

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – February 8, 2022

The Foley City Council held its regular council meeting on February 8, 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 Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Musachio, to pull Resolution #2022-04 MnDOT Agreement from the consent agenda and discuss/vote on separately.

Motion carried, unanimous

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

Consent Agenda:

- Approve minutes of January 4, 2022.
- Approve TH 23 Cooperative Construction Agreement.
- Approve Gilmanton Township fire contract – includes revised language.
- Approve all other fire contracts – original language (Alberta sample in packet).
- Approving hiring of Joshua Graham, part-time police officer, contingent on background/psych.
- Approve School Choice Proclamation.
- Approve fire relief audit request.
- Approve installation of yield sign in industrial park.
- Approve revised police department policy/procedure manual.
- Approve payment of bills.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Discussion of Resolution #2022-04 MnDOT Agreement

City Administrator Sarah Brunn addressed the council and gave an overview of the agreement with MnDOT. While checking with the state to make sure the numbers were correct, she found discrepancies with the money for the city expenditures listed in the agreement. She advised the council that the agreement shouldn't be approved in its current draft until the issue is resolved. The state has agreed to correct the issue in the agreement. The difference amounted to an increase of about \$70,000 of expenses for the city. Discussion and questions followed from the council.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Musachio, to approve the Trunk Highway 23 Cooperative Construction Agreement and authorize the signature by the mayor and city administrator, contingent

upon all estimated costs for pedestrian walkways, lighting and curb/gutter items are covered by the appropriated \$300,000 in bond funds received for the City of Foley.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Wastewater Project – Jared Voge Bolton and Menk

Voge updated the council on the wastewater project. Bolton and Menk received word that the city's wastewater permit was approved for the current structure as required by the state. The next item as it relates to the regionalization project is to approve the plans for improvement. Voge directed the council to the memo in their packet that outlined the schedule for the project. Advertising for bids would begin March 1 with bids opened on March 30. Project would be awarded in April with ground breaking as soon as weather permitted in the spring. Completion expected by summer/fall of 2023. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Musachio, to adopt Resolution #2022-05 Approving Plans & Specs and Authorizing Bids.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Mayor's Comments & Open Forum

No one spoke.

Department Reports

Police Department

Chief Katie McMillin gave an overview to the council regarding the department and crime stats. There were 291 calls to the PD in January. She also explained that she added a line to the monthly crime stat report - Child Report - for any calls that occurred at the school. She also said the department has been reminding the public to lock their vehicles to help prevent theft. Fun with Police will be held on Thursday, Feb. 17 with the message "Bee Kind." She also directed the council to their packet where she included the stats from the Minnesota BCA preliminary crime data for violent crime. St. Cloud was in the top four cities for homicides in the state. This was something to keep in mind as neighboring cities are seeing an increase in crime.

City Engineer

Jarod Griffith gave the council an update of the industrial park wetlands situation and the efforts to shrink the area of concern of 12 acres of delineated wetlands. The initial estimate was that only 4 acres would be affected. Benton County is currently reviewing. We're hoping that the county will agree to remove it completely. Discussion and questions followed.

Public Works and Fire

Mark Pappenfus gave an update on the vacuum truck purchase. The used one from Lakeville is now available. It needs some work but it's still in good shape. Would like the council's permission to proceed with the purchase.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to approve the purchase of the vacuum truck.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to approve the sale of the old truck at auction.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Pappenfus also gave an update on water usage for 2021. It's down from previous years. He also brought up the issue of the Fire Department burn permits within city limits. Currently, the DNR issues burn permits. Discussion and questions followed. The council agreed to let the fire department research taking over burn permits for the city. Pappenfus also thanked the council for attending the Fire Department's annual banquet.

Administrative

Sarah Brunn gave an overview of projects currently in progress. Staff is answering questions regarding the wastewater project and water/sewer bills. Brunn also indicated a need to update our existing code regarding water/sewer connections both because of new standards in place but also to protect city's investments in infrastructure. Discussion and questions followed with council agreeing to have staff bring back recommendations.

Brunn also reminded the council of the Foley Business Expo at the high school on Saturday. The city would be participating with an information booth. The new monthly water/sewer billing began this month. Staff is doing a great job of getting them turned around. We are not currently charging late penalties, but we will start doing that in the near future.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Musachio to adjourn.

Motion carried, unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator

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