

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – December 20, 2024

The Foley City Council held a special meeting on Dec. 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Foley City Hall.

Members Present: Councilmembers Jeff Gondeck, Deb Mathiowetz, Gary Swanson, and Brandon Voit.

Members Absent: Mayor Jack Brosh

Councilmember Gondeck called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Motion carried, unanimous.

**Approve Purchase of Body Cameras/Equipment for Foley Police Department**

Sarah Brunn, City Administrator, gave an overview to the council. The police department is working on upgrades with the Benton County Sheriff's office for the squad computers and body cameras. Chief McMillin is asking for approval from the council. Public safety funds will be used to make the purchase. There is a significant benefit to working with the county for the purchase of the equipment. All the agencies are buying the same equipment and the county assists with the management of the videos.

Motion by Mathiowetz, seconded by Voit, to approve the purchase of the body cameras and equipment for the police department.

Motion carried, unanimous.

**ARPA Funds – Discuss and Approve Materials Bids**

Jarod Griffith, City Engineer, gave an overview to the council. Two bids (Ferguson, Core & Main) are in the council packet for approval for the purchase of the 2024 Southside Materials. Griffith recommended the approval of the Ferguson Waterworks bid for \$199,127.56. Questions and discussion followed. The materials were a little less than engineer's estimate for the southside project due to possible modifications to the project. Staff didn't want to over purchase.

Motion by Voit, seconded by Mathiowetz, to approve the bid from Ferguson Waterworks.

Brunn gave an overview to the council on the water meters/materials quotes. The two quotes (Ferguson, Neptune) are for the meters and the reading system. The city's current system is unsupported. The proposed tower system would be more efficient for Public Works. The meters would be for the new housing as well as for current residents. The old meters would be swapped out. The new meters offer a better data profile. Brunn also explained that the infrastructure is

included in the quote. The software would be a separate item. Mark Pappenfus, Director of Public Works, explained that the new meters would be compatible with the new utility billing software. Questions and discussion followed.

Motion by Voit, seconded by Mathiowetz, to approve the low quote of \$173,790.00 from Ferguson.

Motion carried, unanimous.

### **Other Business**

Ashley Bukowski, City Attorney, gave an update on the franchise agreement process. There is a potential agreement with East Central. A few questions have come up with regards to how East Central treats commercial users vs. Xcel Energy . East Central and Xcel have different ways of looking at small business and their energy usage and that could affect franchise fees. Staff is in negotiation and will bring more information to the council when it's ready. Discussion and questions followed.

Mayor Jack Brosh was not present to receive his service award. Gondeck thanked Brosh for his service as a councilmember and as his two years as mayor.

Swanson thanked the Fire Department for the Santa Parade. It went very well.

Pappenfus added that the sewer project they made great strides this week on some issues they were having. The punch list is getting smaller. Brunn added staff is still waiting on the first bill on the flow from St. Cloud. Discussion and questions followed.

Motion by Voit, seconded by Mathiowetz, to adjourn.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 10:28 a.m.



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