

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – September 7, 2021

The Foley City Council held its regular meeting on September 7, 2021, 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 Musachio, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimous.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Musachio, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried, unanimous.

Public Hearing – Triple E Secure Storage Rezoning

Mayor Bettendorf recessed the regular council meeting at 5:31 p.m. to conduct a public hearing on the rezoning request for Triple E Secure storage.

Julia Fraley, 6235 Hwy 25 NE, spoke as the property owner directly to the north of the proposed rezoning plat. Fraley said that she had not had any contact from the folks who are representing the building project or the rezoning. She had concerns about egress and ingress of that parcel of land and how it will affect the surrounding neighbors.

Duane Foss, 6149 Hwy 25 NE, addressed the council and said he lived south of the parcel in question. He got the letter informing him of the possible rezoning, but it wasn't clear to him what would happen if/when the land was rezoned to industrial. What other businesses might be added in the future?

The regular council meeting was reconvened at 5:34 p.m.

Bettendorf asked for a motion adopting Resolution 2021-20.

Sarah Brunn City Administrator addressed the council explaining (for the benefit of the people in attendance) that the resolution addresses the rezoning. It does not approve the site plan. The site plan was tabled at the Planning Commission meeting because of discussion of access and a few other items. The rezoning is just the first step. The Planning Commission still needs to make a recommendation on the site plan, which will then be brought to the council for approval.

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Brosh, to approve Resolution 2021-20 Approving Rezoning of Triple E Secure Storage.

Gondeck said he would like to see the people with concerns to be at the next Planning Commission meeting on Monday, Sept. 13, when more of their questions could be answered.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Public Hearing – Pantown Brewing Company – Sept. 23, 2021, at Grand Champion Meats
Bettendorf recessed the regular council meeting at 5:37 p.m. for the Public Hearing regarding a temporary liquor license for Pan Town Brewing Company.

No one spoke.

The regular council meeting was reconvened at 5:38 p.m.

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Gondeck, to approve the temporary liquor license for Pantown Brewing.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Bryan Moshier – Foley Fire Relief Update

Bryan Moshier addressed the council regarding the Foley Fire Relief funds. The account currently has a surplus. With the uncertainties of last year, this is good news. They paid out a lot of pension for retirees and still maintained a good fund balance which is a good sign. They always wait and see what the third quarter does before considering a decision if a raise in funds is needed. They are not at that point yet so it's not part of the request this evening. It will most likely be decided at the October meeting. To clarify Mr. Moshier indicated this is the relief fund, which is separate from the city's general funds.

Wastewater Project Update Bolton and Menk

Paul Saffert addressed the council and gave an overview of the wastewater project. Due to delays in the permitting process with the MPCA, which will take until January, the bidding process will not be able to begin until February or March of 2022. Once the project is awarded there will be another 15-18 months construction. Discussion followed regarding timelines.

Saffert explained that the final plan specifications were submitted to the MPCA. All of the routing is done and designed. Finalizing easements are still in process. With the current climate in contracting and the availability of materials, there's a lot of uncertainty on delivery dates. Their intention is to provide as open as a schedule as possible to account for those unknown deliverables. Construction could take less time than 15-18 months depending on what the contractor is able to provide. Everything from COVID to hurricanes has effected deliveries for the past 18 months.

Discussion followed regarding the Lange lift station. The council recommended to do the work needed now to the lift station as part of the wastewater project budget.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Musachio, to approve replacing the Lange lift station.

Motion carried, unanimous.

2022 Budget Discussion

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Musachio, to adopt Resolution #2021-18 Approving the Preliminary levy. This was the direction given by the council at the budget meeting. Motion carried, unanimous.

Mayor's Open Forum

No one spoke.

Department Reports

Police Department

Acting Chief Officer Bart Kothman was unable to present his report because he was detained while attending to a call.

City Engineer

Jarod Griffith, City Engineer gave an update on the John Street construction. The concrete should be poured tomorrow and paving will begin next week. Mark Pappenfus Director of Public Works gave additional information on the project. The slab of the police department is solid but they did discover a void most likely created by pooling water from years ago. The problem is being fixed. Discussion followed.

Griffith also gave an update on the Hwy 23 project. Final plans have been submitted for utilities along with MNDot to the state. The city is responsible for expenses for relocations of small utilities. These estimates are not finalized until final plans are submitted and now have been relayed to the city and estimated to cost \$53,167.00 for the location between 8th & 9th Avenue. There are four copper lines that need to be relocated. The plan is to move those to the right of way. Discussion followed.

Public Works and Fire Department

Mark Pappenfus gave an overview to the council about replacing a pickup truck. Funds will be from this year's budget.

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Gondeck, to approve purchase of the pickup truck. Motion carried, unanimous.

Pappenfus also gave an update on the seal coating on the south end of town. The project is done. In a few more weeks, those streets will be swept to finish it up. The salt shed needed a lot of dirt correction. That was corrected and the piers are all poured. Bunkers will come next week. The shed should be done by the end of the month.

Brosh asked about reopening the compost site to 7 days a week. A new gate would help with the problem. Discussion followed. Pappenfus told the council that a lot of cities only have their compost sites open 2-3 days per week. More discussion.

The Fire Department with Snap Fitness is doing a 9-11 tribute Bootcamp at the fire hall on Sept. 11. They will also be hosting a recruitment event afterwards.

Administration

Sarah Brunn, City Administrator, gave an update to the council. The St. Cloud Driver's License station has contacted city hall about having their driver examiners return to offer road testing the first Tuesday of every month. They may be returning as soon as later this fall.

Brunn also provided a pool update report from the pool manager, Emma Brenny, is in the council packet. A very good pool year as far as revenues.

Brunn explained that our interim chief, Officer Kothman, was busy with multiple calls at the moment and wouldn't be able to give his report. If the council had questions, they could reach out to him directly.

Pappenfus provided a more information about what other cities do for their compost sites. Sauk Rapids has their compost open 3 days a week. We are right in line with what other cities are doing. Discussion followed.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Julie Fraley asked to address the council again since she missed the call for Mayor's Open Forum. Fraley asked Brunn about a possible resolution for the access for Triple E Storage and if the plan could be viewed. Brunn said that would go out in the Planning Commission packet either tomorrow or Thursday.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Musachio, to adjourn.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator

(Minutes By: Sara- Judson Brown, Administrative Assistant)