CITY OF FOLEY MINNESOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – July 5, 2016

The July 5, 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 removing #9 Solar Subscription, putting d. Transient Merchant App to 9 and adding Discussion of a Four-Way Stop as 5.5. Motion made by Bettendorf, seconded by Weis, to approve the agenda as noted. Motion carried.

Mayor's Comments & Open Forum: No comments

Consent Agenda: Motion made by LeCuyer, seconded by Weis, to approve the consent agenda items: June 10 and June 21, 2016 minutes, Resolution #2016-14 Accepting Bike Rodeo Donations, Joint Powers Agreement, Administrative Services Agreement City & Tri Cap and Payment of the list of bills. Motion carried.

4-Way Stop: Mayor Mosford asked for an update on the Council decision to have a four-way stop at 4th Avenue & Dewey. Mark Pappenfus indicated that Jon Halter, Bob Barbian and he met with the County Engineer, Chris Byrd. There was a lengthy discussion of the Council decision and Chris indicated he would need to consider the request, which may need to go to a committee. Information on the cost is to be brought to a future meeting.

Dewey Street Agreement with Benton County: Atty. Ripple indicated that the agreement had been provided to the County about a month ago. LeCuyer asked if there was anything the City could do to move the agreement along. The County Administrator, Monty Headley, was in the audience and said to work with Chris Byrd and the Attorney. Barbian indicated that he would again initiate contact.

Acquisition of County MNDOT Property: Barbian summarized that the County is indicating a willingness to transfer the property in order that the City may use it for economic development purposes although they are verifying statutory language in which to accomplish correctly. Atty. Ripple added specific statutes in which lands between governmental entities can occur as well as when an auction is required.

Benton County Econ. Development Corp: Monty Headley, County Administrator, provided an update of the progress since the December presentation. He indicated the organizational papers are in place, the dues are established, membership recruitment is advancing and the board organizational meeting to elect a board is scheduled for July 21. He added that St. Cloud will probably not join, Rice meets next month, 5 or 6 towns have joined and Sauk Rapids is paying the higher first year fee as a founding member. Warren Peschl, Benton County Board Supervisor, indicated that the County was working to engage the private sector in economic development, which has shown to have greater results. Monty indicated that the fee is 50 cents per capital and with a population of 2,707 the fee is \$1,353.50 or a founding membership at \$2,500.00 for the first year. LeCuyer spoke in favor of supporting. Motion made by LeCuyer, seconded by Mosford, to participate as a founding member. Motion carried.

Transient Merchant App: Sales Experts Inc. for Sun Share Solar subscriptions was not present. Motion made by Bettendorf, second by Weis, to table. Motion carried.

Employee Step Schedule: Barbian indicated that the Council is to provide direction on the Step schedule. Last year the Council renewed the schedule for a year. Staff may also want to have input on other items (e.g. work boots). Support for the Personnel Committee to consider and bring back to the Council was voiced. The lack of progress by the Police Union was a concern.

Administrator Job Description: The Job Description was reviewed and discussed. Motion made by Bettendorf, seconded by Mosford, to approve the City Administrator Job Description. Motion carried.

Case Loader replacement: Mark Pappenfus provided a summary of the capital equipment plan and how it was established to plan for keeping City equipment in good condition. The Loader is the next piece of equipment on the list, been used many winters and time to be replaced.

Mayor Mosford thought the machine was in fine shape and does not need to be replaced. Mark indicated that when it goes down for repairs time is lost. It needs hoses, belts and bearings. Bettendorf stated the machine is 21 years old and he'd like to see it replaced to avoid down time.

Motion made by Bettendorf, second by LeCuyer, to obtain bids. Motion failed with Mosford and Weis voting no.

Department Reports

Police: Chief McMillin reported there were 18 applicants for the part-time officer openings. The next step is July 13 when the interview committee will select the top candidates to establish an eligibility list, finalized by the Public Safety Committee and brought back to the Council on July 18 for approval. At the July 18 meeting, conditional offers are to occur with training to follow in August. Foley Fun Days went well. Working on State report on reimbursement for Department training. Officer Abbott is on Military leave for training. She said the budget is in line except for the Union organizing cost which is causing an overrun.

Public Works: Pappenfus provided an overview and time line for the 4th Ave project which starts Monday with milling. Last week, each business was visited to address any concerns that may exist and go over the project. Mark reported the Pool is going well with an inspection occurring last week. He also said the joint overlay project with the County is taking shape.

City Attorney: Ripple reported the work to assemble a Development Agreement and Interim Discharge Permit for PouchTec has been started.

Administrator: Barbian reported that Planning Commission meets July 11 for the American Legion and PouchTec, Public Safety meets July 13 and the EDA sometime in July. Papers to run for office can be taken out August 2 and ending August 16. The Primary is August 9 and General election Nov 8. Election training is occurring. He also indicated that there are a number of ordinances that changes have been discussed that could advance. The Council supported having the Attorney provide assistance.

Open Forum, Old Business & New Business: No speakers.

Motion made by Bettendorf, seconded by LeCuyer, to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried.

 Robert Barbian, Administrator