

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – August 7, 2018

The Foley City Council held a regular meeting on August 7, 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 Gondeck, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, unanimous.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approve minutes of July 10, 2018.
- Approve closing of Penn Street for homecoming parade on October 5, 2018.
- Adopt Resolution #2018-21 Accepting Donation.
- Approve payment of bills paid for by checks #50649-#50712.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Bryan Moshier – Foley Fire Relief Annual Report

Relief Treasurer Bryan Moshier presented the annual report for the fire relief, which shows a surplus of over \$116,000. Swanson asked about possibility of future retirements. Moshier indicated they anticipate two members in the next couple years. Moshier also reviewed how the projections assume all eligible members would retire at the current time. Moshier also indicated the relief may be asking for a raise in the future. Brunn clarified that the city is responsible for any shortfalls in the city's fire relief fund. Motion by Swanson, seconded by Kasner, to approve the report. Motion carried, unanimous.

Mayor's Comments & Open Forum

Karla Scapanski, 11015 Mayhew Lake Rd NE, Sauk Rapids, MN, was at the meeting to introduce herself as a candidate for the House of Representatives. Scapanski is the endorsed candidate of the Democratic Party.

Department Reports

Interim Police Chief Josh Lindgren gave an overview of the monthly law enforcement report. Lindgren also reported that new information was obtained regarding the Mr. Jim's robbery and some other robberies in town. An updated press release will be coming. Lindgren reported the squad is expected in within a few days and outfitted as soon as possible. Gondeck asked about the trade-in of the Impala.

City Engineer Jon Halter updated the council on the 2018 project and indicated things are moving along well considering some delays with utilities. Swanson inquired about timeline. Halter indicated the project is on schedule with the first layer of hard surfacing done by fall. Halter also reported on some additional information on the Highway 23 safety improvements and

some very preliminary quotes from some representatives which ranged from \$4700-\$5500 per sign. Halter requested council permission to obtain official quotes. Swanson asked about the possibility of the signs being moved. Halter indicated more than likely on the east end of town. du'Monceaux asked if the school has expressed any interest in participating. Staff indicated the school has committed their initial funding but nothing further. Staff also reported on the temporary signs that have been installed, including the trailer radar feedback sign. Kasner indicated it has definitely made it a safer area. du'Monceaux asked if the police department has noticed any change. Lindgren indicated its hard to tell with that short of a time period and without running a significant portion of radar work. Bettendorf indicated a desire to wait until the current project is complete before any further investment. Gondeck asked about obtaining definitive costs and if that would be helpful. Bettendorf requested the council to table the discussion. There was discussion to move forward. Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to direct staff to officially obtain quotes for the September meeting. Kasner indicated the Quality of Life group has been fundraising on this item. Motion carried, unanimous.

Public Works Director Mark Pappenfus updated the council on the status of the temporary signs staff has placed on Highway 23. Swanson asked if the radar feedback sign could be obtained back when school starts. Pappenfus indicated the pool is closing on August 24th, and the park roof and cracksealing projects are ongoing. The council discussed the pool operations and how it is tracking this year. There was discussion on the rain activities and the effect on the city construction activities.

City Administrator Sarah Brunn updated the council on the status of the police department, indicating Chief McMillin will be returning the end of August. Brunn also thanked Interim Chief Josh Lindgren for his work as the transition went very smoothly. Brunn also reminded the council of the primary election and budget workshop.

Highway 23 Coalition Presentation

Aaron Backman, secretary/treasurer for the Highway 23 coalition presented information. Backman reviewed statistics and initiatives of the coalition indicating it is a private/public partnership organization. Backman gave an overview the work and funding obtained to expand four-lane projects on Highway 23 along the coalition corridor. Recent funding for a significant expansion had occurred in the previous bonding bill. Backman requested the city to consider joining the coalition. du'Monceaux asked about fees to join. Backman indicated between \$1,000-\$1,500. The council indicated a discussion on joining can be had at the budget meeting.

Old Business

Kasner indicated ongoing concerns with the Kampa Meadows drainage ditch. Swanson asked if anyone continued to mow after the county mowed it. Kasner indicated some digging would likely resolve the issue. The council indicated a desire to not get involved in private property issues.

New Business

The council discussed the possibility of selling land adjacent to Foley Lumber. City Attorney Adam Ripple gave an overview of what is allowed for the discussion in both open and closed session. There was discussion on the benefits of selling the land. The council determined a desire to consider the sale and went into closed session to discuss pricing.

Mayor Bettendorf closed the meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the price of PID#130004183.

Mayor Bettendorf re-opened the open meeting at 6:52 p.m. The council discussed pricing strategies and directed the city administrator to relay the negotiations to Foley Lumber.

Old Business

Brunn provided an update on the wastewater facility plan.

Kasner asked about the meeting with Xcel. Staff provided an update on the meeting.

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

_____ Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator