

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – August 20, 2019

The Foley City Council held a regular meeting on August 20, 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.

Discussion on 2020 Budget

City Administrator Sarah Brunn overviewed the city investments including balances and type of investments and the year-end report as of the end of 2018. Brunn overviewed the city debt including future obligations and callable dates.

There was discussion on the operational budget including the general fund, municipal pool, police department and parks. Capital work in the bathrooms at Lion's Park is planned. There was discussion on rental fees at the parks. There was discussion on water and sewer budgets and rates. A 5% rate increase is planned. There was discussion on the fire department, operational and capital items. There was discussion on the expendable trust fund. There was discussion on capital items and lighting plans. The fee schedule was reviewed.

Brunn overviewed the timeline for the rest of the budget process. The council indicated a desire to proceed with the budget as presented. The proposed increase is just over 4% but tax capacity is estimated to increase approximately 15%.

Discussion on South Side Estates

Brunn overviewed an option to forgive \$5,000 of assessments on each of the lots in South Side Estates for a total of \$35,000 in order to make a deal with a developer for stick-built homes. Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Musachio, to direct staff to amend the development agreement to reduce \$35,000 of assessments total (\$5,000 for each of the 7 lots) and add a condition of stick-built home on all lots. Motion carried, unanimous.

Discussion on the Library

Brunn updated the council on the library and asked if the council would be interested in participating in a meeting with representatives of Great River Regional Library and the library board. The council expressed a desire to work through the issues at hand but indicated the concerns are primarily with the library board and Great River. Member Jack Brosh volunteered to sit in as a representative of the City.

Discussion on Solar Subscriptions

Mike from IPS dropped off solar subscription information for the council to consider as they are constructing solar sites just outside the city limits. Brunn indicated the city is currently providing comments on two potential solar sites being proposed and working through county planning and zoning.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Musachio, to adjourn at 6:41pm. Motion carried, unanimous.

Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator