

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – May 21, 2020

The Foley City Council held a regular meeting on May 21, 2020, 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 Brosh, 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 May 5, 2020.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Quality of Life – Drive-In Movies

The Quality of Life requested approval to hold two drive in movies on July 16 and August 20 at the Foley Fieldhouse Parking Lot. No concessions will be served and movies will wrap up between 10:30 -11:00 p.m. The group will also abide by any state orders in place. Motion by Swanson, seconded by Gondeck, to approve the request. Motion carried, unanimous.

Discussion on Foley Municipal Pool

Amelia Winkelman, Pool Manager, provided guidance to the council on the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Red Cross guidelines. Social distancing, required masks and the ability to hold swimming lessons was reviewed. Swanson asked about the ability to implement these policies. Winkelman expressed concerns with social distancing in the water and enforcement with the children. Bettendorf indicated chlorine kills the virus but other issues could arise. Bettendorf expressed concerns with the guidelines. Brosh agreed there will be difficulties meeting all the requirements and generating the swim lesson revenue. Gondeck indicated other communities have already closed their pool and unfortunately the city should proceed with closure. Musachio also indicated concerns with social distancing in the water. City Administrator Sarah Brunn indicated a loss of revenue would likely occur. Brosh asked about the size of the pool and Pappenfus indicated over 350 people can be using the pool at a time. Social distancing would limit the occupancy. Winkelman indicated concerns with enforcing masks, social distancing and cleaning would be difficult for the size and did not recommend proceeding. Motion by Musachio, seconded by Gondeck, to close the pool for the 2020 season. Motion carried, unanimous. The council thanked the work of Pool Manager, Amelia Winkelman and hoped she could return next year for a season of swimming.

Discussion on City Hall/Foley Library Re-Opening

Brunn indicated the Foley Library will not begin re-opening until June. When City Hall is re-opened to the public additional cleaning and sanitizing will be needed. Social distancing will also need to be practiced. Brunn is recommending only opening City Hall on an appointment basis until June 3. The council will meet on June 2 and can discuss the next phase at that time. Brunn also recommended no use of the meeting room but offering small groups the option of utilizing the parks so long as they

follow social distancing and group size guidelines put out by the state. There was discussion on opening pros and cons. Brosh indicated he would like City Hall opened up immediately with the stay at home now off. There was discussion on who would be using the facilities. Motion by Musachio, seconded by Gondeck, to open City Hall by appointment only. Bettendorf, Musachio, Gondeck, Swanson – aye. Brosh - nay. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Police Chief Katie McMillin updated the council on 2012 Tahoe issues and the need to replace it next year rather than 2022.

Public Works Director Mark Pappenfus talked about park shelters. Brunn gave an overview explaining that insurance allows for it but the council should decide. Musachio indicated support with allowing the park shelter reservations to continue but asked the picnic tables to be moved. Pappenfus asked for direction on the picnic tables and the consensus of the council was to allow the public to use common sense. Pappenfus also indicated he will be hiring summer help. Pappenfus also indicated a pond discharge may be possible this weekend, with the little rain and early thaw helping achieve this. There was discussion on park shelter reservations and bathrooms. Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to keep the park shelters available and bathrooms only when reservations are in place. Bathrooms at parks would remain closed during other hours at this time. Brunn indicated group sizes in future state orders would possibly allow for larger sized groups. Swanson, Gondeck, Bettendorf – aye. Brosh, Musachio – nay. Motion carried.

Pappenfus presented quotes for overlays and the fire hall parking lot. Brosh indicated support for the street work but not for the parking lot at the Fire Hall. Pappenfus indicated the street work definitely needs to be done and the price is good so the Fire Hall work should also happen. Swanson agreed with Brosh that streets need to be done and parking lots should be deferred. Bettendorf also commented that parking lots should be a lesser priority. Brunn commented on the need for street maintenance to get as much life out of them as possible, especially with costs to completely reconstruct streets. Motion by Brosh, seconded by Gondeck, to go ahead with street maintenance and approve the street maintenance quote. Motion carried, unanimous.

City Administrator Sarah Brunn had no report. Musachio asked about providing more options to broadcast or stream the meetings. Swanson and Bettendorf expressed concerns with spending resources on the technology. There was discussion on options and Brunn indicate more research could be done in the future.

Old Business

Brunn updated the council on the wastewater bonding bill and the fact there will be special session in mid-June. Matthews has indicated he could come out to discuss with council at their next meeting. There was discussion on some of the details of the session. The council requested both Matthews and Mekeland attend the June 2 council meeting.

New Business

The council discussed the business support resolution. There was lengthy discussion on the orders and impact on small business and also how order violations are handled. The council had many frustrations on the orders and its impact on the local economy.

The council discussed ordinance revisions expanding outdoor seating. The proposed interim ordinance would allow for additional seating in parking lots and along sidewalks. Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Musachio, to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried, unanimous.

Brosh indicated support in allowing the firefighter's take their helmets. Pappenfus will bring forward an official proposal in June.

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



Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator