



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Monday, August 4, 2025

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

Work Session/Council Meeting

Public Hearing

[25-0417](#)

A Public Hearing to Consider Amending the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Unrelated People

President Trawick opened the Public Hearing at 4:01pm. He asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

Call to Order

President Wayne Trawick called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

Roll Call

All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Richard Dayton. Also present: Mayor Ralph G. Hellmich, City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Katy Taylor, Christi Watkins, Broox Holmes, John Valla, Manuel Bauer, Tom DeBell, Leslie Gahagan, Taylor Davis, Charles Webb, Jeff Lee, Doug Anderson, Eden Lapham, Chad Brewer, Logan Eberly, Tim Lower, Angela Sherman, Jamie Smith, Darrell Russell, Judy Smith, Corey Mills, Kate Norris, Nancy Nall, Guy Busby, Kevin Carnley, David Wilson, Thurston Bullock, Frank Shephard, Mike Yeater, Lisa Yeater, Melissa Gardner, Larry Dearing and Darrell Russell

Present: 4 - Wayne Trawick, Vera Quaites, Rick Blackwell and Charles Ebert III

Absent: 1 - Richard Dayton

Moment of Reflection

Pledge of Allegiance

Work Session Discussion

Additions/Removals/Carry-Overs

There were no additions, removals or carry-overs to report.

Consent Agenda

[25-0385](#)

Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2025

Attachments: [7-21-25 WS Council Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, to approve the Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2025. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[25-0421](#)

Special Call Council Meeting Minutes of July 30, 2025.

Attachments: [7-30-25 Special Called Council Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, to approve the Special Call Council Meeting Minutes of July 30, 2025. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Ordinances

[25-0390](#)

(Second Reading) An Ordinance Adopting Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Attachments: [Recommendation Documents.pdf](#)

There were no comments to report.

A motion was made by Council Member Vera Quaites, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-2030-ORD

[25-0406](#)

(Second Reading) AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FOLEY, ALABAMA (BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION)

Attachments: [Portion of CR 65 Transfer](#)

There were no comments to report.

A motion was made by Council Member Vera Quaites, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-2028-ORD

[25-0407](#)

(Second Reading) AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY WITHIN OR ABUTTING THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FOLEY, ALABAMA (BALDWIN COUNTY

COMMISSION)

Attachments: [HWY98-FBE Legal Description and Map](#)

There were no comments to report.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-2029-ORD

[25-0326](#)

(Second Reading) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF FOLEY ZONING ORDINANCE - UNRELATED PEOPLE

Attachments: [Recommendation Docs Zoning Ordinance Amendments.pdf](#)
[Corrected - Zoning Ordinance Amendments for Unrelated People 25-0417 \(1\)](#)

There were no comments to report.

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-2025-ORD

Resolutions and Other Business

[25-0380](#)

A Resolution To Approve or Deny a Business License Application for Southern Grace Bridal & Tuxedo, LLC

Attachments: [Q & A Regarding Legal Opinion](#)
[KRC Opinion for Southern Grace Denial or Approval](#)

Revenue Director Jamie Smith recommended to Council that it was her recommendation to deny the business license for Southern Grace Bridal & Tuxedo, LLC.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1263-RES

[25-0383](#)

A Resolution Memorializing the Submission of an Application for the FY26 ADECA Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Logan Eberly reported that the Foley Police Department requests Council's permission to memorialize the submission of an application to ADECA's FY26 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. Applications were due on July 31, 2025. The maximum award for this grant is \$150,000 with no matching funds. The Police Department requested \$150,000 in funding to be used in the creation of a real time crime center.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council

Member Vera Quaites, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1264-RES

[25-0387](#)

A Resolution to Rescind Resolution 23-1392 A Resolution Appropriate Funds and Approve the Aaronville Park Upgrade Capital Project and Appropriate Funds for a New Aaronville Park Improvement Project.

Attachments: [LegislativeFile18-Jul-2025-09-16-46](#)
[Jeff-Lee-Parks-Recreation](#)

Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Lee announced a project to replace the existing bathroom building with a prefab structure. Additionally, the project includes replacing the current pavilion and some fencing along the ball field.

A motion was made by Council Member Vera Quaites, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1265-RES

[25-0388](#)

Resolution Approving Two New Street Lights at the Intersection of County Road 65 and Airport Road

Attachments: [City of Foley Co Rd 65 and Airport Intersection Lights_North](#)
[Corners BA Lights](#)
[Daisha-Barnes-07-18-2025](#)

Engineering Deputy Taylor Davis reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow for two new street lights at the intersection of CR 65 and Airport Rd.

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1266-RES

[25-0389](#)

A Resolution to Approve the Rental of Heritage Park for Lisa Yeater to host the Tacos and Tequila Festival and a Variance to Allow Alcohol to be Sold

Attachments: [Foley Special Event Application Tacos 2025](#)

Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Lee gave a recommendation for the approval to allow for Lisa Yeater with Beach Life Events to rent Heritage Park to host the two day Tacos and Tequila Festival. She is also requesting a variance to allow alcohol to be sold during the event that will be held Saturday, November 8, 2025 and Sunday, November 9, 2025.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1267-RES

[25-0391](#)

A Resolution to Set a Public Hearing to Consider Zoning Ordinance Amendments

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1268-RES

[25-0392](#)

A Resolution to Approve Professional Services Contract Addendum #1 for the Michigan Avenue Roundabouts for Thompson Engineering

Attachments: [Addendum No.1_Michigan and Cedar Add Services](#)
[Addendum No.1_Michigan and Juniper Add Services](#)
[24-1054 RES_with contract](#)
[Daisha-Barnes-Engineering \(51\)](#)

Deputy Engineer Taylor Davis reported that Resolution 24-1054 approved Thompson Engineering's professional services contract for the Michigan Ave., Cedar St., Michigan Ave. and Juniper St roundabouts. A need has arisen to finalize existing utility infrastructure exact depths and an additional survey is needed to complete the 100% construction plan design.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1269-RES

[25-0393](#)

A Resolution Memorializing the Request and Accepting a Contribution from Riviera Utilities & Energy Southeast, Inc for the Dyas Parking Lot Improvements.

Attachments: [20250722100314982](#)
[Chad-Raybon-Street-Department \(9\)](#)

Public Works Director Darrell Russell reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow for the acceptance of a Grant from Riviera Utilities & Energy Southeast, Inc., for the Dyas Parking Lot Improvements.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1270-RES

[25-0394](#)

A Resolution to Reappoint Chad Watkins to the Foley Revitalization & Beautification Advisory Board.

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried

by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1271-RES

[25-0395](#)

A Resolution to Memorialize Acceptance of ALDOT Aeronautics Division's Grant Offer for Reimbursement of Construction of an 8-Unit T-Hangar

Attachments: [Capital Project Form - ALDOT Grant Award.pdf](#)
[Airport Improvement Funding Agreement](#)

Logan Eberly reported that the approval of this Resolution will memorialize the acceptance of a grant offer from ALDOT in the amount of \$3,605 for reimbursement of the construction of an 8-unit T-Hangar.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1272-RES

[25-0397](#)

A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Foley, Alabama, Granting the Request For a Waiver From the Moratorium for the Property Located Along Philomene Holmes Boulevard

Attachments: [Holmes Family, LLC - Waiver Request Memo_signed](#)

Broox Holmes, representing Holmes Family, LLC, informed the Council that he believed they had fulfilled the City's criteria for a moratorium waiver concerning the property situated on Philomene Holmes Blvd.

Infrastructure and Development Program/Building Official Manager Nelson Bauer reported to Council that staff has reviewed the request and recommends denying the waiver. He stated the reason for the denial was to uphold the integrity of the moratorium itself. He stated that there has been significant strides with the subdivision regulations and have entered final editing stage and expects to have the regulations to present at the August 26, 2025 Planning Commission meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1273-RES

[25-0399](#)

A Resolution Approving the Surplus & Disposal of six (6) Street Department Vehicles/Equipment.

Public Works Director Darrell Russell reported that the Street Department requests that six vehicles and equipment be declared surplus and approved for disposal by the best means possible due to costly repairs.

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1274-RES

[25-0400](#)

A Resolution to Move Forward with a Capital Purchase Related to the Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant

Attachments: [SQ-Foley-11791 Meridian Quote](#)
 [Capital Purchase Request](#)

Logan Eberly reported that the capital purchases for the Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant were previously approved under 24-1411-RES. After acceptance of the award, one of the capital purchases (NIBENS Brash Tax) that was previously approved to be purchased for \$225,560 was reduced due to the matchpoint analysis station no longer being required. The Police Department is now coordinating with ATF to have our entries correlated at a regional and national scale which would make matchpoint redundant. The elimination of the matchpoint analysis drops the price from \$225,560 to \$93,384.00. After slight variations in costs for the other capital purchases, there was \$121,526.99 remaining to be spent with the grant funding. A grant modification was submitted to DOJ and the Meridian Rapid Defense Barrier System was approved to purchase through the grant. The total cost of the purchase is \$137,925.18 with \$121,526.99 being funded directly through the grant. The additional \$16,398.19 needed for the purchase is already available within the police's capital purchase budget with no budget adjustment required. The police department requests to move forward with the purchase of the Meridian Rapid Defense Barrier System through the GSA contract.

A motion was made by Council Member Vera Quaites, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1275-RES

[25-0401](#)

A Resolution to Approve A Contract For The City's Reinsurance/Stop Loss For the 2025/2026 Calendar Year

Attachments: [Symetra Stop Loss Renewal 9.1.25 - 8.31.26 Redacted](#)

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported to Council that this is an item that comes before them annually and the City recommends to accept the proposal from Symetra to administer the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama health insurance as a self-funded plan with reinsurance for claims over \$125,000 with no changes to the health plan.

