

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – November 15, 2022

The Foley City Council held their regular meeting on Nov. 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at 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.

The mayor addressed the audience and directed people who wished to speak during the Mayor's Open Forum to please use the sign-up sheet in the back with their name and address. He also reminded the audience that the meeting is conducted using Robert's Rules of Order, meaning that no one in attendance is allowed to speak unless acknowledged by the mayor.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried, unanimous.

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

Consent Agenda:

- Approve payment of connection fee to City of St. Cloud – as required per agreement.
- Approve serving notice to Gilmanton Township of intent to annex new industrial park property following Joint Planning Board review.
- Adopt Resolution #2022-28 Accepting Donation.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Canvass 2022 Election Results

Gondeck stated that he would like to see more people vote. Swanson agreed saying that it was state wide.

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Gondeck, to adopt Resolution #2022-29 Canvassing Election Results.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Coalition of Greater MN Cities

Bradley Petersen from the Coalition of Greater MN Cities addressed the council and gave an overview of the mid-terms and the upcoming legislative session. The coalition represents 100 communities outside of the metro area. Petersen said one of the challenges in the upcoming session will be that with one-party rule the legislature may be more focused on metro area concerns. The coalition's job will be to try remind the legislature of rural concerns. A priority issue will be to push for the bonding bill in order to replenish PSIG money and other grants that rural communities are dependent on for infrastructure projects. Petersen encouraged the council to meet with and communicate with their reps to remind them of their concerns. Questions and discussion followed.

Mayor's Open Forum

No one spoke.

Department Reports

Police Department

Chief Katie McMillin gave an overview to the council. So far this month the department had responded to 183 calls. She also informed the council that coming up in January the department may be losing one of our part-time officers who may be accepting a full-time job in another community. The council didn't have any questions for the chief.

City Engineer

Jared Griffith gave an update on the Hwy 23 project. They finished paving on Monday. The trail will have to wait until spring. Lights are up. Signs and guardrails will be installed this week. Temporary striping will begin next week. No questions from the council.

Public Works and Fire Department

Mark Pappenfus gave an overview to the council. The city will be required to replace some lead pipes in the near future. The compost site will shut down for the season on Saturday. The wastewater project is moving forward.

Administration

Sarah Brunn told the council the city is hoping to apply for an infrastructure grant for the industrial park. Unfortunately, DEED is also out of grant money until a bonding bill goes through. The EPA issued some new guidance on the wild rice standard that Minnesota that will need to follow. The new standard would have impacted us if we had kept on-site treatment. The 2023 budget will move forward as is unless the council asks for changes. The TNT statements from the county are not out yet, but will go out soon. She encouraged the council to put the Legislative Day of Action on their calendar for January. The library carpet installation is done. Special thanks to Public Works for helping. It all went smoothly and we hope the library will be back to normal in a couple more days.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Gondeck, to adjourn.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.



Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator
(Minutes By: Sara Judson Brown, Administrative Assistant)