

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – July 10, 2018

The Foley City Council held a regular meeting on July 10, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the Foley City Hall.

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

Members Absent: None

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Kasner, 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:

- Approve minutes of June 5, 2018.
- Adopt Resolution #2018-20 Appointing Election Judges for 2018.
- Approve Supplemental Agreement for Additional Project Work.
- Approve payment of bills paid for by checks #50584-#50648.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Alley Vacation at 610 Norman Avenue N

Mayor Bettendorf recessed the regular city council meeting at 5:31 p.m. to conduct the public hearing on the 610 Norman Avenue N alley vacation. Bettendorf reconvened the regular city council meeting at 5:33 p.m. Bettendorf reported that staff is recommending approval vacation with reservation of an easement for utilities. Motion by du'Monceaux, seconded by Gondeck, to adopt Resolution #2018-18 Partially Vacate Alley with the addition of the necessary easement. Motion carried, unanimous.

2018 Project - 2018A Bond Sale Results

George Eilertson, Northland Securities, presented the results of the bond sale. Eilertson reviewed the bond rating process and improvement with the city's bond rating. The city moved up to an AA- which is a significant improvement and a two notch increase. Eilertson estimates this rating improvement saved the city approximately \$40,000 in interest costs in the current bond issuance. Eilertson reviewed the results of bid and overall size of bond issuance of \$2.34 million. The average interest rate is 3.07%. Motion by Swanson, seconded by Gondeck, to adopt Resolution #2018-19 Approving Sale of 2018A Bonds. Motion carried, unanimous.

Update on wastewater facility plan – Jessica Hedin, S.E.H.

Jessica Hedin from S.E.H. was at the meeting to update the council on the wastewater facility plan. Hedin gave an overview of the process of requesting effluent limits and the process of working with the MPCA with challenging the initial limit calculations and assumptions. The city was provided with revised limits and has since been reviewing and establishing strategy on how to move forward. Hedin indicated staff is comfortable meeting the revised limits at a frozen level, but wishes to request the MPCA remove the sulfate limit because of uncertainty with the legislation since a law judge recently disapproved the MPCA's rulemaking. Hedin reviewed

how the revised limits apply to Foley and the potential wastewater treatment options being analyzed. Hedin asked for council direction on if the city should work towards accepting frozen mass limits but trying to remove the sulfate limit. Swanson questioned the time it will take to complete the process. Hedin indicated it depends on the responsiveness of the MPCA. The council directed staff to attempt to get the sulfate limit removed and was comfortable accepting frozen limits in order to do so.

Ordinance Addressing Private Wells

The council was presented with an ordinance which restricts the drilling of private wells within the city's protected water area. Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to adopt Ordinance #436 Regulating the Establishment of Private Wells. Motion carried, unanimous.

Ordinance Amending Parking Ordinance

Brunn gave an overview of the changes to the parking ordinance which included regulation of the city parking lots. Swanson questioned if we could also address the parking problems on 4th Avenue N from Main to Dewey. Staff suggested that the issue be placed on the agenda for a future meeting as a separate item. Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to adopt Ordinance #437 Parking. Motion carried, unanimous.

Open Forum

Bettendorf encouraged the public to attend the blood drive next week. The blood supply is very low and there is a desperate need to replenish the supply.

Department Reports

Interim Police Chief Josh Lindgren updated the council on the monthly law enforcement report. Lindgren also reported Officer Holz is now eligible for TZD hours. Lindgren also updated the council on the recent burglary at Mr. Jim's. Gondeck questioned the number of miles officers are required to patrol.

City Engineer Jon Halter updated the council on the Dewey Street project. Halter also indicated the downtown parking lot has been completed. Halter also indicated some follow-up was done on the Highway 23 improvements and provided to council. Halter gave an overview of the conversation with the state and indicated the city could proceed and spend local funds which would be not be considered a match in the grant. Bettendorf indicated a desire to wait on significant expenditures until after our current road project is complete. Swanson indicated support for temporary pedestrian signs. du'Monceaux asked about Type 2 barricades. Kasner asked about a more temporary way to install a radar feedback sign that would not require such an investment. Swanson asked about speed citations on Highway 23 and Lindgren reviewed what kind of citations they issue for speeding. There was discussion on temporary radar feedback signs. Halter clarified that the total cost of the install now would be at the city's expense which could be over \$20,000. Kasner requested the city invite a representative from the school in order to move this project forward. du'Monceaux indicated a desire to keep things moving forward. Staff will look into temporary options for signage until a consensus can be made.

Public Works Director Mark Pappenfus updated the council on the pool, Golf Court lighting and other projects.

City Administrator Sarah Brunn updated the council on a wellness grant the city received, the upcoming primary election and budget workshop.

Old Business

None.

New Business

du'Monceaux asked about senior discounts at the pool.

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

Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator