

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – November 15, 2016

The Foley City Council held a regular meeting on November 15, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Foley City Hall.

Members Present: Mayor Dave Mosford, Councilmembers Gerard Bettendorf, Brian Weis, Kris du'Monceaux and Leslie LeCuyer.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mosford congratulated Mayor-elect Bettendorf.

Motion by Bettendorf, seconded by LeCuyer, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, unanimous.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Bettendorf seconded by du'Monceaux to approve the consent agenda which included the following:

- Approving the minutes of November 1, 2016
- Accepting the resignation of Lois Heigl
- Approving the hiring of Monica Shaw on a temporary basis
- Approving the payment of bills paid for by checks #49152 - #49193

Motion carried, unanimous.

2016 Election Result Canvassing

The canvassing oath was signed by all members of the board. Motion by LeCuyer, seconded by du'Monceaux, to approve Resolution 2016-25 Election Results. Motion carried, unanimous.

Public Hearing - Weed Violations

Mayor Mosford recessed the regular city council meeting to conduct the public hearing on weed violations. No one spoke regarding the proposed assessments. Motion by LeCuyer, seconded by du'Monceaux, to approve Resolution 2016-24 Assess Weeds. Motion carried, unanimous.

Mayor's Comments and Open Forum

Amanda Wilken, 250 3rd Avenue, requested consideration to be appointed to a vacant city council seat to become available in January 2017. Wilken overviewed her qualifications and indicated she was the next runner up in the recent election. Wilken wished the council the best of luck whatever the decision made.

LeCuyer congratulated Bettendorf and Weis on re-election and Jeff Gondeck on being elected to the council. LeCuyer requested the new council continue focus on wastewater expansion and economic development for the city.

Department Reports

Police Chief Katie McMillin updated the council on the new part-time hire, winter parking and a nuisance violation at 100 4th Avenue N. Motion by LeCuyer to assess the property owner. City Attorney Adam Ripple clarified there is no motion needed to assess at this time. LeCuyer

amended her motion to direct staff to follow the code of ordinances on addressing the nuisance issue, seconded by du'Monceaux. Motion carried, unanimous.

No report from City Attorney Adam Ripple.

Public Works Director Mark Pappenfus updated the council on weather, plowing and lights on 4th Avenue N.

City Administrator Sarah Brunn updated the council on the union contract, annual appointments, re-filling the accountant position and the transportation alternatives grant application.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Mayor Mosford requested the council discuss prohibiting bicycles on the sidewalks in the downtown district. Mosford indicated a state law exists not allowing it. du'Monceaux asked if other complaints have been received. City Administrator Brunn and Chief McMillin outlined some concerns of bikes on the streets. Ripple indicated law prohibits it unless allowed by city ordinance. Mayor Mosford asked if skateboards fall under the state statute, Ripple indicated they do not. Ripple indicated clarification of business district would be necessary if the city were to address the matter in code. Bettendorf asked if we could publish notice in the paper to remind bikers to be courteous of walkers and walk bikes through the downtown. du'Monceaux asked about enforcement with so many other activities of the department. LeCuyer asked for clarification on the state statute and would like to see this item in a newsletter or some type of education. Brunn asked how the fines would be handled under current law. Weis requested some type of enforcement during specific times.

Amanda Wilken, 250 3rd Avenue, indicated concerns of not allowing bikes on the sidewalks and safety of those on bikes. Wilken would like to see proactive education versus citations. Jeff Gondeck, 55 Carpenter Street, requested the item be brought forward to public safety to discuss options. The item will be added to the public safety committee agenda for January.

Motion by du'Monceaux, seconded by LeCuyer, to adjourn at 5:59pm. Motion carried, unanimous.

Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator