



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, August 3, 2015

4:00 PM

Conference Room

Work Session

Call to Order

Council President Wayne Trawick called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

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

Roll Call

All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilwoman Quaites who had a work conflict. Others present: Mayor Koniar, Mike Thompson, Vickey Southern, Katy Taylor, Jessica Middleton, Steve Smith, Leslie Gahagan, Taylor Davis, Chad Christian, Rachel Keith, John A. Jackson, Darrell Russell, Joey Darby, Carlos Lizarraga, David Wilson, Jeff Rouzie, Steven Pumphry (Preble-Rish), Rev. Michael Bonhan (Peace Lutheran Church), and Press representative Jay Sowers (Foley 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

President Trawick reported that due to Cpl./K-9 Carlos Lizarraga's training schedule he will have him report first.

15-0475 Consider a resolution approving a ground lease between the City of Foley and Peace Lutheran Church - Cpl. Lizarraga reported Pastor Bonham from Peace Lutheran Church is willing to enter into an agreement by which Cpl. Lizarraga will mow one acre out of 6 acres and pay a \$1 per year fee for five years in order in exchange for using the 1 acre of land for training their canines. It will be used for training not only Foley's canines but also other agencies in Baldwin County and Escambia County as well. They will have suspect boxes and will also be able to have demonstrations for the public. Pastor Bonham was present and reported the Church is in agreement regarding the contract. President Trawick asked who was responsible for insurance coverage. Pastor Bonham reported the Tenant was. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

[15-0457](#)

Public Project - Farmers Market Road & Beck Road (Trolley Route)

Attachments:

[PUBLIC PROJECT RECOMM Farmers Beck Rd.pdf](#)

[SPORTSTOWN VILLAGE PLAT-TROLLY ROUTE EXHIBIT.pdf](#)

15-0457 Public Project - Farmers Market Road and Beck Road - This is just an informational item indicating the Planning Commission has accepted the Public Project. No further action is required.

Discuss Council Meeting Agenda of August 3, 2015

There were no comments on the following items and they remained on the Council meeting agenda:

File ID's 15-0453 Public Hearing on Smart Living LLC rezoning;
15-0471 & 15-0472 Citations in memory of Mrs. Hattie Little Smith and Kenny "Snake" Stabler;
15-0464 07-20-2015 Work Session Minutes;
15-0452 07-20-2015 Council Meeting Minutes;
15-0383 Reappoint of Les Polk to Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals - Mrs. Southern reported he was willing to serve another term; and
15-0414 Ordinance amending Ordinance 387-87 rezoning property owned by Smart Living LLC from PUD four-plex to PUD Single Family Residential (Second Reading).

President Trawick turned the meeting over to President Pro-temp Ralph Hellmich.

15-0441 Accept bid submitted by Gulf Equipment Corp. for Airport Drainage Project and transfer funds to project account - Rachel Keith reported the bids came in approximately \$25,000 over budget to repair the berm. She requested to transfer \$24,610 to the appropriate account to complete the project. The project will begin as soon as the transfer of funds and bid has been approved. The reimbursement of funds should only take two years instead of three. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

President Pro-temp Hellmich turned the meeting back over to President Trawick.

15-0450 Ordinance prohibiting the possession, use or attempted use of shoplifting devices - Chief Wilson reported by adopting this ordinance it will be unlawful for anyone found to have these devices in their possession. Once the other cities see that Foley has adopted this ordinance Chief Wilson feels they will follow suit. Lt. David White held the longest interview with the press regarding these devices. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda for the first reading.

15-0451 Request permission for the Street Department to go to bid on a replacement vehicle - Darrell Russell reported this will be to replace the vehicle that was totaled. It only had approximately 350 miles on it. AMIC paid \$20,238 and the vehicle cost the City \$21,238. He requested to increase the budget \$4,000 and to go to bid for the new truck. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

15-0454 Resolution authorizing transfer of funds in the amount of \$4,210.52 for the creation of a part-time Foley Depot Museum Operations Assistant - Mike reported there was an excess of funds in Parks salary to cover this position. Bonnie has discussed this position with the volunteers of the Caboose Club, who originally expressed concerns of having no one to carry on keeping this exhibit up as the men are getting up in age. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

15-0455 Nominating Council Representative for consideration to serve on Baldwin County Board of Equalization - President Trawick reported he had spoken with Otis Gatlin but wasn't sure that it would be fair to him because he

was getting his business started and Council Representative works many hours. After further discussion Brock Wells's name was mentioned and after the work session President Trawick will contact him to see if he would be willing to serve. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

15-0456 Re-allocation of Funds to purchase shelving - John Jackson reported that this request came before Council before but they had to use the funds on an ice maker that went out and a few other things that happened. This time they will use the funds for purchasing the shelving. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

15-0458 Transfer of IT funds - Jessica Middleton reported her request was similar to John's. A server came in less than expected and funds will be spent on the new server. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

15-0459 Permission for the City of Foley Library to apply for Walmart Foundation Grant - John reported he would like to apply for the grant in the amount of \$2,500. The funds will be used for the Halloween Extravaganza this year. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

15-0460 East Orange Avenue and South Poplar Street Intersection change - Taylor Davis reported he had some complaints about this intersection and when they researched it they found there were site distance problems. He recommended changing the two-way stop into a four-way stop. He will also look into flags and stop bars for this intersection. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

15-0462 Request to formalize contract with Mobile Bay National Estuary Program on the Bon Secour River Watershed Management Plan - Leslie Gahagan reported Volkert and Allen Engineering will be working on this year long project. We will be working with Gulf Shores and Baldwin County on the project. The project is investing \$250,000 in the development of the Bon Secour River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

15-0463 Watershed Update and Request for Support of Mobile Bay National Estuary Program - Leslie requested this item be carried over. This item will be carried over.

15-0466 Permission to purchase panic buttons for the Welcome Center - Mike reported various departments within the City have panic buttons and it is appropriate for the Welcome Center to have them a security measure in place as well. The cost will be minimal. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

15-0470 Resolution transferring funds in the Parks Department to cover unexpected maintenance costs - The request is to move overtime funds to the maintenance account for repairs. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

15-0474 Resolution authorizing an agreement of sale among the City of Foley, Alabama and Craine Creek Farms, LLC - Mike reported this item is in conjunction with Amendment 772, which requires public notification that was advertised in the newspaper. This item remained on the Council meeting

agenda.

15-0475 Consider a resolution approving a Ground Lease between the City of Foley and Peace Lutheran Church - This item was discussed at the beginning of the work session.

Mayor' Comments

Mayor Koniar reported WalMart's Manager expressed to him concerns about the drive between Academy Sports and WalMart. He would like to see a four-way stop. The Mayor was not sure if it would be justified but Taylor Davis reported that he would have a look at it.

Visitor's Comments

President Trawick reported that someone is looking to purchase a business in the downtown area and is possibly looking at putting in an elevator for handicapped accessibility. If this person did the ramp would come out into the sidewalk. The City would need to consider vacating that portion of the sidewalk. Building Official Chuck Lay will need to have some input on this.

Adjourn

Hearing no further comments the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.