



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, August 19, 2013

4:00 PM

Conference Room

Work Session

Call to Order

Council President Wayne Trawick called the Council Work Session to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: 5 - President Wayne Trawick, Council Member Vera Quaite, Council Member Ralph Hellmich, Council Member Rick Blackwell and Council Member Charles Ebert III

Roll Call

Council members present: Vera Quaite, Ralph Hellmich, Rick Blackwell, and Charles J. Ebert, III. Others present: Mayor Koniar, Mike Thompson, Vickey Southern, Sandra Pate, Bobby Lay, Cathy Higgins (Foley Onlooker), Butch Stokes, Joe Bouzan, David Wilson, David Mullins (Vulcan), Tommy Lee (Vulcan), Steven W. Smith, David White, Guy Busby (Independent Reporter), Heather Blankenship Pritchard, Jeff Rouzie, Donna Watts (Chamber), Sue Steigerwald, and David Vosloh.

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Discussion Items

Jeff Rouzie reported HCP Pumps has signed the contract and the survey is waiting to be signed. They close on Friday, and anticipate opening in the Spring beginning with fifteen jobs.

Discuss Council Meeting Agenda for August 19, 2013

President Trawick reported file ID Numbers 13-0935, 13-0936 and 13-0937 will be swapped out with 13-0948, 13-0947, and 13-946. The ads for the public hearings did not get placed in time and will have to be re-set.

Ms. Donna Watts, South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce made the following requests in regards to the Festival of Flavor:

13-0928 Temporary Road Closures in Downtown Foley beginning Friday, October 18, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. until Saturday, October 19, 2013

13-0924 Dinner at the Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermens Market Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and to serve alcoholic beverages.

13-0927 To hold the festival on Saturday, October 19, 2013 in Historic

Downtown Foley and to serve alcoholic beverages at the Supper Club that evening.

13-0944 Variance for merchants to bring their window displays outdoors during the festival.

All the items remained on the Council agenda.

13-0896 Removed due to date for the horse arena was not available.

13-0914 and 13-0917 President Trawick reported the budgeted amount of the project is \$250,000 and the bid amount is \$311,631 leaving a difference of \$61,631. Joe Bouzan reported File ID 13-0917 is the actual grant application in the amount of \$671,326. This application was modified by the FAA to include the fuel farm, engineering and the displacement of Runway 36 when they had cutbacks. He requested the approval of the grant application, which will cover 90% of the cost; accept the bid in the amount of \$311,631; appropriate the difference (\$61,631); and give the Mayor the authorization to sign the grant award if it comes in prior to the next meeting. These items remained on the Council agenda.

13-0918 It was noted that the \$182,500 Gulf Tourism and Seafood Promotional Fund Award had \$114,000 earmarked for construction and \$68,500 earmarked for marketing. Councilman Ebert suggested some of the marketing be used for a Riviera Cable TV ad. This item remained on the Council agenda.

13-0921 Ordinance 13-1034 Section 4.B. had the following sentence omitted: "In the cases where exceptions are granted based on space limitations, the owner of the apartment complex or mobile home park shall subscribe to and be financially responsible for all garbage can collection services provided by the City or its contractor." The amendment add this sentence. There was discussion regarding the new garbage routes. Council wants to know what happens when a route falls on a holiday and if there is a make up day. Administration to ask Dan and get back with Council. This item remained on the Council agenda.

13-0923 Request to go to bid on new fire station construction - Chief Darby reported the plans have been submitted to the structural engineer and once they are approved they would like to go to bid. When asked the timeline of the project Chief Darby reported the bay area is a metal structure and it will set the timeline for the whole project. They won't know until the metal structure is order what the timeline will be. This item remained on the Council agenda.

13-0929 Series 2013-B bond issue for Vulcan - The first phase will be completed December 31, 2013 and the bond issue includes upgrades to equipment and new building. They have already hired 35 people and expect to hire a total of 60 by 2016. This item remained on the Council agenda.

13-0932 Reducing the City's Corporate Limits - Robert J. Lay property was annexed under Legislative Act 2013-230 inadvertently. President Trawick asked if the City had a method allowing the owners to hunt would it make a difference. Mr. Lay stated that he raised chickens and that there are other things he could not do if he was inside the City's corporate limits. He preferred to stay in the County. This item remained on the Council agenda.

13-0938 Intergovernmental Agreement for South Baldwin Traffic Study - Mayor Koniar reported this is an agreement between the County, the Cities of Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and the City of Foley to look at five years down the road to see what the traffic trends will be. Cal Market, ALDOT, has a software program that can do an analysis of the traffic based on Blue Collar coming in and the impact it will have and other traffic situations. The total cost is not to exceed \$40,000 and this is split among the four entities. This item remained on the Council agenda.

13-0937 Consider the Cooperative District's recommendations regarding funding the Farmers and Fishermens Market shortfall - There was a discussion regarding the options to cover the shortfall. President Trawick mentioned options that it might be worth while to think about, such as doing a bond issue for a combination of projects such as Fern Avenue, ATRIP, and Multi-use facility, or finance the shortfall and just cover the difference. The consensus was to approve the City as the guarantor on the United Bank revolving letter of credit. This item remained on the Council agenda.

Additional items discussed:

Butch Stokes reported the Graham Creek detention pond between Heron Drive, Palmetto and Bay View and has an obstruction in the discharge pipe. Dan Hellmich got with Riviera Utilities and they took their equipment to try to find out where the obstruction was so that the HOA could take care of the problem. The detention pond is on private property and the residents have requested the City help them. It is unlawful for the City to do work on private property. Butch further reported the City obtained a "Permanent Drainage and Construction Easement" once before in the Bay Forest Estates Subdivision when the infrastructure was failing. He did not see that in this instance that was the case and recommended the HOA hire someone to take care of the problem. Council opted to take no action on this. This item was not moved to the Council agenda.

Councilman Ebert reported he had conversations with Mike Thompson regarding the old Foley Middle School campus that sits in the middle of a residential neighborhood. The windows have been boarded up and have been vandalized. The residents are requesting the campus be cleaned up and maintained. Mike reported that he is working with Baldwin County Board of Education in trying to secure a long term lease agreement whereby the buildings could be used for higher education. The problem without a long term lease is no one wants to spend money for something short term and the City doesn't want structures that are deteriorating. Dr. Lee sees some advantages to this. Mike doesn't know why it is taking so long but between now and December the City is meeting with a university and needs to be able to show them a long-term lease agreement. Councilman Hellmich asked since the Foley Schools are nearly maxed out will those building be looked at for their growth. Mike reported they currently have students that number in the upper 700's and last year it was below the 700's so it didn't show a lot on growth in registrations. The City thought that the gym could be used for some type of performing arts classes and a few class rooms or media center in the old library. Councilman Ebert reported that we need to gently nudge the school system to do something as he is getting comments from the citizens and its getting to be football season and the state of the campus reflects on the whole community.

Mayor's Comments

None to report.

Staff/Visitor's Comments

None to report.

Adjourn

Hearing no further comments the meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

J. Wayne Trawick, President

Victoria Southern, CMC
City Clerk