

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – March 7, 2017

The Foley City Council held a regular meeting on March 7, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the Foley City Hall.

Members Present: Mayor Gerard Bettendorf, Councilmembers Jeff Gondeck and Gary Swanson

Members Absent: Kris du'Monceaux

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Consent Agenda

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to approve the consent agenda, which includes the following:

- Approve minutes of February 7 & 22, 2017.
- Adopt Resolution #2017-6 Supporting Highway 23 Safety Improvements.
- Adopt Resolution #2017-7 Approving Joint Powers Agreement with BCA.
- Adopt Resolution #2017-9 Adopting Records Retention Schedule.
- Approve 3-year County State Aid Highway (CSAH) Agreement.
- Approve seasonal/part-time positions pay rates.
- Approve 2016-2018 Audit Contract.
- Approve payment of bills paid for checks #49446 - #49521.

Gondeck questioned the CSAH agreement. Motion carried, unanimous.

Public Hearing - 181 Hwy 23 W Off-Sale Liquor Application

Mayor Bettendorf recessed the regular City Council meeting at 5:32 p.m. to conduct the public hearing on the off-sale liquor application. No one spoke for or against the application. Mayor Bettendorf reconvened the regular City Council meeting at 5:32 p.m. Motion by Swanson seconded by Gondeck to approve the liquor and tobacco licenses for 181 Hwy 23 W. Motion carried, unanimous.

Presentation of Emergency Management Certificate for Katie McMillin

Jeanna Sommers, from Homeland Security and Emergency Management, gave an overview of the program and requirements of completing 150 hours of training. McMillin was congratulated for completing the requirements and receiving her certificate.

2016 Year-End Audit Transfers

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to adopt Resolution #2017-8 Transfers of Funds. Motion carried, unanimous.

Discussion on Public Works Dump Truck

Public Works Director Mark Pappenfus gave an overview of the existing equipment issues and indicated the county is selling a used dump truck that the city is interested in purchasing in lieu of purchasing and deferring the purchase of a new snow plow truck for a few more years. The truck is for sale for \$18,500. Weis questioned how much could the old truck sell for. Gondeck questioned if the old truck had to be fixed before it could be sold. Pappenfus indicated the truck

would be sold by auction. Gondeck expressed concerns with the safety of the existing truck. Gondeck questioned the life of this new purchase and what the future plans are. Swanson questioned the specs of the truck. City Administrator Brunn reviewed the need to identify revenue sources of the capital funds in the future. Gondeck indicated concern with passing DOT. Swanson elaborated on DOT standards. Motion by Bettendorf, seconded by Gondeck, to approve purchasing the truck for \$18,500 from Benton County. Motion carried, unanimous.

Discussion on Demonstration Project

City Engineer Jon Halter reviewed the potential demonstration project and 2018 street improvements along Dewey Street. Halter gave an overview of the feasibility study of Dewey, which includes portions of 2nd and 3rd Avenue. Halter explained the potential to set up a temporary striping of parallel parking and a bike lane on one side of the road along Dewey. This temporary project would give the city the opportunity to "test-run" this option before actual construction. Bettendorf questioned how many spots would be lost with parallel parking. Halter indicated about three spots per block would be lost, reducing each block from 11 to eight. Halter also reviewed the schedule for the 2018 improvements, including re-presenting the public hearing, assessments hearing, state variance (if required), and bidding process. Gondeck expressed concern with parallel parking and a bike lane running through the downtown. Gondeck indicated a need to educate the community with these changes. Halter indicated the demonstration project is intended to try things out before constructing. Swanson indicated a reduction in u-turns and visibility at the intersections would be good. Weis indicated support with trying out the demonstration project. Bettendorf also indicated a willingness to meet with Customer Relations about where their employees are parking. The council agreed to proceed.

Discussion on dog ordinance

Brunn reviewed the requested dog ordinance change. Swanson expressed concerns over dog droppings. Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Swanson, to update the license fee from \$5 to a one-time \$20 fee and provide and keep current proof of vaccinations with the dog at all times. Motion carried, unanimous.

Open Forum

Rose Seimers, 540 Broadway Ave N, requested an update on the pedestrian crossings. Brunn reviewed the TA application process and project. Seimers asked if anything could be done temporarily in those crossing areas. Bettendorf indicated the state retains control of the highway. Halter added that MNDOT is pursuing options on improving safety along Highway 23. Bettendorf added he had a meeting with Newberger, our state representative about safety concerns. Pappenfus indicated temporary signs could be placed if the council desired. Swanson asked about crosswalk protocol.

Department Reports

Katie McMillin, Police Chief gave an overview of the monthly law enforcement report. McMillin also updated the council on the Highway 23 saturation project. McMillin also indicated the bike safety rodeo is in June.

City Attorney Adam Ripple reviewed the upcoming council training.

Public Works Director Mark Pappenfus updated the council on the wellhead protection plan. Pappenfus indicated funds may be available for the sealing of wells in the affected area

and general maintenance. Swanson questioned the manholes not being level with the streets. Halter indicated the need to wait until the road comes back down after the thaw cycle.

City Administrator Sarah Brunn updated the council on the city pool, council training, planning commission activities, a transient merchant license fee request and the upcoming performance review of the administrator to be conducted in April.

Old Business

Gondeck reported on his attendance of the newly elected officials conference.

Motion by Gondeck, seconded by Weis, to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. Motion carried, unanimous.



Sarah A. Brunn, Administrator