

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – December 16, 2025

The Foley City Council held its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on December 16, 2025, at Foley City Hall.

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

Members Absent: None

Mayor Voit convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Motion carried, unanimous.

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

- Approve minutes of December 2, 2025.
- Adopt Resolution #2025-38 Approving Private Plan for MN Paid Leave.
- Approve MN Paid Leave Policy per updated personnel policy.
- Approve Paid Family Leave – LELS Union Memo of Understanding.
- Approve 2026 Step Schedule, required for annual audit.
- Approve purchase/order of wood chipper – 2026 CIP.

Motion carried, unanimous.

**Mayor's Comments and Open Forum**

Debra Olson, 600 Dewey Street, addressed the council on concerns regarding the Foley logo clothing purchased for employees. She brought examples of logo clothing she purchased for herself from her employer. She asked the council to tighten the budget.

Council discussion followed. Voit and Sarah Brunn, City Administrator, explained that the city has a budget of \$500 annually for logo clothing for full-time (non-union, non-department heads) employees. The \$500 is shared across all departments – not \$500 for each individual employee. This also does not include councilmembers. The council purchases city logo clothing on their own. The annual \$500 has not been spent in several years. It was added to the personnel policy several years ago. Questions and discussion followed. Mathiowetz supported the policy stating it is appropriate for council and staff to wear city logo clothing when representing the city at the capital or other meetings. Voit clarified this expenditure is separate from uniforms for Public Works. More discussion and questions followed.

### **Public Hearing – South Fairway Estates Preliminary Plat**

Voit recessed the regular meeting at 5:39 p.m. to hold the public hearing on the South Fairway Estates Preliminary Plat. No one spoke.

Voit reconvened the regular meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Motion by Mathiowetz, seconded by Swanson, to approve the preliminary plat.

Brunn added that the curb, road, and lot size variance (building pads meet minimums) were included in the preliminary plat. The lots start narrow and then get wider in the back. The roads will be a posted 25 mph speed limit.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Jarod Griffith, City Engineer, gave an overview of the preliminary plat in finer detail including soil borings and answered questions. Questions and discussion followed.

### **Other Business**

Voit introduced the topic of the American Legion vacant lot which is not currently a hard surface lot, but they are using it as a parking lot. Brunn confirmed staff has communicated with the Legion stating that they should not park on the lot unless they plan to hard surface it to officially make it a parking lot. If they continue to park on the empty lot, further action could be taken. Brunn asked the council for guidance on next steps. Discussion and questions followed. Council asked staff to set up a meeting with the Voit, Swanson, and the Legion's executive board.

Motion by Mathiowetz, seconded by Swanson, to adjourn.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

### **Joint City – Benton County Workshop Session – 6pm**

Members of the city council, representatives and staff from Benton County, Foley CARE representatives, Benton Economic Partnership and other stakeholders met to discuss redevelopment options for the old government center. A number of items were discussed including the following:

- Parking for new Government Center/1901 Courthouse
- U of M Extension space
- Medical clinic
- Senior center
- Dental clinic
- Mixed-use commercial redevelopment of the site
- County garages redevelopment
- TIF/TAF financing options

A smaller committee has been established and will continue to gather information and report back to the full county board and city council.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah A. Brunn".

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