

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – January 4, 2022

The Foley City Council held its regular council meeting on January 4, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Foley City Hall.

Members Present: Mayor Gerard Bettendorf, Council Members 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.

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

Consent Agenda:

- Approve minutes of December 7, 2021.
- Approve minutes of December 16, 2021.
- Accept resignation of Josh Lindgren, police officer.
- Approve Alex Skluzacek for full-time police officer position.
- Adopt Resolution #2022-01 Approving polling place.
- Adopt Resolution #2022-03 Accepting Donation.
- Approve updated Use of Force policy as required by POST Board.
- Approve payment of bills.

Motion carried, unanimous.

**Public Hearing – Vacation of City Right-of-Way**

Mayor Bettendorf recessed the regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. for a public hearing on the proposed vacation of city right-of-way located near Norman Avenue and invited the public to speak for or against the matter.

Jonathan Brenny, 621 Norman Avenue N, spoke briefly in favor of the plan.

No one else spoke.

At 5:32 p.m., Bettendorf reconvened the regular meeting.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to adopt Resolution #2022-02 Vacating City Right-of-Way.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Brunn thanked Brenny for helping to get this issue cleared up.

## **2022 Annual Appointments**

Brunn directed the council to the list of appointments in their council packet. She pointed out that the city currently has a lot of vacancies. City ordinances do not prohibit appointing vacancies at any time during the year if someone expresses interest.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Musachio, to approve the list of appointments and with the stipulation that we will appoint more later in the year as needed.

Motion carried, unanimous.

## **Mayor's Comments and Open Forum**

No one spoke.

## **Department Reports**

### **Foley Police Department**

Chief Katie McMillin addressed the council and gave an overview of the past month. The department took 348 calls in December. McMillin reviewed the steady increase in the volume of calls the department has seen, including traffic medical, assaults, and assisting other agencies. McMillin also shared that the Coco with a Cop that was held last month at school had 20 kids participating. She reminded the council of an upcoming Fun with Police Event. She also informed the council she would be updating the emergency response plan. There were no questions from the council.

Brunn shared with the council that she'd had a conversation with Minnesota State Representative Shane Mekeland regarding a number of public safety legislative items at the state level. She encouraged the council to follow the discussions going on at the state. The new session will start the end of January.

### **City Engineer**

Jarrod Griffith gave an update to the industrial park project and the wetlands discussion. The team is meeting with the county to nail down the delineation process. There should be answers in time for the February meeting.

### **Public Works and Fire Department**

Mark Pappenfus gave an update to the council. Public Works is making ice for the skating rink and the rink is open. The Fire Department's Santa Fire Truck Parade went very well with a good turnout. Good feedback from the community. Candy canes and pizza for the crew were also donated for the event. Pappenfus also shared that the Fire Relief committee would meet tomorrow night after the regular Fire Department meeting to discuss the audit language brought up at the last council meeting. Several townships have already approved their new contracts since the contract meeting last month.

### **Administration**

Sarah Brunn gave an update on the police union talks. The previous union has reformed as LELS. She will be in contact with the personnel committee with more information as this moves forward. The union has been good to work with so far. Everything will come back to the council for final approval. The union represents three of the four full-time officers. Chief McMillin is not covered by the union as she is a department head. Brunn explained that since we've already approved our 2022 budget the union has recognized this could affect the wages discussions.

**Old Business**

Brunn gave an update on the wastewater project. The 60 day waiting period is near completion. The needed easements have all been determined and conversations with property owners are nearly complete. More information will be coming in a few weeks. Bolton and Menk will handle the bidding.

Pappenfus added that they are looking at moving the main lift station a little. It will cost a lot of money to get power to the station. Staff is working with Xcel Energy on all options.

**New Business**

The meeting closed to the public at 5:46 p.m. to conduct the performance review of City Administrator Sarah Brunn. Performance was determined satisfactory.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



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Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator

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