



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, April 3, 2017

4:00 PM

Conference Room

Work Session

Call to Order

Council President Wayne Trawick called the April 3, 2017 Work Session to order at 4:02 p.m.

Roll Call

All Council Members were present. Also present: Mayor John Koniar, City Clerk Katy Taylor, Kate Embry, Don Staley, Thurston Bullock, Darrell Russell, Tom DeBell, Ron Sherbak, Meg Hellmich, Pam Harris, Stephanie Godlewski, Sue Steigerwald, John Jackson, Chad Christian, Joey Darby, Randy Kurtts, David Wilson, Ercil Godwin, and Madison Kruk.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

Discuss Council Agenda of April 3, 2017

17-0168 (Second Reading) Amendment to Ordinance No. 1018-07 (Business License Ordinance) Creating a License Fee Schedule for Places of Amusement/Entertainment

This item remained on the agenda.

17-0175 (First Reading) ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY OWNED BY CITY OF FOLEY, COASTAL ALABAMA FARMERS & FISHERMENS MARKET, PUBLIC FACILITIES COOPERATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF FOLEY & WOLF BAY LODGE FROM B1A TO PDD

Councilman Charlie Ebert, III reported a correction he would like to see for open space in this area. This change allows additional green space at the north east corner and the strip along County Road 20 near the water feature. Councilman Ralph Hellmich reported that this would not have to go to Planning Commission since this is a down zoning and not expanding the scope. This item remained on the agenda.

17-0174 A Resolution to reappoint Orville Donald Wenzel, Jr. to the Museum Archive Advisory Board.

There was no discussion for this item and it remained on the agenda.

17-0176 Consider appointment to fill an unexpired term on the Senior Center Advisory Board.

Pam Harris reported that this was to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Charlie Fisher who has passed away.

There was no further discussion for this item and it remained on the agenda.

17-0179 Consider Voting Delegate for the ALM Annual Business Session

This item remained on the agenda.

17-0180 Residential Sanitation Write Offs as Uncollectible in the Amount of \$237.60

There was no discussion for this item and it remained on the agenda.

17-0182 Appoint proxy for AMIC's Annual Meeting

City Clerk Katy Taylor reported that the City appoints Steve Wells as the proxy for AMIC's Annual Meeting each year. There was no further discussion for this item and it remained on the agenda.

17-0183 Request to enter into a contract with Ray Dougherty for Search Engine Optimization (SEO) Management and Consulting on the Foley Sports Tourism Website.

Stephanie Godlewski reported that the Sports Tourism Department has significantly improved the Sports Tourism website in the last two months. These improvements include allowing for sponsors on the page to be able to bring revenue into the City. These sponsors have requested to have reports for each of the spots on the website. Ms. Godleski reported that currently she provides a report to the Council based on the website productivity each month, which is manageable. However, the website is growing so quickly that it's moving out of her realm with her full job duties. Ray Dougherty would be able to provide these reports monthly and continue to keep the sponsors happy. Councilman Charlie Ebert questioned if Mr. Dougherty was insured and requested that the insurance be verified before entering into the contract. There was no further discussion for this item and it remained on the agenda.

17-0184 Street Light Request for N. Holly Blvd.

City Engineer Chad Christian reported to the Council that the Engineering Department has evaluated the request and it is warranted. There was no further discussion for this item and it remained on the agenda.

17-0186 Authorizing Transfer of Funds from the Sanitation Department to the Street Department for Help in Funding Needed Overtime

Public Works Superintendent Darrell Russell reported to the Council that due to the new events there was not a clear way to budget for the new events in his department. During the archery tournament the Sanitation Department used 113 overtime hours. This transfer of funds will allow the Sanitation Department

to continue to help during these events. There was no further discussion for this item and it remained on the agenda.

17-0187 Waiving Civic Center fees for South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce

Tom DeBell reported to the Council that the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce would have a job fair on April 17, 2017 for the community to fill summer job positions. There was no further discussion for this item and it remained on the agenda.

