



Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, December 18, 2023

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

Work Session/Council Meeting

Public Hearing

[23-0692](#)

Public Hearing to Consider Violations of the City's Lot Clearing & Weed Removal Ordinance 1095-09 at the Vacant Lot on the Northeast Corner of County Road 20 and Hickory Street in Foley, Alabama

Council President Wayne Trawick opened Public Hearing at 4:00 pm. He asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

Call to Order

President Trawick called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call

All Council Members were present: Also present, Mayor Ralph Hellmich, City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Katy Taylor, Christi Watkins, Miranda Bell, David Thompson, Leslie Gahagan, Darrell Russell, Jeff Lee, Jeff Phillips, Rachel Keith, Sue Steigerwald, Suzanne Kellams, Pam Harris, Guy Busby, Sue Bell, Will Lawrence, LaDonna Hinesley, Darrelyn Dunmore, Wayne Dyess, Mary King, Thurston Bullock, Joey Darby and Matt Quellar.

Present: 5 - Wayne Trawick, Vera Quaites, Rick Blackwell, Charles Ebert III and Richard Dayton

Moment of Silence

Pledge Of Allegiance

Work Session Discussion

There was no Work Session Discussion.

Additions/Removals/Carry-Overs

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by

Council Member Rick Blackwell, to remove item 23-0703 from the agenda. The motion was carried by an unanimous vote.

Consent Agenda

[23-0689](#)

Departmental Reports

Attachments: [Tax Report](#)
[November 2023 CDD Report](#)
[November 2023 PD Report](#)
[November 2023 FD Report](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[23-0690](#)

Report of November, 2023 Approved and Paid Bills for the Record

Attachments: [2023-11 Approved & Paid Bills.Expense Approval Report](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[23-0688](#)

December 4, 2023 Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [12-04-2023 Work Session.Council Meeting Minutes](#)

There was no Work Session Discussions.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Ordinances

Resolutions and Other Business

[23-0680](#)

A Resolution Amending Section 6 of Resolution 4120-10 Amending Resolution 785-92 and Resolution 1039-95 and Defining the Scope of the Museum-Archives Advisory Board

Attachments: [4120-10 RES](#)
 [0785-92 RES](#)
 [1039-95 RES](#)
 [23-1369 RES](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Richard Dayton, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 23-1440-RES

[23-0684](#)

A Resolution to Rescind Resolution 20-1309 Appointment of Finance Director/City Treasurer

Attachments: [20-1309 RES](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Richard Dayton, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 23-1441-RES

[23-0685](#)

A Resolution Appointing the Finance Director/City Treasurer

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 23-1442-RES

[23-0687](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Employees to Enter Upon the Property at the Vacant Lot on the Northeast Corner of County Road 20 and Hickory Street for the Purpose of Abating the Public Nuisance.

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Vera Quaites, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 23-1443-RES

[23-0691](#)

A Resolution Approving Monthly Bids - November 2023

Attachments: [November 2023 Bid Awards](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Richard Dayton, seconded by Council

Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 23-1444-RES

[23-0694](#)

A Resolution Amending The Pay Classification Plan For The Foley Public Library and Parks and Recreation

Attachments: [Pay Classification Plan - Effective 11-06-23 for Agenda Item 23-0694](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 23-1445-RES

[23-0695](#)

A Resolution Approving A One Day Members Only Pop Up Local Arts And Crafts Show

Mayor Hellmich asked Chief Thurston if he approved and he voiced that he did indeed approve.

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 23-1446-RES

[23-0697](#)

A Resolution Authorizing a Budget Transfer Between Categories in the Street Department- Sidewalks

Attachments: [Budget Increase and Transfer Request Forms.xlsx - Transfer between Categories](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Richard Dayton, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 23-1447-RES

[23-0698](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Master Service & Purchase Agreement with AXON (Fleet) for 11 Years

Attachments: [Axon 10 year agreement Quote Fleet](#)
[NASPO Master Agreement for Axon](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 23-1448-RES

[23-0699](#)

A Resolution Authorizing an Unplanned Capital Project for the Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fisherman's Market Signage

Attachments: [Capital Project Worksheet 2023.12.07](#)
 [Budget Increase Form - Farmers Market Sign](#)

Project Manager Jeff Phillips reported plans to remove old signage and replace with new signage for the Coastal Farmers and Fishermens Market. He explained that this will be a digital component that will advertise for the businesses in that area. He also explained that the other businesses will not be participating and discussed which accounts the funds would come from. City Administrator Mike Thompson explained that the funds could come from the Cooperative District Fees.

Jeff Phillips reported on where the signage would be relocated. He explained that the City of Foley will work with Wolf Bay Lodge and Cobblestone on the sign's location. He explained the design is in the concept stage and will come back to a later Council meeting for a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 23-1449-RES

[23-0700](#)

A Resolution to Increase the Budget for Maintenance of Two Boxcars and a Track Car

Attachments: [M. Thompson - approval for boxcar maintenance funds resolution](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 23-1450-RES

[23-0701](#)

A Resolution Approving the Beulah Heights Stormwater Management Plan

Attachments: [Beulah Heights SMP_Final](#)

Project Manager, Leslie Gahagan, spoke to Council concerning the Beulah Heights Stormwater Management Plan. She explained that the funding could come from the Environmental Justice Grant. Leslie also explained to Council the timing of the project would be after the new year and that some of the cost would be off-set. She also discussed the design of the project and where the construction of the project stands.

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 23-1451-RES

[23-0703](#)

A Resolution Approving the Purchase of a Ford F-150 Pickup for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Attachments: [Quote - Stivers Ford Lincoln](#)
 [Capital Purchase Worksheet](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, to remove this item from the agenda. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 23-1452-RES

[23-0707](#)

A Resolution to Waive the Fees for the Use of Council Chambers or the Foley Civic Center

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Richard Dayton, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 23-1453-RES

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hellmich reported that the City of Foley has had a busy holiday shopping season.

He reported that the forest clearing at the new Mills Community Park is nearing completion.

He also gave an update on the Juniper Street Intersection, that it is nearing completion and is expecting it to reopen in January.

Mayor Hellmich wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Visitor Comments

Sue Bell, who resides in Ethos Subdivision addressed the Council with her concerns of the waste water drainage from the new build of rental homes and asked if it would have any effect on her community. Mayor Hellmich explained that the drainage systems have to meet engineering standards and that they will be met and approved by the City Engineering Department and it will not be an issue for her area.

Mary King, who resides in Wynwood Subdivision, expressed concerns over speeding and drag racing on State Highway 59 and asked if there could be more patrol by Foley Police Department on Highway 59. Mayor Hellmich explained that the City of Foley is currently hiring additional officers. He also explained that ALDOT has reviewed that average speed on Hwy. 59 and that it meets standards. Mary King also expressed concerns over the recycling program. Mayor Hellmich explained that the city is hoping to break even so that the recyclables can be kept but if the City loses money, losing money the

recycling program will have to end.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm.