

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – February 5, 2019

The Foley City Council held a regular meeting on February 5, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the Foley City Hall.

Members Present: Mayor Gerard Bettendorf, Councilmembers Jeff Gondeck, Rosalie Musachio Gary Swanson and Jack Brosh.

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 Musachio, seconded by Gondeck, to approve the consent agenda, which includes the following:

- Approve minutes of January 8, 2019.
- Approve minutes of January 29, 2019 Council Workshop.
- Accept resignation of police officer Nathan Fisher.
- Approve payment of bills paid for by checks #51082-#51162.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Discussion on Ordinance #441 – Rental Code

City Administrator Brunn reviewed the changes to the rental code. Musachio had questions regarding the program and proposed changes. Brunn gave an overview of the process and current code that exists. Motion by Brosh, seconded by Swanson, to adopt Ordinance #441 Rental Code and approve summary publication. Motion carried, unanimous.

Mayor's Comments & Open Forum

Jim Moshier, 320 Birch Drive, was at the meeting and indicated he attended the wastewater workshop the prior week. Moshier asked the council to consider wastewater options that are beyond the 20-year mark and obtain estimates on the costs to continue to upgrade our own system in the future.

Department Reports

Police Chief Katie McMillin reviewed the monthly law enforcement report and activities of the police department. McMillin also indicated Fun with Police will be coming up on February 25th. Swanson asked about the collection rate on parking tickets.

City Engineer Jon Halter indicated they are still working on the tree item from the 2018 Improvement Project and will report back at another meeting. Halter also indicated that Jessica Hedin updated the council on some of the requested items from the workshop last week. Bettendorf requested S.E.H. try to make some projections on 50-years costs for the wastewater options.

Public Works Director Mark Pappenfus updated the council on snow complaints on Golf Court. Pappenfus also updated the council on the cold weather indicating about 8 properties froze, but it was on the private side of the lines. Gondeck clarified with Pappenfus on where the city is responsible with infrastructure.

City Administrator Sarah Brunn updated the council on deferred assessments that are still on the books but must be paid in order to comply with the 30-year statutory requirement. Brunn will send letters to the affected parties and the council will need to certify the collection to the county at a later meeting. Brunn updated the council on the Highway 23 coalition priorities and was happy to report that the Highway 23 Improvements for the east side of Foley in 2022 along with a preferred route study were listed in the coalition's priorities. Brunn indicated that all the councilmembers were signed up for land use training to take online.

Brunn also provided an update from staff regarding the wastewater project. There have been discussions with legislators, other cities, other engineering firms and the Benton Economic Partnership. Staff has also placed calls with the MPCA and funding specialists to research additional opportunities.

New Business

Swanson relayed a positive comment regarding the service of the police department.

Brosh indicated the expo was well attended.

Gondeck indicated state reps will be in town this Friday visting with the Foley Area CARE.

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

Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator