

MINUTES
CITY OF FOLEY, ALABAMA
407 E. LAUREL AVENUE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2012
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor John Koniar called the Special Called Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present: Vera Quaite, Ralph Hellmich, Rick Blackwell and Charles J. Ebert, III. Absent: Wayne Trawick is out of town on business. Others present: City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Vickie Southern, Butch Stokes, and press representative Cathy Higgins.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Hellmich made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the consideration the City may be willing to offer in order to purchase certain real property interests for certain real estate. Councilwoman Quaite seconded the motion and City Administrator Mike Thompson took the following roll call vote: Councilman Trawick, absent; Councilwoman Quaite, aye; Councilman Hellmich, aye; Councilman Blackwell, aye; Councilman Ebert, aye; and Mayor Koniar, aye. Of those present there was unanimous consent to go into Executive Session. Mayor Koniar reported the meeting will take approximately fifteen minutes and will reconvene to take further action. The meeting recessed at 5:34 p.m.

RECONVENED:

Mayor Koniar called the meeting back to order at 5:49 p.m. Council members present: Vera Quaite, Ralph Hellmich, Rick Blackwell and Charles J. Ebert, III. Absent: Wayne Trawick. Others present: City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Vickie Southern, and press representative Cathy Higgins.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign documents regarding the purchase of certain real property passed unanimously on motion by Councilman Hellmich and seconded by Councilman Ebert.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Ms. Cathy Higgins of the Onlooker asked what property was being considered for purchase. Councilman Hellmich reported the property is the Peavy building, consisting of 94,000 sq. ft. and approximately 10 acres of land, which is located at North Cypress Street and East Section Avenue. He further reported that Council feels good about finding a business or businesses to fill the space. Mayor Koniar reported they have been working with the owners on and off for the last ten years. This was a family owned

business that built guitars, amplifiers, etc. City Administrator Mike Thompson reported Peavy's realtor approached the City about buying the property. The building can accommodate either a large business or several smaller ones. The City will be able to have some type of control of the property. Mayor Koniar reported that he thought the original building was built in the 1980's and it has been expanded three times so that it would be easy to re-configure the space. Councilman Hellmich reported that with the City recently obtaining the AdvantageSite designation and with Airbus coming the Council felt the City would have some options between having a site that was shovel ready and a vacant building available to Airbus suppliers. The Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance and Economic Development Manager Jeff Rouzie are excited to market this building, and the Council feels like it would be a quick turnaround that will fit someone's needs.

When asked the purchase price Mayor Koniar responded by reported the selling price is \$1.5 million.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further comments the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

John E. Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria Southern, CMC
City Clerk