



Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

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Monday, February 16, 2026

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

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Work Session/Council Meeting

Call to Order

President Trawick called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

Roll Call

All council members were present with the exception of Charles Ebert, III. Also present: Mayor Ralph G. Hellmich, City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Christi Watkins, Stephanie Richardson, Jacqueline McGonigal, Taylor Davis, Logan Eberly, Leslie Gahagan, Pam Harris, Brenda W. Shambo, Deborah Mixon, Nikki Rye, Suzanne Kellams, Darrell Russell, Jamie Smith, Kate Norris, Jeff Lee, Jonathan Cottis, Christian Yetmar, Guy Busby, Rachel Spear, Mitch Nelson, Tony Fuqua, Chloe Salinas, A P Marchand, Misty Garza, Darrelyn Dunmore, Cian Harrison, Frank Shepard, Raven Roberts, David Thompson, and Joey Darby.

**Present:** 4 - Tim Lower, Roderick Burkle, Larry Engel and Wayne Trawick

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Ebert III

Moment of Reflection

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing

[26-0005](#)

Public Hearing to Declare Junk and Debris to be a Public Nuisance and to Order its Abatement Located at 217 W Roosevelt Ave.

President Trawick opened the Public Hearing at 4:03pm. He asked for comments from the public.

Christian Yetmar of 217 W Roosevelt Ave., Foley, AL 36535, reported to Council that he is the owner of this property. He reported that he has made efforts to abate the public nuisance by removing dead tomato plants and tires from his property. He requested guidance from Council regarding a pile of debris in his front yard that he would like to use to either create a dirt berm in lieu of a fence or as a raised flower bed.

Mayor Hellmich recommended Mr. Yetmar meet with Jackie McGonigal from the Environmental Department in the upcoming week to ensure his plans will not violate state and local ordinance codes.

## Proclamation

[26-0073](#)

Proclamation: Arbor Day

**Attachments:** [Arbor Day Proclamation 2026](#)  
[Notes for Council Meeting on February 16, 2026](#)

Mayor Hellmich presented a Proclamation to proclaim Saturday, February 28, 2026 as Arbor Day in the City of Foley.

## Work Session Discussion

### Additions/Removals/Carry-Overs

There were no additions or removals to report.

A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Roderick Burkle, to carry over Item 26-0075 from the agenda. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

## Consent Agenda

[26-0053](#)

Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2026

**Attachments:** [02-02-2026 Work Session Council Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, to approve the Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2026. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0054](#)

Departmental Reports

**Attachments:** [Jan 2026 PDS P\\_Z Report](#)  
[HR Monthly Report January 2026](#)  
[PD Monthly Report Jan 2026](#)  
[Bldg. Dept Jan. Report](#)  
[Tax Report and Permit-Plan Review Feb 2026](#)  
[FD Report January 26 2-26](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0055](#)

Report of January, 2026, Approved and Paid Bills for the Record

**Attachments:** [2026-01 Approved & Paid Bills.Expense Approval Report](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

## Ordinances

### [26-0007](#)

(Second Reading) AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY NOT PRESENTLY NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF THE SAME TO AUTOWORX, LLC (D/B/A NAPA AUTO PARTS FOLEY)

**Attachments:** [NAPA Lease 2-2-26](#)

Economic Development Manager Frank Shepard reported that this property has been under a lease agreement with NAPA since 2020. He reported that NAPA has requested a new lease due to the owner passing away to ensure that the lease reflects current ownership.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

### [26-0076](#)

(Second Reading) An Ordinance Accepting Public Rights-of-Way and Infrastructure Improvements in Riverside at Arbor Walk Phase Three Subdivision

**Attachments:** [Riverside - PH3 - ROW Acceptance Request Letter](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that this project has been inspected by the Engineering Department and the department gave its recommendation to move forward.

A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

### [26-0015](#)

An Ordinance Declaring Certain Real Property Surplus and No Longer Needed for Municipal Purposes and Authorizing the Sale of the Same

**Attachments:** [City of Foley - Purchase Agreement LKG Properties Development Agreement - LKG Properties LLC](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Roderick Burkle, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

### [26-0049](#)

An Ordinance Accepting Public Rights-of-Way and Infrastructure

Improvements in Multiple Subdivisions for City Maintenance

**Attachments:** [DRH Request to Accept Public ROWs.07.21.25](#)  
[Primland Acceptance Request Letter](#)  
[Rosewood Acceptance Request Letter](#)  
[Peachtree Maintenance Bond release letter 1-22-2026](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

**A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

## Resolutions and Other Business

[26-0089](#)

ABC License: 020 - Restaurant Retail Liquor for Half Shell Oyster House Spanish Fort LLC, applicant operating under the trade name Half Shell Oyster House, located at 118 W Laurel Ave., Foley, Alabama 36535.

**Attachments:** [ABC Application - Half Shell Oyster House](#)

**Foley Fire and Police Departments recommended to move forward with the ABC License.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, to approve the ABC License. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

[25-0682](#)

A Resolution to Modify Residential Sanitation Collection Fees

**Attachments:** [22-2010 ORD](#)  
[19-1115 RES sani rates](#)  
[Sanrates](#)

**Public Works Director Darrell Russell requested Council's approval to increase residential sanitation collection fees and reported that this is part of a recurring adjustment that his department schedules every five years.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Roderick Burkle, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

[26-0044](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Employees to Enter Upon the Property at 217 W Roosevelt Ave. for the Purpose of Abating the Public Nuisance.

**There was no discussion on this item.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Roderick Burkle, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

[26-0048](#)

A Resolution Waiving Fees for the Use of Heritage Park by Crosspoint

Baptist Church to host a Candlelight Worship and Christmas Carolling Service on December 19, 2026.

**Attachments:** [Crosspoint Baptist Church - Candlelight Christmas Carolling](#)

Director of Parks and Recreation Jeff Lee reported that this is the third annual Candlelight Worship and Christmas Caroling Service.

A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0052](#)

A Resolution Authorizing City of Foley Forces to Assist The South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce with the 2026 Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival

**Attachments:** [BF Trafficbarricade maps \(8\)](#)  
[26-OperationsManualSBCC](#)  
[26 - Letter to City Council for Public Works](#)  
[GCHABF - Emergency Response Plan \(v26\)](#)  
[BF City Application \(1\)](#)

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that in addition to the performance contract, the City has also provided in-kind services from the Police, Fire, Street, and Sanitation Departments to help the event run smoothly every year.

Events and Finance Director for the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Rachel Spear thanked the City of Foley for its continued support. She also reported that this request is the same as what the City has provided in previous years.

A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0056](#)

A Resolution Approving Monthly Bids - January 2026

**Attachments:** [January 2026 Bid Awards](#)

Logan Eberly reported that there were three bids opened in January, and two were awarded.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0058](#)

A Resolution Requesting Permission to Hire a Company to Move Existing Furniture to the New Library and Appropriating Funds for the Project

**Attachments:** [KLN - JOT Moving](#)

Library Director Kate Norris reported that this project had originally been budgeted for \$115,000 but came in under budget at \$76,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Roderick Burkle, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0059](#)

A Resolution Declaring Surplus Sgt. Joey Linder's Badge and Service Weapon

Patrol Lieutenant Tony Fuqua reported that Sgt. Joey Linder retired in January 2026 after 21 years of service. He also reported that when someone retires after 20 years with the Police Department, the City typically provides them with a gift of their badge and service weapon, and the Police Department requests this gift for Sgt. Linder.

A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Roderick Burkle, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0060](#)

A Resolution to Request Memorializing Application for the FY26 Dollar General Summer Reading Program Grant

Library Director Kate Norris reported that this is a grant the Library applies for every year, and if awarded, it provides \$3,000 towards summer reading programming.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0061](#)

A Resolution Approving the Transfer of a Truck to the Municipal Complex Department

Director of Senior Services and Municipal Complex Pam Harris requested Council's permission to transfer a truck from the Senior Center to the Municipal Complex.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0062](#)

A Resolution Appropriating Funds for Window Tinting at City Hall & the Finance Building

**Attachments:** [City Hall Window Tinting Quotes](#)  
[Budget Increase Form](#)

Director of Senior Services and Municipal Complex Pam Harris reported that the City deems it necessary to improve energy efficiency and increase privacy in the new finance building and City Hall. She requested approval for a budget increase in Building and Grounds, not to exceed \$10,000.

A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0063](#)

A Resolution Amending RES #26-1023 A Resolution to Approve Police Department Vehicles to be Deemed Surplus

**Attachments:** [26-1023-RES pd surplus](#)

Professional Development Lieutenant Mitch Nelson reported that the Police Department previously requested Council to deem a 2014 Ford F150 as surplus, but discovered that the Street Department had a need for it. The Police Department requested Council amend Resolution #26-1023 and approve the transfer of this truck to the Street Department.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0064](#)

A Resolution Amending RES #25-1385 A Resolution Declaring Two Trucks as Surplus in the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Attachments:** [25-1385-RES parks surplus](#)

Director of Parks and Recreation Jeff Lee reported that the Parks and Recreation Department had previously requested Council to deem a 2003 Ford F-250 as surplus, but discovered that the Street Department had a need for it. The Police Department requested Council amend Resolution #25-1385 and approve the transfer of this truck to the Street Department.

A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0065](#)

A Resolution to Waive the Fees for the Use of the Foley Civic Center for Foley Cub Scouts

Fire Chief Joey Darby reported that the Boy Scouts have outgrown their facility and they are requesting to use the Civic Center and to waive the fees for their Blue and Gold event.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0066](#)

A Resolution Approving the Street Department to purchase a John Deere Front Mount Mower

**Attachments:** [city of foley 1575 72 deck source well Deere Settlement Chad-Raybon-Street-Department \(17\)](#)

Public Works Director Darrell Russell reported that this mower costs slightly higher than what was budgeted but due to costs for other capital items coming in under budget the Street Department will not be asking for a budgetary increase.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0067](#)

A Resolution Accepting the Site Development Project Agreement from the State Industrial Development Authority

**Attachments:**     [26SD03-SEEDS Grant Agreement](#)  
                              [Capital Project Form](#)

Logan Eberly reported that the State Industrial Development Authority has awarded the City of Foley \$3,327,500 for property on the Foley Beach Express, but that it is a 50/50 match, which was previously approved by Council. Staff requests Council to approve the acceptance of the grant, the purchase of the property including applicable closing costs, and to amend the necessary accounts.

City Administrator Mike Thompson recognized Lee Johnson with the Baldwin Alliance, Goodwyn Mills Cawood, Randy Davis Realty, and the owners of the property, the Delaneys, for their help in making this successful.

Mayor Hellmich recognized Mike Thompson's efforts with this project, along with Riviera Utilities and Baldwin EMC.

A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0068](#)

A Resolution approving the surplus and disposal of multiple vehicles and construction equipment in the Street Department

**There was no discussion on this item.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

[26-0069](#)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 3 OF RESOLUTION 26-1039 APPROVING THE SOUTH BALDWIN CHAMBER FOUNDATION'S WALK THIS WAY - AN 80'S TRIBUTE PARADE

Executive Director of Leisure Services David Thompson reported that due to the event's location in the Entertainment District, the BYOB component needs to be removed to stay within the regulations.

**A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

[26-0070](#)

A Resolution Waiving Fees for the Use of Heritage Park to Host Hearts for Heroes on March 1, 2026.

**Attachments:**     [Special Event App](#)

Director of Parks and Recreation Jeff Lee reported that his department received a request by the Republican Party and the American Legacy Company to host this event on March 1, 2026 and waive the fees.

Nikki Rye with the American Legacy Company reported that this is a family-friendly event open to everyone that honors officers and first responders all over Baldwin County.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by a majority vote: Council Member Burkle, aye; Council President Trawick, aye; Council Member Engel, aye; Council Member Lower, abstain.

**Aye:** 3 - Council Member Roderick Burkle, Council Member Larry Engel and Council Member Wayne Trawick

**Abstain:** 1 - Council Member Tim Lower

[26-0071](#)

A Resolution to Reappoint Diane Bunch to the Revitalization and Beautification Advisory Board.

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0072](#)

A Resolution to Accept a Donation from the Friends of the Library to Purchase Equipment for the New Library

**Attachments:** [KLN Friends Donation JAT Form](#)

Library Director Kate Norris requested to accept a donation from the Friends of the Library for \$40,000 with the stipulation that it be used for technology and small tools.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0074](#)

A Resolution Approving Calvary Chapel of Foley the Use of Foley Park to Offer Prayer to the Community.

**Attachments:** [Park Reservation Form - Tony Peralta](#)

Director of Parks and Recreation Jeff Lee reported that Calvary Chapel has been setting up a tent on the northwest corner of Foley Park to offer prayer to the community and are requesting approval to continue for six more months.

A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0075](#)

A Resolution to Request Permission to Solicit a Consulting Firm to Develop a Municipal Campus Master Plan

**Attachments:** [Municipal Campus Master Plan DRAFT](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Roderick Burkle, to carry-over Item 26-0075 from the agenda. The

motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0077](#)

Resolution Approving the Installation of New Street Lights on Fairway Drive and Putter Lane in Glenlakes.

**Attachments:** [Putter Ln Light \(2\)](#)  
[Fairway Light \(2\)](#)  
[Daisha-Barnes-02-04-2026](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that the Engineering Department received some requests from citizens in Glenlakes to review these areas and after review, the Engineering Department requests approval to install two street lights.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0078](#)

Resolution Approving the Installation of a 4-Way Stop at East Orange Avenue and South Chicago Street

**Attachments:** [Map of location](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that the South Chicago Street Streetscape Project is adding new sidewalks and crosswalks near the new library. He also reported that due to the anticipated increase in pedestrian traffic, the Engineering department requests approval to convert the intersection of East Orange Avenue and South Chicago Street into a 4-Way stop controlled intersection.

A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0079](#)

A Resolution Appointing Voting Delegates for the ALM Annual Business Session

**Attachments:** [Voting Delegate Authorization Form](#)

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that Council Member Roderick Burkle and Council Member Larry Engel had volunteered to attend the ALM Annual Business Session.

City Clerk Christi Watkins reported that Mayor Hellmich was designated as the voting delegate, and requested Council determine which Council Member will be the 1st alternate and 2nd alternate.

Council Member Roderick Burkle volunteered to be the 1st alternate, and Council Member Larry Engel volunteered to be the 2nd alternate.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0080](#)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING A BUDGET TRANSFER IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**Attachments:** [City of Foley - Pay Classification Plan - Effective 01-20-26](#)  
[Transfer Budgeted Funds Between Categories 02-09-2026](#)

Human Resources Director Suzanne Kellams reported that the City deems it necessary to reclassify a position and move employees who currently hold these positions to better align with the current duties being performed and to support the organizational structure and for long-term planning considerations. She reported that one of the Administrative Assistant I positions in the Planning and Development Services Department is performing administrative work for the building side of the department, mainly performing the duties of a Permit Technician, which is a position on the City's pay plan at a grade 90. She reported that this request would reclassify the Administrative Assistant I position to a Permit Specialist at a grade 110. She also reported that the employee sitting in the current Permit Technician position would move to the Permit Specialist role and the employee sitting in the Administrative Assistant I position performing the permitting duties would move to the Permit Technician role. She reported that this would be budget neutral due to an upcoming retirement in the department.

Ms. Kellams reported that the Planning and Development Services Department is also requesting a budget transfer of \$5,000 from its Travel and Training account to its Part-Time Salaries account, increasing the part-time salary budget to \$15,000. She reported that the department has identified a need for part-time inspection support to assist with complex inspections and provide coverage during staff absences.

A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Roderick Burkle, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0081](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANTING OF AN ELECTRIC LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT TO BALDWIN EMC

**Attachments:** [Russian Road Electric Line ROW Easement](#)

Sustainability and Natural Resources Director Leslie Gahagan reported that this item is regarding an area on the south side of Graham Creek Nature Preserve where Russian Road is being paved. She reported that Baldwin EMC has requested the grant of an electric line right-of-way easement across a portion of City-owned property for the purpose of constructing, operating, maintaining, repairing, replacing, and upgrading electric transmission and distribution facilities.

A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0083](#)

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MUSEUMS & HERITAGE DEPARTMENT AND AMENDING THE PAY CLASSIFICATION PLAN AUTHORIZING A

## MUSEUMS &amp; HERITAGE DIRECTOR

**Attachments:** [Pay Classification Plan - Effective 01-20-26](#)  
[Increase Budget by Appropriating Funds 02-09-2026](#)

Human Resources Director Suzanne Kellams reported that this item establishes the new Museums and Heritage Director Position and would formally create the standalone Museums and Heritage Department within General Government. She reported that this restructuring will shift the emphasis to the creation of a standalone department and director role reflects a shift toward professional museum administration and long-term heritage stewardship. She also reported that the Museums & Heritage Director will be responsible for leadership in the areas of heritage preservation, collections management, exhibit planning and development, educational programming, historical research, grant development, and oversight of museum facilities and heritage assets. Ms. Kellams also reported that this action would require an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$58,000 to the Museums & Heritage Department.

A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0084](#)

A Resolution to Modify Commercial Sanitation Collection Fees

**Attachments:** [Commercial Sanitation Addendum 1](#)

Revenue Director Jamie Smith reported that the City deems it necessary to modify commercial sanitation rates for dumpsters by increasing the fee by 50 cents per yard of trash in order to attract the best option for commercial sanitation needs, while also keeping costs significantly low for customers. She reported that the last time these rates were modified was in 2021, and this increase is necessary due to inflation.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0085](#)

A Resolution Approving the Purchase of (9) Police Vehicles and Equipment

**Attachments:** [Patrol.Interceptors.x6](#)  
[Admin.Interceptor.sx2](#)  
[Carley-Hester-Police \(1\)](#)

Professional Development Lieutenant Mitch Nelson reported that the Foley Police Department is requesting approval to purchase 9 Ford Interceptors that were previously budgeted and the necessary equipment to outfit them.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0086](#)

Resolution Requesting and Increase of Additional Funds and Appropriating those Funds for Maintenance with the Armory building.

**Attachments:**    [David-Thompson-Leisure-Services](#)  
[FCC Armory Alternative Project List](#)

Executive Director of Leisure Services David Thompson reported that the Armory project is expected to be completed in April, and that the Leisure Services department is requesting approval to increase its budget to fund exterior repairs, including landscaping and site enhancements. He reported that the exterior work will protect the City's investment, improve accessibility and safety, and present a finished welcoming appearance for the staff and the public.

A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

## Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hellmich commended Directors Jamie Smith and Darrell Russell for their diligent work in completing a detailed study on sanitation rates.

He reported that Graham Creek Nature Preserve will host its 10th annual Archery Tournament from Thursday, February 19, 2026 through Saturday, February 21, 2026. He reported that it is open to the public and encouraged people to attend.

He expressed his gratitude to Director Pam Harris and all staff members who contributed to the Mardi Gras Float and the overall success of the parade.

Mayor Hellmich announced that an Arbor Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, February 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the Coastal Alabama Farmer's & Fishermen's Market.

He also reported that a Hearts for Heroes event, honoring first responders in Baldwin County, will take place in Heritage Park on Sunday, March 1, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Hellmich complimented Guy Busby and his articles for effectively keeping the community, the state, and the country informed about what is happening in Foley.

He also thanked the Council for approving the funding request designated for the exterior improvements at the Armory.

He reported a successful meeting with Director Cooper at ALDOT, where they discussed several ongoing projects and the potential for additional projects in the future.

He reported that the Pilgrim Street Project is nearing completion, and work will now begin on the Industrial Park Road.

He also reported that sales tax revenues are doing well.

## **Visitor Comments**

Fire Chief Joey Darby reported that the Foley Fire Department has met all necessary requirements for a Safe Haven Baby Box and will be scheduling the blessing and opening event in the near future.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.