overviewed the criteria.

### **Discussion on Spring Clean-Up Day**

Bernie Peterson, 8250 90th Avenue NE, was at the meeting to give an overview of the disbanding of the Kiwanis Club and the need to find another sponsoring organization for the Foley Clean-Up Day. The council indicated support for allowing the clean up to be passed over to the Boy Scouts as requested. The Boys Scouts have indicated they will continue to support the trail maintenance as the Kiwanis Club had in the past.

### **Discussion on Foley Fire Relief vesting policy change**

Josh Beutz, president of Foley Fire Relief, gave an overview of two policy changes on the vesting percentages and years of service and meetings. Beutz indicated a need to remain competitive. Motion by du'Monceaux, seconded by Swanson, to approve the policy changes. Motion carried, unanimous.

### **Discussion on leave of absence request of Thomas Fread.**

Gondeck expressed concern over holding a position of a part-time police officer. Bettendorf indicated Fread has been offered a full-time position with Paynesville. City Administrator Sarah Brunn indicated Mr. Fread is not allowed to work part-time in another department until his one-year probation is up. City Attorney Adam Ripple gave an overview of the seniority procedure in the union contract. Chief Katie McMillin indicated the council must make the decision. Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Bettendorf, to deny the leave of absence request. Motion carried, unanimous.

### **Discussion on vacant public safety committee position.**

The three individuals who have expressed interest were reviewed. Du'Monceaux indicated support for Corri Gross and John Poshek. Gondeck indicated support for John Poshek and Rosalie Musachio. Swanson indicated he would be fine with the recommendation of the council. Motion by du'Monceaux, seconded by Gondeck, to appoint Corri Gross and John Poshek to the public safety committee. The council indicated Kris du'Monceaux will also serve as a council representative.

### **Open Forum**

Janelle Stoltenow, 409 Kathryn Lane, thanked the council for their consideration for the vacant council position and asked to be considered for future appointments. Amanda Wilken, 250 3rd Avenue, expressed concern over the process the council used in making the appointment. Wilken also indicated a desire to run again in an upcoming election. Charles Sealander, 5090 185th Ave, asked for information on beekeeping. Staff will conduct further research into the bee keeping item.

### **Department Reports**

Chief McMillin reviewed the monthly law enforcement report: the Day with Police event; the activities of the public safety committee, including walking your bike; and police policies and procedures. McMillin also indicated an upcoming meeting with officials on the safety on Highway 23.

City Attorney Adam Ripple updated the council on ordinance updates and an upcoming council training.

City Engineer Jon Halter updated the council on the infrastructure needs, potential grant funds and a meeting staff had with S.E.H. funding specialists. Halter also reviewed options on Highway 23 and safety concerns in regards to two recent fatal accidents. MNDOT will be exploring a number of options in the future. All options require studying before implementing. du'Monceaux asked if the "constrained intersection" has been used in other locations. Halter will find more information on that item. du'Monceaux also asked if the speed limit reduction could be considered all the way up to county road 66. Halter also indicated improvements in the TA application could help improve safety on this stretch of road.

Public Works Director Mark Pappenfus updated the council on wellhead protection and activities of the public works department.

City Administrator Sarah Brunn updated the council on rental licenses, planning commission activities, work on the county CEDS plan and scheduling a council infrastructure workshop.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to adjourn. Motion carried, unanimous.

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Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator