

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

The Foley City Council held a regular meeting on November 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 October 1, 2019.
- Approve hiring of Erik Vickstrom as School Resource Officer.
- Approve hiring of Adam Goerger as part-time police officer.
- Approve asset disposals.
- Adopt Resolution #2019-14 Accepting Donation.
- Accept resignation of Wendy Ziwicki from library board.
- Approve payment of bills paid for by checks #51663-#51739.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Public Hearing – Weeds, Snow, I/I and Norman Ave S Assessments

Mayor Bettendorf recessed the regular city council meeting at 5:32 p.m. to conduct the public hearing on the weeds, snow, I/I and Norman Avenue S assessments. No one spoke for or against.

Mayor Bettendorf reconvened the regular city council meeting at 5:34 p.m. Motion by Swanson, seconded by Gondeck, to adopt Resolutions #2019-15, 16 and 17 Approving Assessments and rolls to be certified to the county. Motion carried, unanimous.

Stone Creek Golf Course – Discussion on real estate taxes.

Scott DeMarias, 14905 42nd Street NE, Foley, MN was at the meeting to discuss concerns about the taxes being paid without access to any city services. DeMarais indicated the golf course is struggling and asked why they are in the city limits if they are not provided services. The course also pays additional insurance because there is no fire hydrant close to the facility. Mayor Bettendorf indicated he will work with city staff to gather more information. Musachio asked additional information or concerns the owners had.

Update on Foley Library – Library Services Coordinator position.

Brandi Canter and Karen Pundsack from Great River Regional Library System were at the meeting to update the council on the library services coordinator position that is being posted as a joint position between Foley and Clearwater. The posting will be external so all candidates are encouraged to apply and can be heading to the website. Canter also updated the council on upcoming activities of the

library. Brosh asked about impact to hours and Canter indicated overall a net increase in staffing hours at the Foley library.

WREATHS across AMERICA Presentation

Leah Staup was at the meeting to overview the cadet program and wreaths program that is in the area, based in St. Cloud. The WREATH project is a program that lays wreaths on soldier graves in the area. A small portion of the program does also go to benefit the cadet program. Staup indicated cadets are available to assist with projects and she is also accepting donations to support the program.

Update/Discussion on wastewater project.

City Administrator Sarah Brunn updated the council on the connection fee and how the debt service is now included in the calculation of the \$7.5 million dollar connection fee.

Mayor Bettendorf gave an overview of his analysis of the RFP proposals. He said a lot of very qualified firms submitted, but indicated a priority was the ability to provide funding resources to get the project done. Member Musachio indicated agreement with funding being a top priority in addition to the needed ability to design the infrastructure. Member Gondeck indicated all the firms had good experience and funding is the biggest component to ensure the project moves forward. Member Swanson indicated some firms didn't have as much experience with our type project and preferred those with more experience in the force main work. Member Brosh indicated he called or met with each of the firms who provided a proposal and with his research has determined a top candidate.

Brosh provided a report from the committee and indicated that they are recommending Bolton & Menk. This recommendation came from their experience in this type of infrastructure (forcemains) and funding experience. Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Brosh, to move forward with appointing Bolton & Menk as the design engineer for the project. Motion carried, unanimous.

Mayor's Comments and Open Forum

Mayor Bettendorf congratulated Jack Brosh on being the snowplow rodeo champion at the maintenance expo held in St. Cloud. Brosh will compete at a national competition.

Chad Dombrovski, 264 Balsam Drive, indicated concerns with I/I compliance and the difficulty to meet the standards of the ordinance. Mr. Dombrovski asked the city what can be done to make sure he is compliant. Public Works Director Mark Pappenfus indicated he can work on the pipe that needs to be repaired within the right-of-way and to contact public works when ready to complete.

Department Reports

Police Chief Katie McMillin reviewed the monthly law enforcement report. McMillin also updated the council on Halloween safety visits, winter parking, backgrounding, and upcoming activities including cocoa with a cop.

City Engineer Jon indicated the city alley project is complete. Halter also updated on the 2020 trail project.

Public Works Director Mark Pappenfus updated the council on the activities of the department. Pappenfus provided information on the plow truck purchase including a chassis and body. Both parts will be ordered now and hopefully ready by the end of next year. Money was budgeted in both 2019 and 2020 for this purchase. Motion by Brosh, seconded by Gondeck, to approve the purchase of both

for a total of \$238,383.78. Gondeck questioned the savings from a single to dual axel. Pappenfus provided more detail on the specs of the truck. Motion carried, unanimous.

Pappenfus also updated the council on his participation on the Highway 23 project committee for the work that will be done in 2022. A kick-off meeting will be held in the coming weeks and all cities and counties will have a representative on the committee.

City Administrator Sarah Brunn updated the council on the 2020 budget, upcoming ordinance amendments and an upcoming coalition conference next week. The Coalition of Greater MN Cities has asked to use the Foley project in some of their flyers and handouts to push for passage of the bonding bill.

Brunn gave an overview of the driveway permit request on 75th Street for construction of a solar garden. Since the road is not paved, staff is requesting council approve a class 5 approach with security to guarantee its paved when 75th Street is paved. Motion by Swanson, seconded by Gondeck, to approve driveway permit request with the security and a requirement of installing a culvert. Motion carried, unanimous.

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

Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator