

CITY OF FOLEY, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – March 10, 2026

The Foley City Council held its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on March 10, 2026, at Foley City Hall.

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

Members Absent: Mayor Brandon Voit

Councilmember Gondeck convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Motion carried, unanimous.

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

- Approve minutes of February 10, 2026.
- Adopt Resolution #2026-11 Appointing Election Judges.
- Adopt Resolution #2026-12 Accepting League Grant.
- Consider New Hires for Fire Department – Justin Bowland, Nathaniel Lease, Ben Kirby, Dustin Jante
- Approve payment of bills.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Mayor's Comments & Open Forum

Debra Olson, 600 Dewey Street, thanked the Police and Fire Departments for the wonderful send off for the Foley wrestlers to the state competition. Olson also brought up council goals and priorities and referenced a possible 4-way stop at Broadway Avenue and Dewey Street and requested that another be added at 6th Avenue and Dewey Street. She also stated that the city's monthly 2,000 gallon minimum water bill usage was lower than the EPA standard per day usage.

Discussion/Approval of Downtown Banners

Sarah Brunn, City Administrator, gave an overview to the council and presented the banner designs on the screen. The Economic Development Committee worked with staff to get the right dimensions and helped get the banners designed. Discussion and questions followed. The banners will be displayed downtown. Brunn asked the council to approve the expenditure to be taken out of the general fund.

Motion by Lloyd, seconded by Swanson, to approve the expenditure for the banners.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Discussion on Downtown Façade Application – 161 4th Avenue N

Gondeck stated that the EDA met and recommended approval of the Façade application for 161 4th Avenue N. Mathiowetz shared that she approved of the project and it will be nice to have another business at the same address. She recommended approval. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mathiowetz, seconded by Lloyd, to approve the Façade application for 161 4th Avenue N.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Department Reports

Police Department

Chief Katie McMillin gave an overview on the February stat report. There were 369 calls. In 2025, there were 329 calls in the same month. Accidents and thefts and medicals were down. Child calls at the school, suspicious activity, and parking tickets were up. She reminded the council that winter parking enforcement is still in place until April 1. The new records system will go into effect March 31. The stat reporting will change due to the new records system reporting. Discussion and questions followed. McMillin confirmed the date of the Bike Rodeo is June 13.

City Engineer

Jarod Griffith, City Engineer, gave an overview to the council on the 2026 Lead Service project and asked for council approval on plans and authorization of bid advertising. Discussion and questions followed. Gondeck offered disclosure that his property is included in this list along with another property he has interest in.

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Mathiowetz, to approve the plans and authorize bid advertising.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Griffith gave an overview of next steps for funding for the lead service project and presented Resolution #2026-13 Authorization Applying for MPFA Loan/Grant.

Motion by Mathiowetz, seconded by Lloyd, to approve Resolution #2026-13 Authorizing Applying for MPFA Loan/Grant.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Griffith gave an overview and asked for approval of Pay Application #8 – 2025 Northside Improvements for \$52,580.27 for work certified to date. It represents 95% of the project. Completion date is estimated to be mid to late June.

Discussion and questions followed. Mathiowetz brought up a few concerns including a neighbor who had to park in their yard during the winter. Griffith said that crews would touch up seeding.

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Lloyd to approve Pay Application #8 – 2025 Northside Improvements for \$52,580.27.

Motion carried, unanimous.

Public Works and Fire Department

Mark Pappenfus, Director of Public Works, gave an overview to the council. There were no updates for the project. Discussion and questions followed on water meter replacement and access.

Administration

Sarah Brunn, City Administrator, gave an overview to the council. Staff has been in contact with Minnesota Housing regarding the grant funds and working with them on a timeline. New estimate is early summer. The goal is to get grant contract signed so city would be eligible for funds. Staff will keep the council posted on updates.

Brunn also gave an update on the industrial park land that was previously discussed. She asked if council wanted to discuss or move forward. Brunn recommended starting with the wetlands delineation and then come back with a decision on the platting. Discussion and questions followed. Council agreed to move forward with quote. Brunn said quote would be brought to the next council meeting.

Mathiowetz updated the council on the library from the County Commissioner's meeting. Meetings and conversations are continuing between the county board and Great River Regional Library. Discussion and questions followed. Brunn confirmed the proposed new hours wouldn't start until April.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Lloyd, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, unanimous.