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1276-RES

[25-0402](#)

A Resolution Approving the Amendment to the Graham Creek Nature Preserve Pavilion Design Contract

Attachments: [Nature-Parks - Event Pavilion Contract Amendment](#)
 [Graham Creek Nature Preserve Pavilion Amendment \(1\)](#)

Environmental Director Leslie Gahagan reported that the Nature Parks Department is requesting approval to the Addendum for the Event Pavilion. She stated to Council that they had previously approved Thompson Engineering's contract at \$30,232 for the project design, and there was a re-design to align the project closer to the budgeted amount which increased the design by \$14,250.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1277-RES

[25-0404](#)

A Resolution Approving the Baldwin County Commission Funding for the James Road Extension Project

Attachments: [James Rd. Intergov. Agreement with Baldwin County - Executed 06.24.25](#)
[Budget Adjustment Form - Signed](#)

Logan Eberly reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow for the funding of the James Rd. extension project that Council had previously approved through the Intergovernmental Agreement with Baldwin County.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1278-RES

[25-0405](#)

A Resolution Approving the Purchase of Vehicle Equipment to Outfit (4) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoes

Attachments: [Carley-Hester-Police approval](#)

Lieutenant Larry Dearing reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow for the Police Department to purchase vehicle equipment to outfit 2023 Chevrolet Tahoes and the item is budget neutral.

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1279-RES

[25-0410](#)

A Resolution Approving to Go to Bid for a Roof to the Deck of the Finance Building and Appropriating Funding

Attachments: [Budget Adjustment Form](#)

Logan Eberly reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow for the request to go to bid and appropriate an additional \$35,000 for a roof to the deck of the new finance building.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by

an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1280-RES

[25-0411](#)

A Resolution to Accept Amendment #1 to the SubRecipient Grant Agreement from Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

Attachments: [2024 City of Foley Beulah Heights Amend #1](#)
[Budget Adjustment Form - Signed](#)

Environmental Director Leslie Gahagan reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow for them to Accept Amendment #1 to the SubRecipient Grant Agreement from Mobile Bay National Estuary Program related to the Beulah Heights stormwater facility.

A motion was made by Council Member Vera Quaites, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1281-RES

[25-0412](#)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City Of Foley, Alabama, Granting or Denying the Request for a Waiver From the Moratorium for the Property Located at Southeast Corner of County Road 32 and Bucolic Lane (Phase 1 of Andover Lakes)

Infrastructure and Development Program Manager/Building Official Nelson Bauer reported that it is their recommendation to deny the request for a waiver from the moratorium for the Property Located at Southeast Corner of County Road 32 and Bucolic Lane Phase 1 of Andover Lakes.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1282-RES

[25-0413](#)

A Resolution Approving the 2025 Summer/Winter Season Firework Shows at OWA

Attachments: [OWA Fireworks Proposal Summer and Winter 2025](#)

Deputy Fire Chief Chad Brewer reported the Fire Department recommends moving forward with the approval of the 2025 Summer/Winter Season Firework Shows at OWA.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1283-RES

[25-0414](#)

A Resolution to Reappoint Erick Crosby to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Vera Quaites, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1284-RES

25-0415

A Resolution to Appoint Rusty Hart to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1285-RES

25-0422

A Resolution Amending RES #25-1262 A Resolution to Approve the Surplus and Disposal of a Commercial Freezer and the purchase of a replacement freezer.

Attachments: [25-1262-RES](#)

Lieutenant Larry Dearing reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow for the Police Department to surplus and dispose of a commercial freezer and the purchase of a replacement freezer.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1286-RES

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hellmich reminded everyone that the Teacher Institute will be held Friday, August 8, 2025 at the event center.

He reported that the Baldwin County School year will resume on August 11, 2025.

He announced that a political forum has been scheduled to take place at the Civic Center on Thursday, August 14, 2025, from 6 PM to 9 PM for the upcoming municipal election being held on August 26, 2025 and urged everyone to register to vote.

Mayor Hellmich announced that Monarch City, USA, and environmental group dedicated to preserving the butterflies, has named Foley as it's first Monarch City in Alabama.

He reported that the City has been informed that a new project is expected to start that will include boring down the Hwy. 59 corridor which means they could be digging up part of the sidewalk downtown. He stated that Council could receive questions regarding this project and to be prepared to answer that the City has no control over the Federal Communications Commission on

fiber companies that they are allowed a national right-of-way for these projects. He reported that the City will work to minimize the impact in every way possible.

Visitor Comments

Robert Gardner, a resident of 337 W 19th Ave. #501, Gulf Shores, AL, addressed the Council regarding his concerns and recommendations for potential policy amendments and enforcements. He believes these changes would better equip library employees to manage public disruptions and harassment.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.