

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – July 11, 2017

The Foley City Council held a regular meeting on July 11, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the Foley City Hall.

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

Members Absent: None

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Weis, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, unanimous.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approve minutes of June 6, 2017.
- Approve BCA polices for Foley Police Department.
- Adopt Resolution #2017-17 Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling for Hearing.
- Approve bills paid for by checks #49722 - #49800.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Dewey Street Public Hearing

Jon Halter, City Engineer, gave an overview of the project scope, timeline and impact. Halter also reviewed portions of the project, which will be paid for by the county and portions to be paid by the city. The project includes water, sewer, storm sewer, sidewalk and street improvements. Decorative lighting similar to 4th Avenue N will also be incorporated in the sections of Dewey Street located downtown. The state variance needed for the downtown portion of sidewalk/parking was reviewed. Some additional options are being considered through the downtown demonstration project which Halter reviewed. Halter indicated those property owners who need to replace their service lateral will be contacted with options on making those improvements. The assessment process and hearing was reviewed.

Mayor Bettendorf recessed the council meeting at 5:47 p.m. to conduct the preliminary assessment hearing. Amanda Wilken, 250 3rd Avenue, questioned prior assessments and how often the process occurs. Wilken questioned how this neighborhood was chosen compared to other locations. Halter indicated overall needs including street and utilities as well as the partnering with the county drove this project. Wilken questioned the assessment process and if the assessed amount will result in an increase in value. Halter and City Attorney Adam Ripple gave an overview of the assessment process and appeal process. Wilken questioned a retaining wall and trees located within the boulevard. The I/I service lateral repairs were discussed. Wilken also questioned repairs from the prior project.

Jennifer Hesse, 141 3rd Avenue, questioned if there is any way her sewer service, which was replaced in 2012, could be maintained rather than being charged for a new one again. Halter indicated he is applying the assessment policy and the council would have to make that final decision.

Mayor Bettendorf reconvened the regular city council meeting at 6:01 p.m. Gondeck indicated he has an interest in 101 3rd Avenue as a family member owns it. Ripple indicated no conflict of interest occurs. Motion by du'Monceaux, seconded by Swanson, to adopt Resolution #2017 - 16. Authorizing Plans and Specs and Ordering the Improvement for Dewey/2nd/3rd Avenue. Motion carried, unanimous.

Discussion on Wastewater Facility Plan - Jessica Hedin

Jessica Hedin, S.E.H., gave an overview of the existing wastewater treatment system and current permit for the existing facility. The current permit expired in February and the city continues to operate with the existing permit until MPCA approves a new one. The flow and pond capacity was reviewed.

Hedin reviewed a facility plan which is a 20-year plan and reviewed different expansion options. The steps include examining existing conditions, future conditions, researching alternatives, a cost analysis and finally work products which will include an actual facility plan, reviews, public hearing comments and other items. The meetings and schedule was reviewed with the intent to complete the process by March of 2018. Hedin requested council approval to proceed with the facility plan. Motion by Swanson, seconded by Gondeck, to approve proceeding with the facility plan scope of services. Motion carried, unanimous.

Connie Cardinal - Foley Area C.A.R.E.

Connie Cardinal representing Foley Area C.A.R.E. presented on the activities and needs of the C.A.R.E. program. The volunteer hours and services were reviewed, including over 5,000 volunteer hours provided in 2016. The demand for services continues to rise each year. Cardinal reported 60,000 Minnesotans will turn 65 every year now through 2030. This is the equivalent of a new city, the size of St. Cloud populated entirely by seniors. Poverty rates were also reviewed, and indicated of the 14 counties that make up central MN, Benton County has the highest poverty level at 13.9%. Lack of senior housing in the Foley area are a great concern. Cardinal indicated seniors make up 30% of rural community income and need to stay a part of the community. The goals of the CARE program were reviewed and current funding sources were explained. Cardinal concluded by requesting the city to provide an annual contribution to the program. Cardinal also asked if there was any storage space the city could provide to them. Lastly, Cardinal requested if the council would attend the touching tables event held in the fall. du'Monceaux commented how much CARE services were appreciated while caring for her elderly parents.

Open Forum

Rosalie Musachio, 150 Cottage Grove, encouraged the council to consider a contribution to Foley Area C.A.R.E. Musachio also asked the Mayor to address Highway 23 safety concerns with our state representative when meeting with them.

Department Reports

Katie McMillin, Police Chief, reviewed the monthly law enforcement report. 106 kids attended the bike rodeo during Fun Days.

Adam Ripple, City Attorney, updated the council on the Dollar General project.

Jon Halter, City Engineer, indicated the final striping of 4th Avenue N will occur later this week. Halter also requested permission from the council for staff to proceed with the construction of water main loop with the development of the old school property. Halter indicated this improvement would cost approximately \$35,000. The council indicated support and directed staff to proceed with the plans.

Mark Pappenfus, Public Works Director, updated the council on the rental house and having final numbers available in August. The pool and I/I was also reviewed. Gondeck questioned if the city will dispose of the rental house if it is not moved out.

City Administrator, Sarah Brunn, updated the council on the activities of the planning commission. Brunn also requested a council representative to assist with follow-up needed for the I/I project. Gondeck indicated he would assist staff as needed.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by du'Monceaux, to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.

Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator