

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – September 3, 2019

The Foley City Council held a regular meeting on September 3, 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 August 6, 2019.
- Approve minutes of August 20, 2019.
- Approve contract for deed with Eugene Paul & Properties, LLC.
- Approve Amendment to South Side Estates Development Agreement.
- Adopt Resolution #2019-12 Adopting Reassessments of South Side Estates.
- Approve hiring process for part-time police officers.
- Approve payment of bills paid for by checks #51544 -#51598.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Foley Fire Relief – Bryan Moshier

Moshier updated the council on the activity of the fire relief and indicated investments have fluctuated but the fund is in a healthy position with no concerns. There was discussion on future retirements. Moshier asked for the council to accept the report. Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to accept the report. Motion carried, unanimous.

Discussion on 2020 Budget

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to adopt Resolution #2019-11 Adopting Preliminary Levy. Motion carried, unanimous.

Update/Discussion on wastewater project.

City Administrator Sarah Brunn updated the council on a potential Federal grant opportunity. This grant opportunity requires the city to follow Federal procurement guidelines and staff is recommending on waiting on ordering design until we can determine the process will meet the standards. The grant potential is millions of dollars. In addition, the City is working with the City of St. Cloud on obtaining a letter supporting the project.

Mayor's Comments and Open Forum

No one spoke.

Department Reports

Police Chief Katie McMillin reviewed the monthly law enforcement report. McMillin indicated a senior fraud class will be held with the Benton County Sheriff's Office at Foley City Hall on September 24. McMillin also indicated a part-time hiring process for police officers will begin shortly.

City Engineer Jon Halter presented the design contract for the Highway 25 trail. The costs are anticipated to be approximately \$6,800 higher than initially proposed as part of the initial grant due to the fact that the Federal requirements have to be completed twice for the project. Halter indicated there may be some potential costs savings in the Highway 23 side in the future with the fact MnDOT will be doing a lot of the engineering work for that project. Motion by Brosh, seconded by Musachio, to approve the design agreement. Motion carried, unanimous.

Halter updated the council on the alley project. Brosh questioned if we have paid everything out for the Dewey project since shouldering is not complete. Staff is still working on getting that complete.

Public Works Director Mark Pappenfus updated the council on the activities of the department including jetting and playground installation. Musachio expressed concern with the old slide in Holdridge Park and asked if it could be removed. Public Works will look into it.

City Administrator Sarah Brunn updated the council on staff comments submitted to Benton County regarding solar projects occurring in the county. Brunn also indicated a few applications that will be heading to the planning commission next week.

Old Business

Brunn presented an interim moratorium ordinance on manufactured/modular homes. Planning did indicate support in making this recommendation to allow more time to look into these definitions. Motion by Gondeck, seconded to adopt Ordinance #445 – Interim Ordinance Establishing Moratorium on Manufactured Homes, Manufactured Home Parks and Modular Homes. Motion carried, unanimous.

Brunn updated the council on the unlicensed rental property in the city. Legal is looking for direction on if we would like to proceed with a lawsuit. Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to move forward with prosecution if no response or remedy is made by the end of the week. Motion carried, unanimous.

Brunn also included a letter from a property owner regarding sump pumps and asked the council if there is anything else they would like staff to follow up on. There was discussion on the improvements that were made. Staff is hopeful the latest improvements will help.

New Business

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Musachio, to close Penn Street on October 4 for the homecoming parade. Motion carried, unanimous.

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