17-0191 Sports Tourism Request to Appropriate Funds for the application of PrGanics and Flexterra FGM at the Foley Sports Tourism Complex

Executive Director of Sports Tourism Don Staley reported to the Council that near the North side of the Championship fields the grass is not growing as it should be at this point due to a drainage issue in that area. The groundskeeper would like to have PrGanics and Flexterra FGM to hydroseed the area with special grass. Councilman Charlie Ebert asked which of the two options the department would go with. Mr. Staley reported that the department would go with \$12,405 option in order for the treatment to hold and be the best possible option. There was no further discussion on this item and it remained on the agenda.

17-0193 REQUEST TO TRANSFER \$1,000 FROM CDD SUPPLIES P&Z TO OVERTIME ACCOUNT

City Planner Miriam Boutwell reported that her staff has been working to get closeout files completed that will take overtime for two employees to get completed. There was no further discussion on this item and it remained on the agenda.

17-0194 Approval of Application for the 2018 LSTA Grant

Library Director John Jackson reported that the Library is requesting to apply for this grant for \$50,000 with \$12,500 match that will be shared with the IT Department in order to upgrade the Library Computer Lab. There was no further discussion on this item and it remained on the agenda.

17-0195 (First Reading) AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO SOUTHERN LIGHT, LLC, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING FIBER-OPTIC TRANSMISSION LINES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF FOLEY, ALABAMA

Revenue Officer Meg Hellmich reported to the Council that while working with Casey Pipe's office, they have created a new Franchise Agreement that will be more standardized. This Ordinance will renew Southern Light's franchise agreement using the new agreement. There was no further discussion on this item and it remained on the agenda.

17-0197 OPPOSING SB31 (HB58) WHICH EXEMPTS PRESCRIPTION DRUG SALES FROM THE CALCULATION OF GROSS RECEIPTS BUSINESS LICENSES

Council President Wayne Trawick reported that this House Bill would exempt

drug stores from paying business license based on prescription sales receipts. Councilman Ralph Hellmich reported that this does not save citizens any money and just takes money from the cities in the state. It has been requested for the City to send in a resolution of opposition during the legislative session.

17-0190 ABC License - 140-Special Events Retail ABC License for the 13th Annual Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival to be held on May 5, 6 and 7, 2017.

Chief of Police David Wilson reported that the Police Department recommends moving forward. Fire Chief Joey Darby reported that the Fire Department recommends moving forward. There was no further discussion for this item and it remained on the agenda.

There was a consensus among the Council to add item 17-0201 to the Council Agenda.

17-0201 A Resolution to Appropriate Funds For A Portion of Streetscape Phase V.

Randy Kurtts reported to the Council that in front of the new Alabama Credit Union on the right of way, there are the older wooden poles. Due to the Streetscape Project being put on hold, this area has not been updated with the new power poles. Mr. Kurtts recommends installing 3 decorative light poles, 2 aluminum light poles, and trench along the sidewalk before the new concrete is installed rather than having to dig up concrete in the future. The total cost for Riviera Utilities to do this work is \$26,000. Councilman Ralph Hellmich requested if the new poles would be ready for the decorations and flowers. Mr. Kurtts reported that he would have to check into what that would cost. Council President reported that the two options are to complete the project at this time or to put in a conduit and complete it at a later date. There was no further discussion on this item and it remained on the agenda.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor John Koniar reported that the Fire Department had a successful fundraising event for Firefighter Carraway's family and that he was able to face time with Cody and Easton that day. Fire Chief Joey Darby reported that from Saturday's event the Fire Department raised \$25,520.

Visitor Comments

Tom DeBell thanked the Fire and Police department for working with the Balloon Festival this year to relieve the traffic problems from last year. He also reported that 46 balloons were registered this year.

Adjournment

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