

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING – March 18, 2020
12:00 P.M. – FOLEY CITY HALL

The Foley City Council held an emergency meeting on March 18, 2020, at 8:00 a.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 COVID-19 Response

Emergency Manager and Police Chief Katie McMillin updated the council on the latest information regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. McMillin indicated the county emergency operations center has been activated. The latest concerns are there are not enough testing supplies so only critical facilities and personnel will have access to them. McMillin also updated the council on police staffing. Musachio asked for an update on the procedures when responding to calls for the safety of employees which the staff reviewed. Gondeck also inquired about the questions asked before responding to incident.

Public Works Director Mark Pappenfus updated the council on procedures for his employees and prioritizing of items. He indicated only essential calls and services are maintained at this time in order to practice social distancing and minimize the spread. The department is taking guidance from state agencies and MN Rural Water as well. Musachio questioned the status of park openings and services. Fire Chief Mark Pappenfus also updated the council on fire department protocols.

City Administrator Sarah Brunn updated the council on policy and staff items considered in the resolution and indicated email updates to the council would continue as the situation changes. Brosh asked about attendance at the health board meeting and Brunn advised to not have all members attend and would provide an update following the meeting tomorrow. Musachio updated the council on the work of the Foley CARE program and also other community items to consider.

Mayor Bettendorf moved to discussion regarding the presented resolution and provided an overview on what it covers. The largest item includes the closing of public buildings and moving all business to be conducted via phone, mail or online methods. Brosh wanted to confirm that public works employees are separating themselves including riding in separate vehicles to maintain proper distancing. Musachio asked about how meetings remain open in the instance they are conducted by conference call and staff indicated they are working on making arrangements. Gondeck indicated as leaders they need to remain calm, help out those who are

vulnerable in the community and work the plan in place. Motion by Swanson, seconded by Gondeck, to adopt Resolution #2020-07. Motion carried, unanimous.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah A. Brunn".

Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator