



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

4:00 PM

Conference Room

Work Session

Call to Order

Council President Trawick called the Work Session to order at 4:01 p.m.

Roll Call

All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Vera Quaites who was absent due to a family medical matter. Also present: Mayor John Koniar, City Administrator Mike Thompson, Sandra Pate, Vickey Southern, Katy Taylor, Darryl Clevenger, Chad Brewer, Chad Christian, LaDonna Hinesley, Joe Bozan, Rachel Keith, Jeff Rouzie, press representative Parks Rogers (Gulf Coast Media) and press representative Allison Woodham (Onlooker).

Present: 4 - President Wayne Trawick, Council Member Ralph Hellmich, Council Member Rick Blackwell and Council Member Charles Ebert III

Absent: 1 - Council Member Vera Quaites

Discussion Items

[16-0032](#)

Discuss The Sale Of Wolf Bay Lodge Property

Economic Development Director Jeff Rouzie reported Council passed an ordinance approving the sale of Wolf Bay Lodge for \$1.3 Million last spring. The original agreement had a stipulation for an easement for the use of the parking lot due to the continuing development at the Coastal Alabama Fishermens and Farmers Market. Wolf Bay Lodge owner Charlene Haber is ready to move forward with the purchase of the property. Ms. Haber would like to make a change to the original agreement for the City to make the needed roof and cutter repairs to the building. The original agreement was for Ms. Haber to purchase the property for \$1.3 Million minus the costs of the repairs for the roof and cutters. After more discussion, there was a consensus to bring this item back to Council after first going to the Public Facilities Cooperative District for approval.

Discuss Council Meeting Agenda of January 19, 2016

16-0031 December 2015 Sales, Lodging and Rental Tax Reports - City Administrator Mike Thompson reported the taxes continue to outpace last year. Lodging tax is very strong, the rental tax is dramatically improving being 21% above the month-to-month numbers and above 8.4% year-to-date. These numbers are increasing due to the work being done by CIEDA. The sales tax for the month of November is lighter than anticipated but the numbers for November and December will have to be combined to look at the totals for the Christmas season.

15-0701 (Second Reading) Establishing The Salary Of The Mayor And Councilmembers - President Trawick reported that the Mayor's salary appears to be in need of adjusting. The current Mayor salary is \$30,000 annually, which is equal to \$1.85 per constituent and it is substantially lower than surrounding cities. President Trawick purposed to increase the Mayor's salary to \$35,000 annually for the first two years of the next mayoral term then increase it again to \$40,000 for the remaining two years. At \$40,000 annually, the salary is equal to \$2.46 per constituent, which is still lower than surrounding cities in Baldwin County. The Council member salaries will remain the same as they are in line with the surrounding cities. This item remained on the agenda.

15-0751 Ordinance to Rescind Ordinance No. 1009 07 - This item remained on the agenda.

16-0004 Resolution to transfer funds to correct a budgeting formula error which caused a shortage of salary funds in the Railroad Museum budget. This is a housekeeping item to transfer funds to correct the error. - This item remained on the agenda.

16-0008 Resolution to transfer funds in the General Government Department from the Election Expense account to the Employee Continuing Education account. - This item remained on the agenda.

16-0009 Change Order No. 1 for Dog Park Steel Shade Structures - Randy Kurtts reported the original plan was to have solid surface sidewalks within the dog park. The change order to now do sidewalks outside the dog park that will connect to the Rose Trail. This item is not requesting additional funding. This item remained on the agenda.

16-0010 Accept Donation of Christmas Displays - Ms. Brenda Shambo reported Like Oak Village wishes to donate Christmas displays to the City. These items are not the same caliber as the new Christmas decorations that were placed at the Centennial Plaza but there are several places the donated decorations would be a good fit such as the Farmers and Fishermens Market and in front of City Hall. This item remained on the agenda.

16-0012 Request Waiver of Fees to use Beulah Heights Park (Emmanuel's Place) - Councilman Ebert, III reported the request from Emmanuel's Place requested the use of the Gin Wright Center. The City has no authority over the Gin Write Center and they would have to ask permission from the Foley Housing Authority. This item remained on the agenda.

16-0013 Resolution to transfer funds from the Municipal Complex Part Time Salaries Account to the Senior Center Part Time Salaries Account to Support movement of a Part Time Position. - Human Resources Director Sandra Pate

reported two separate part time position were merged together and funds need to moved out of the Municipal Complex part time salaries account to the Senior Center part time salaries account. This item remained on the agenda.

16-0018 Watershed Protection Property Appraisal - City Engineer Chad Christian reported they are looking some properties in the upper watershed of the Bon Secour River. When funds come through the BP settlement, they will be acquiring the property in order to protect the watershed and water quality. The resolution for the appraisal of that property, which is approximately 90 acres. This item remained on the agenda.

16-0019 Memorialize Kent's Landscaping Work at Dog Park - Randy Kurtts reported this is for the planters in the parking lot that need to be irrigated. When the irrigation project was bidded out, it was not known at the time that the planters will need irrigation as well. This item remained on the agenda.

16-0020 Change Order No. 1 for the TIGER Phase 3 Pedestrian Bridge Project - This item remained on the agenda.

16-0022 Accept Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Baldwin County Commission for the Establishment of Emergency Management Support Facility (EMSF) - Joe Bozan reported the MOA is for the use of the Civic Center and the Right of Entry is for the soccer complex. This item remained on the agenda

Mayor's Comments

No comments to report.

Visitor's Comments

No comments to report.

Adjourn

Hearing no further comments, the Work Session was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.