

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – March 6, 2018

The Foley City Council held a regular meeting on March 6, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the Foley City Hall.

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

Members Absent: None.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Consent Agenda

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to approve the consent agenda, which includes the following:

- Approve minutes of February 6, 2018.
- Adopt Resolution #2018 – 09 Accepting Donation.
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- Adopt Resolution #2018-11 Declaring Vacancy.
- Accept resignation of firefighter Richard Cousin.
- Approve promotion of Ashley Holtz to temporary full-time police officer.
- Approve closure of 3rd Avenue on April 21, 2018 for Vet Horse Clinic.
- Approve Indemnification Agreement for Vet Horse Clinic.
- Approve payment of bills paid for with checks #50312 - #50369.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Norman Avenue N “No Parking” Discussion

The council was presented with Ordinance 435 amending Section 1010 – Parking. This amendment would create a “no parking” zone between Norman Avenue N and 75th Street NE. Motion by du'Monceaux, seconded by Swanson, to adopt Ordinance 435 – Parking. Motion carried, unanimous.

Discussion on Vacant Council Seat

An overview of the situation was provided by City Attorney Adam Ripple. Ripple indicated the council has discretion when deciding how to proceed in filling the seat left vacated by the death of Brian Weis. Ripple also indicated if the council does not agree to a candidate the mayor does have the authority to make the appointment. There was discussion on if a temporary candidate is appointed if they would be eligible to run for the seat in the fall. Ripple indicated a temporary appointment could also run for a permanent seat. The council discussed advertising for interest and then reviewing candidates at an upcoming meeting. The council directed staff to have candidates submit letters of interest to the City Administrator and advertise in the Benton County News, on the city website and on Facebook for a period of two weeks. The council will discuss the potential candidates at the April meeting.

Mayor's Comments & Open Forum

No one spoke.

Department Reports

Police Chief Katie McMillin gave an overview of the monthly law enforcement report and the fun with police event. McMillin then presented a quote for squad car cameras. McMillin had planned to address cameras in next year's operating budget, but the county reached out and asked if the City had interest in purchasing along with them. This provides a cost-savings to the city and will also allow for easy storage of video. Motion by du'Monceaux, seconded by Swanson, to approve the camera purchase in 2018. Motion carried, unanimous.

City Engineer Jon Halter updated the council on the 2018 Improvements.

Mark Pappenfus, Public Works Director, updated the council on activities of the public works department and also indicated the skating rink has been shut down. Gondeck asked about the new equipment the department has been testing.

City Administrator Sarah Brunn updated the council on the wastewater facility plan, City Hall improvements and the TA grant application. Brunn also indicated a bill has formulated in a house committee that repeals the wild rice sulfate standard. Since the City is directly affected by this standard staff may be participating in hearings or submitting letters of support. The council will be updated as more information becomes available.

Old Business

Swanson questioned the status of the water leak near Coborn's. Pappenfus indicated they are monitoring it and hoping to address it next week.

New Business

None.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to adjourn at 5:27 p.m. Motion carried, unanimous.

Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator