

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – August 6, 2019

The Foley City Council held a regular meeting on August 6, 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 Gondeck, seconded by Musachio, to approve the consent agenda, which includes the following:

- Approve minutes of July 9, 2019.
- Adopt Resolution #2019-09 Accepting Donation.
- Adopt Resolution #2019-10 Conditional Use Permit Clarification.
- Approve promotion of Bart Kothman to full-time police officer position.
- Approve liability coverage waiver form.
- Approve payment of bills paid for by checks #51477 - #51543.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Discussion on South Side Estates

Ryan Schmit was at the meeting to update the progress on the South Side Estates project. Schmit asked about exploring the option of using manufactured housing. Schmit indicated a similar development in Milaca. Brosh asked the price range and indicated about \$150,000-\$170,000 and would include a garage. Single family construction would likely be about \$230,000 or more. Bettendorf indicated concern with it going back to a trailer house look and was against manufactured housing. Brosh asked about a crawl space which Schmit indicated it would have. Musachio and Swanson asked for clarification on manufactured versus modular. Swanson indicated a desire for patio stick built homes. Gondeck asked if they can be taken out and Schmit indicated yes. Gondeck had concerns with it being mobile. Schmit indicated the lots are not listed yet. Musachio indicated a modular is preferred over a manufactured home and had some concerns with manufactured. Brosh confirmed it is allowed by the current code.

Mayor's Comments and Open Forum

Judy Weis, 340 2nd Avenue, was at the meeting reporting back about independent libraries. Weis indicated that Maple Lake and Crosby are independent. Weis indicated Maple Lake is ten years old and only lacks e-books. Crosby is a standalone library and has more than the Foley library as far as services and materials. The Crosby library budget is about \$150,000. Benton County currently pays \$500,000 per year towards the Great River Regional System. Weis requested a spot on the agenda of the council in the future for an update on the library at each meeting.

Laura Olson, 11532 Schoolhouse Road, indicated things are not running smoothly with the library and that is they are here. Olson indicated it is a huge part of the community and Great River is tying our hands and does not work well with the local community. Olson indicated beside Ed Popp, the board

does not always represent Foley well. Olson has concerns with administration at Great River and wants us to consider that in the future. Swanson suggested some discussions be had with the Benton County Commissioners to gather more input.

Department Reports

Police Chief Katie McMillin reviewed the monthly law enforcement report. McMillin also indicated she will be co-hosting a class with Sheriff Heck on fraud in September.

City Engineer Jon Halter updated the council on Glen Street with the overlay being completed the past week. Halter also indicated repairs to Birch Drive have been completed which will help with the drainage. Halter also updated the council on some design changes to the city alley project which will help with drainage and slope moving forward. Pipework should be started in late August with a finished product in a month or so. Lastly, Halter indicated that we could complete the Highway 25 trail next year and staff will be reviewing it with the budget. Swanson asked about landscaping on the Dewey project and Halter indicated that work will continue again when the heat subsides a bit in late summer/early fall.

Public Works Director Mark Pappenfus presented a quote to replace the play structure that is broken in Lion's Park. The quote is for \$32,982 with supervised installation on a state bid. There was discussion on the life expectancy of the equipment. Motion by Swanson seconded by Gondeck to approve the purchase. Motion carried, unanimous.

Pappenfus indicated the last day of the pool is August 25th. The diving board will be replaced soon after closing. An additional trail overlay will be completed this week on the Kiwanis Trail. Pappenfus asked the council to drive out and look at 13th Avenue for a possible drain tile project. Brosh asked for signs prohibiting ATV's to be removed.

Old Business

Brunn asked if the council had any additional comments or concerns regarding the sump pumps.

Brunn updated the council on not having a final connection number and needing council direction on the design process at the next meeting. Brunn suggested a statement of qualifications could be provided by both S.E.H. and AE2S. Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Musachio to receive Statement of Qualifications from both AE2S and S.E.H by the next meeting. Motion carried, unanimous.

Brosh re-addressed the mayor and councilmember salaries. Motion by Brosh seconded by Swanson to amend the code of ordinances to a salary of \$150/meeting for mayor and council, \$75 per half day training, \$150 per full day training effective January 1, 2021. Gondeck indicated he was against the proposed increase. Brosh, Swanson, Brosh – aye. Gondeck, Bettendorf – nay. Motion carried.

New Business

Brunn overviewed a potential land sale of the industrial park. This land sale would include all available property remaining in the park. The council indicated a desire to consider the offer.

Bettendorf closed the regular meeting at 6:36pm to discuss land prices for real estate. Mayor Bettendorf re-opened the regular city council meeting.

The City Administrator was directed by council to counter-offer on the proposal to sell the land with the interested buyer.

Motion by Gondeck seconded by Musachio to adjourn. Craig Gondeck, 9575 Sucker Creek Road, Rice, MN 56367, asked to address the council and commended city staff especially Mark Pappenfus and Sarah Brunn as long as the council on the good work of the city. Motion carried, unanimous.

Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator