



Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

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Tuesday, January 16, 2024

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**Work Session/Council Meeting**

**Public Hearing**

[24-0054](#)

Public Hearing to Consider Violations of the City's Lot Clearing & Weed Removal Ordinance 1095-09 at Lot 1 Laurel Ave. in Foley, Alabama

Council President Wayne Trawick opened the Public Hearing at 4:00 pm. 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 4:00 pm.

**Roll Call**

All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Vera Quaites. Mayor Ralph Hellmich was also absent. Also present: City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Katy Taylor, Christi Watkins, David Wilson, Leslie Gahagen, Michael Dasinger Cian Harrison, Chief Joey Darby, Chief Thurston Bullock, Randy Roy, Joshua Willis, Tom DeBell, Robert Rowland, Angela Cooper, Lynn Williams, Randy Williams, Roni Criswell, Jeff Phillips, Wynter Metz, Jeff Lee, David Thompson, Logan Eberly, Miranda Bell, Suzanne Kellams, Miranda McKinnon, Bryan Shutt, Marc Lunta, Lee Taylor, Rachel Keith, Kim Ebentheuer, Pam Graham, Wendy Dent, Marla Heiden, Bradley Bell and Chad Brewer.

Present: 5 - Wayne Trawick, Vera Quaites, Rick Blackwell, Charles Ebert III and Richard Dayton

**Moment of Silence**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Oath of Office**

[24-0038](#)

Oath of Office - Finance Director/Treasurer

Miranda Bell was sworn in as the new Finance Director/Treasurer for the City of Foley.

## Presentation

### [23-0705](#)

Executive Director of Public Safety Presentation: Directors Award to Foley Firefighter David Synder and Firefighter Lee Taylor

Executive Director of Public Safety David Wilson recognized and presented the Directors Award to Foley Firefighter David Snyder and Firefighter Lee Taylor for completing Smoke Diver Training.

Gulf Shores Chief of Operations Robert Rowland reported on the education of the Smoke Diver Training class and detailed what was endured by the firefighters in order to complete the course.

## Work Session Discussion

There were no Work Session Discussions.

## Additions/Removals/Carry-Overs

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, to add item 24-0040 to the agenda.

There were no removals or carry-overs to report.

## Consent Agenda

### [24-0039](#)

Report of December, 2023 Approved and Paid Bills for the Record

**Attachments:** [2023-12 Approved & Paid Bills.Expense Approval Report](#)

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 Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

### [24-0045](#)

Departmental Reports

**Attachments:** [2024 Marketing Department Quarterly Report](#)  
[Tax Report and Permit-Plan Review Jan 2024](#)  
[December 2023 CDD Report](#)  
[December 2023 PD Report](#)  
[December 2023 FD Report](#)

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 Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[24-0044](#)

Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2024

**Attachments:** [01-02-2024 Work Session.Council Meeting Minutes](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, to approve the January 2, 2024 Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes.

## Ordinances

[24-0058](#)

An Ordinance to Impose a Temporary Moratorium on New Above-Ground Overhead Utilities

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, to suspend the rules for the immediate adoption of this Ordinance.

City Administrator Mike Thompson took the following Roll Call Vote: Council Member Dayton, aye; President Trawick, aye; Council Member Blackwell, aye and Council Member Ebert, III, aye. Of those present, the motion carried by an unanimous vote to suspend the rules.

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

Enactment No: 24-2001

## Resolutions and Other Business

[24-0035](#)

Resolution approving Sawgrass Consulting's CEI proposal for the Philomene Holmes Improvements Project, wetland mitigation credit purchase, and request permission to advertise and solicit bids.

**Attachments:** [Sawgrass Philomene CEI proposal](#)  
[purchase agreement \(Lillian Swamp\) CITY OF FOLEY, SAM-2023-00515-EMP, 09-25-2023](#)  
[Budget Increase Capital Projects](#)  
[Capital Project Worksheet](#)

There was no further discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 24-1023-RES

[24-0036](#)

A Resolution Amending the Pay Classification Plan For Multiple Departments

**Attachments:** [Pay Classification Plan - Draft for File No 24-0036](#)

Human Resource Director Suzanne Kellams reported on the Pay Classification Plan, which would eliminate the position of Sergeant Community Oriented Policing and authorize new position of Commander of Code Enforcement Division. She reported that they are requesting in the Parks Department the conversion of Parks Maintenance Worker II position to an additional position of Parks Maintenance Worker I. This item is budget neutral. Also, the Library is requesting to retitle the History and Genealogy Division to the Cultural and Inheritance Division therefore, requiring a change to those positions.

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: 24-1024-RES

[24-0037](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Intergovernmental Support Agreement with Naval Air Station Whiting Field and the Department of the Navy

**Attachments:** [barin intergov agreement IGSA](#)

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that this type of agreement has been tested around the country and explained that it is where the Navy may seek out the local government agencies to try to manage some of the services that they might need help with. He further reported that this is an opportunity and not a requirement and the Navy pays an administrative fee to the City.

Liaison Officer Randy Roy with Whiting Field reported that there would be no obligation to the City of Foley supporting this agreement. He also reported that there could be potential for cost savings that not only go back to the base but to the City as well. Officer Roy also commended the City of Foley for their support to the United States Navy and National Defense Strategy.

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: 24-1025-RES

[24-0041](#)

A Resolution Accepting Costs for the Weed Abatement at the NE Corner of Hickory Street and County Road 20 and Authorizing a Copy to be Sent to the Baldwin County Tax Collector

**Attachments:** [Costs NE Corner of Hickory & Co Rd 20](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Richard Dayton, seconded by Council

**Member Rick Blackwell, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

Enactment No: 24-1026-RES

[24-0042](#)

A Resolution Approving Going to Bid and Purchasing a Truck for the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Attachments:**    [Capital Worksheet](#)  
                                  [Budget Increase Form](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 24-1027-RES

[24-0043](#)

A Resolution Approving the Retirement of (2) K9's and declare as surplus to their handlers.

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 24-1028-RES

[24-0046](#)

A Resolution Approving the Capital Purchase of a K9 Dual Purpose Dog.

**Attachments:**    [K9 quotes](#)  
                                  [Approval email](#)  
                                  [Capital Purchase Worksheet](#)

**Police Chief Bullock reported that this agreement would allow for a K9 Dual Purpose Dog that would detect bombs and gunpowder that would be an asset for the special events and large gatherings the City has.**

**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: 24-1029-RES

[24-0047](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Capital Project Bathrooms/Concessions for Sports Tourism Department to replace an existing trailer restroom.

**Attachments:**    [FST Bathroom](#)

**Executive Director of Leisure Services David Thompson reported they are requesting approval to hire an architect to design a stick built bathroom to replace the existing restroom. There was no further discussion on this item.**

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

Enactment No: 24-1030-RES

[24-0048](#)

A Resolution to Approve the National Guard Iraq Reunion Sponsorship

**Attachments:** [National Guard Reunion Dinner invoice](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 24-1031-RES

[24-0049](#)

Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Arrow Board Signs for Street Department- Traffic Control.

**Attachments:** [Q240105CP-1-AL-City of Foley-COMBINED - Quote Form \(1\)](#)  
[Capital Project Worksheet .xlsx -Arrow Board Signs](#)

Wynter Metz reported this agreement is for 6 signs for 2024 and they are coming in below budget. She reported that signs are available for pick up.

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

Enactment No: 24-1032-RES

[24-0051](#)

A Resolution for the Donation of Land for Utility Easements at Wolf Creek Park

**Attachments:** [City of Foley Easement](#)

Sustainability and Natural Resources Director Leslie Gahagen reported that Baldwin EMC has requested a 10ft utility easement to maintain their power line along Hance Lane on the north side of Wolf Creek Park and also looking at adding water for bathrooms that are to come and Riviera Utilities would like a 5ft easement to put the water lines in. There was no further discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 24-1033-RES

[24-0053](#)

Resolution to approve Engineering Departments plotter to be deemed surplus.

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 24-1034-RES

[24-0055](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Employees to Enter Upon the Property at Lot 1 Laurel Ave. for the Purpose of Abating the Public Nuisance.

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 24-1035-RES

[24-0040](#)

A Resolution Approving Monthly Bids - December 2023

Attachments: [December 2023 Bid Awards](#)

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

Enactment No: 24-1036-RES

### Mayor's Comments

There were no comments to report.

### Visitor Comments

There were no visitor comments.

### Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 pm.