

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – July 9, 2019

The Foley City Council held a regular meeting on July 9, 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 Brosch, seconded by Musachio, to approve the consent agenda, which includes the following:

- Approve minutes of June 4, 2019, with changes of age from 21 to 18 and changing Jerry to Terry Kotsmith.
- Adopt Resolution #2019-08 Accepting Donation.
- Approve Insurance Agent Service Contract with Tri-County Insurance.
- Approve payment of bills paid for by checks #51405 - #51476.

Motion carried, unanimous.

**Foley Public Schools – Site Plan Review for School Addition**

Ron Spoden was at the meeting representing Foley Public Schools and presented a site plan for a school addition to the high school behind the wrestling room and in the industrial arts wing. Gondeck relayed that no issues were found at planning and they recommend approval. Motion by Swanson, seconded Musachio, to approve the site plan addition. Motion carried, unanimous.

**Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan – AE2S- Scott Schaefer**

Scott Schaefer indicated some items remain outstanding, but a lot of the review has been completed. Schaefer indicated a large financial need overall in the state for wastewater projects. Sulfate was discussed and a longer termed option to St. Cloud is one way to mitigate the limit. The different alternatives were reviewed. In addition to the facility plan review, AE2S also reviewed regionalization with Milaca, other rivers/streams and future sulfate treatment.

Schaefer indicated the connection fee is still in the works, but appears to be on track with our original estimate of \$6 million. That number will be relayed as soon as its available. Schaefer also indicated a connection point has been determined by the old Honda House. There was additional overview of the flow request and how much Foley would contribute to the overall system. The Foley infrastructure needs were reviewed, including the advantage of equalization ponds being utilized as part of the system. I/I reductions will also become critical in the future.

The use of smaller sized dual pipes was reviewed creating better flow, controlling odor and reducing corrosion over time. Odor is something St. Cloud will regulate with Foley's flow in the future. The life expectancy of a pipeline was discussed and the dual pipeline approach could allow for a life expectancy of 60-100 years. The hydraulics of the route also indicate a drop of about 75 feet from Foley to St. Cloud which will need to be incorporated into the final design.

Schaefer reviewed the different route considerations, including easements, natural and manmade obstacles, maintenance/access and cost implications. Lastly, the facility plan costs were reviewed and Schaefer indicated the facility plan costs were appropriately conservative but with additional review there may be some potential to save some money off of the estimates.

Brosh questioned why a treatment plant was even considered with the sulfate exposure. Schaefer indicated an issue with a sulfate standard that it was not being enforced and the agency is having trouble with putting a new standard in place. Swanson asked if we can realistically use our existing golf ponds without a significant investment. Schaefer indicated golf is a good option for equalization. Brosh asked how deep pipes would go and if they would be dug or directional. Schaefer indicated they would be placed about 7-7 ½ feet down and a combination of dug and directional drilling. Gondeck questioned about lift stations and there was discussion about a possibility of not having an intermediate pumping station. Brosh asked about costs to easements with this alternative. Musachio asked about the pumps and if dual pumps would reduce the number of pumps which Schaefer confirmed is a possibility.

### **Update on Foley Public Library**

Brandi Canter, Patron Services Supervisor for Great River Regional Library gave an overview of the sharing of a library coordinator with another entity. Swanson asked why a local and current employee of the library wasn't considered for the position in Foley. Canter explained the desire to create a benefit eligible position, which was established by combining the two smaller community positions. Canter indicated the Foley combination would be the 8<sup>th</sup> combination position in the system. Canter also indicated the hiring of another library assistant to add to staff hours at the Foley location. Canter indicated no change to hours of operation. Swanson wishes there would be more consideration of local and current staff for additional staffing. Gondeck agreed that the local people should work the local library. Musachio expressed concern that the library board was cut out of the process and wished their consideration was taken early before the decision was made. Canter indicated Great River does not consider city input when making staffing decisions. Musachio indicated concern with the comment that the community input is not considered, as it goes against our initiative and desire to create a community library and organization. Gondeck challenged why if the library desires the community needs why they refuse to consider their input as part of the process. Brosh hoped the transition works well. Swanson and Gondeck indicated no good reason has been given to why the decision was made without city input prior.

### **Discussion on councilmember salaries**

Brosh indicated a desire to raise the salaries after the next election and proposed \$150 a meeting and \$75 a half day. Musachio asked if staff had any suggestions and was told more information could be gathered. Musachio desired to look into the item further. Bettendorf indicated the pay is not important.

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

Judy Weis, 340 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, let the council know that she felt the council did a good job with expressing concerns on the process of the library hiring. Weis indicated the council spoke well for the library board. Weis indicated input should be allowed even if the final decision is not their responsibility.

## **Department Reports**

Police Chief Katie McMillin reviewed the monthly law enforcement report. McMillin updated the council on staffing of the department and a meeting of the personnel committee. Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Bettendorf, to promote a part-time officer to a full-time position. Brosh asked about the order. Motion carried, unanimous.

City Engineer Jon Halter updated the council on the Dewey Street project which is near complete. Glen Street concrete is complete with blacktop planned later in the month. The alley work is on hold until Xcel and phone utility work is completed. Gondeck questioned if some re-seeding on the Dewey Street could be re-done and Halter indicated it is in the plan if necessary.

Mark Pappenfus, Public Work Director updated the council on the activities of the department. Pappenfus presented the diving board quote and requested approval. Motion by Swanson, seconded by Gondeck, to approve the purchase and installation of the diving board. Motion carried, unanimous.

City Administrator Sarah Brunn updated the council on the safety inspection report, sump pumps and upcoming budget cycle. Brunn also indicated a desire to move a wastewater design decision forward in September.

## **New Business**

Brosh asked if the council wanted to conduct any follow-up on the Watercott complaint.

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

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Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator