

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

The Foley City Council held a regular meeting on March 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 Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, unanimous.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

- Approve minutes of February 5, 2019.
- Approve closing of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue for Vet Horse Clinic on April 20, 2019.
- Approve Indemnification and Hold Harmless with Mille Lacs Vet Clinic.
- Adopt Resolution #2019-02 Approving 2018 Transfers.
- Approve payment of bills paid for by checks #51163 - #51215.

Motion carried, unanimous.

### **Public Hearing – Sign Ordinance Amendments**

Mayor Bettendorf recessed the regular city council meeting at 5:32 p.m. to conduct a public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance amendments. No one spoke except Musachio who spoke in support of it. Mayor Bettendorf reconvened the regular meeting at 5:33 p.m. Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Musachio, to adopt Ordinance #442 Sign Ordinance Amendments and approve summary publication. Motion carried, unanimous.

### **Mayor's Comments & Open Forum**

No one spoke.

### **Department Reports**

Police Chief Katie McMillin reviewed the monthly law enforcement report. McMillin also updated the council on Fun with Police and the school resource officer position and working at the school.

City Engineer Jon Halter had no updates to report. Musachio asked the replacement trees for the Dewey project trees to stay on the list of things to do when the weather cooperates. Musachio also reported that she heard the city of St. Cloud had a soil and water organization grow trees for their city. Halter will check into this option.

Public Works Director Mark Pappenfus updated the council on snow removal. Pappenfus also updated the council on the ordering of holiday decorations for the new downtown lights on Dewey Street. Staff also reported the radar feedback signs are now working properly.

City Administrator Sarah Brunn updated the council the work on the safe routes to school plan. A number of recommendations were presented that will be incorporated into the final plan. The council

supported moving forward with the recommendations and the school board also provided their support at a meeting the prior week.

Brunn also updated the council on the board of review meeting being held in April at the Benton County Assessor's Office and also provided an update on the phone issues that are being experienced with Midco.

### **Old Business**

Brunn updated the council on recent information brought forward regarding wastewater funding at the state level. The council had a lengthy discussion on how to handle the potential for state funding and if they desired to move things forward with the facility plan sooner than later to ensure the city remains eligible since there has been some progress on funding in a bonding bill. There are a number of unknown variables such as how much low interest loan versus grant funding.

Brosh indicated support for a mechanical treatment plant due to cost concerns with sending treatment to St. Cloud.

Swanson and Gondeck indicated concern for a 20-year fix and preferred a long-term investment of sending out wastewater to St. Cloud, which would provide more stability for the city in the future.

Pappenfus updated the council on a session he sat in on with pumping East Grand Forks waste to Grand Forks. East Grand Forks uses a pond system to control flow to Grand Forks, similar to an option Foley is pursuing.

Bettendorf and Musachio supported strength in numbers and long-term stability with sending to St. Cloud.

The council indicated a desire for staff to obtain more information such as more detail on our funding eligibility and if it shows some ability for grants to keep things moving forward with the St. Cloud option.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Musachio, to direct staff to gather information to finish the facility plan with the St. Cloud regionalization option including necessary public hearing preparation in April. Gondeck, Musachio, Bettendorf, Swanson – aye. Brosh – nay. Motion carried.

The council discussed the possible purchase of PID 020054100. There was discussion on the use of the land. Mayor Bettendorf closed the meeting at 6:20 p.m. to discuss sale price. Mayor Bettendorf reconvened the regular meeting at 6:33 p.m. The council directed the City Administrator to work with the owner of PID 020054100 on the offer discussed in closed session.

### **New Business**

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

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Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator