

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP – August 21, 2018

The Foley City Council held a budget workshop meeting on August 21, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the Foley City Hall.

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

Members Absent: Kris du'Monnceaux

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Overview of City Investments

City Administrator Sarah Brunn gave an overview of the city investments from the prior year. The investments posted earnings of over \$22,000 in the prior year. Brunn elaborated how the city is limited on its investment options because of being a municipality.

Discussion on 2018 Budget

The operational budget and process was reviewed by Brunn. There was discussion on pool operations and cash. There was discussion on capital equipment such as the park mower and snow plow. The fire department fees and capital costs were discussed. There was also discussion on park shelter rents, public works employee allocations, dues, council technology, council room tables and chairs and park improvements to the bathrooms and courts.

Interim Police Chief Josh Lindgren gave an overview of the benefits of a school resource officer and summarized discussions that have been had with the Foley Schools and the Benton County Sheriff's Department. There was also discussion on costs and impact on the budget and proposed levy if Foley were to provide the officer. The school has preliminarily proposed splitting the costs of an additional full-time employee, 50/50. The council discussed the benefits which would include more school patrol and additional full-time coverage in the summer months. The council expressed a desire to partner with the school on this activity. They directed staff to place some funding in next year's budget and work with the school on details on when the officer could be implemented.

The City Administrator confirmed the budget and indicated the proposed levy would be raised higher to accommodate potential costs of additional police staffing. Tax capacity estimates due indicate a 6% increase, so the net impact on the overall taxes would likely be slightly lower than 2018. The preliminary levy would be presented at the September 4th council meeting.

League of MN Cities – Liability Insurance Limits Waiver

The council was presented with the tort insurance waiver for the city's liability insurance. Motion by Swanson, seconded by Gondeck, to not waive the statutory limits. Motion carried, unanimous.

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

Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator