



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Monday, July 18, 2016

4:00 PM

Conference Room

Work Session

Call to Order

Council President Wayne Trawick call the Work Session to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

All Council members were present. Also present: Mayor John Koniar, City Administrator Mike Thompson, Sandra Pate, Katy Taylor, Vickey Southern, David Thompson, David Wilson, John Graham, Chad Christian, David Vosloh, Thurston Bullock, Jessica Middleton, Randy Cathers, Gale Croft, Taylor Davis, Frances Holk-Jones, Ben Griffiths, Joey Darby, Sylvia Womack, Richard Dayton and press representative Allison Woodham (Onlooker).

Discussion Items

[16-0396](#)

Engineering Dept. Quarterly Report

City Engineer Chad Christian gave a synopsis of the Engineering Department Quarterly Report, which is attached as back up to the minutes.

[16-0408](#)

Discuss sign replacement costs for Lake View Estates Property Owners Association

Attachments: [Lake View Estates Request](#)

President Trawick reported Lake View Estates Property Owners Association is requesting funding assistance with the Fairway Drive entrance sign replacement that was removed during the construction of the Fire Station #3 in the amount of \$5,385.68. Sylvia Womack from the Lake View Estates Property Owners Association reported she received the final bid for the electrical wiring for the new sign in the amount of \$1,680.00. This is for relocating the wiring to the sign, to supply two LED flood lights and a weather proof UFI outlet box on the sign and to bore 75 feet underneath the sidewalk.

Councilman Ebert, III reported in the future, he would like any department involved in projects such as this, to work out the details and have everything in writing before proceeding with the project.

City Administrator Mike Thompson asked Fire Chief Joey Darby if anything was in writing regarding this sign. Chief Darby reported there was nothing in

writing. He also reported this goes back to the planning phases of the fire station before construction ever began. Residents from the area approached Chief Darby multiple times regarding their desire to insure that the road was widened. Widening the road makes it easier for the fire trucks, however, it was not absolutely necessary to widen the road. The residents explained to Chief Darby that they would prefer to widen the road versus having the Fairway Drive sign. There was no discussion about who would be responsible for the sign.

There was a consensus to add this item to the Council agenda.

Enactment No: 16-1184-RES

16-0410

Discuss the use of property west of the 10-plex sports fields.

Attachments: [Griffiths](#)

Council Member Rick Blackwell reported Ben Griffith was present to discuss this property. Mr. Griffith will grade the property and plant centipede grass to be used for additional parking during the Hot Air Balloon Festival.

Mr. Griffith reported he would like to reduce the City's cost for maintenance and mowing to this property and to improve the accessibility and use by improving the surface conditions by making it a sod field. He reported he would like to reach an agreement with the City and be able to plant turf grass on the site by September 1, 2016. The grass will grow in during the fall and spring seasons. Mr. Griffith reported they would stop mowing it at the end of July to allow the grass to produce seed to be harvested by Griffiths Farms, Inc. After a brief discussion, there was a consensus to add this item to the Council agenda to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Griffiths Farms, Inc.

Enactment No: 16-1185-RES

Presentation

Executive Director Gale Croft from the South Baldwin Chamber Foundations reported the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber Foundation have formed an Education and Workforce Development Committee and because of the discussion of this group, they have created a platform for Partners in Education that is going to change the dynamics of the relationships with the business community and our schools.

She reported the Chamber has applied for the Impact 100 Grant to round out Leader in Me in the Foley feeder pattern.

Teacher Student grants were awarded in the amount of \$27,000 to seven of the nine schools in the Foley High School Feeder pattern. Grants included: Foley High School Band and AG program; Foley Middle School Robotics Program, Special Education, Library and ESL classes; Foley Intermediate Counselor Mindfulness Program; Foley Elementary Kindergarten Letter People and After School Care funding; Elberta Elementary Reading and leveled learning; Swift School Drug Free Counseling; Summerdale School Music Program: Jazz It UP!

Programs:

The Junior Ambassadors

Jan: Hosted the Silent Auction at the Chamber Annual Gala

Feb: Media day at WKRG and iHeart Media in Mobile

March: State Government day in Montgomery. Tour the State Capitol, Alabama Dept of Archives & History Museum and met with state legislators and justices.

May: Closing Ceremony at the Foley Civic Center received City of Foley pins and a certificate of completion followed by a short reception

In May, the Chamber interviewed 45 potential Junior Ambassadors and have increased the group by more than 100% this year. The 2016-17 class will have 33 students compared to last year's 16.

The Chamber is also adding a leadership training component that will be incorporated with monthly meetings. Students will learn more about themselves, how to contribute to the community, how to apply personal values to everyday life and how to align those values with the choices they make.

Young Entrepreneurs Academy

CEO Roundtable Five of the area's top CEOs attended the roundtable event to encourage YEA! students and answer questions such as what is your greatest strength, what advice would you give these young entrepreneurs and what has been your biggest failure?

Investor Panel held at Columbia Southern University. Our version of the famous TV program "Shark Tank" where all of the students compete to go to Regional competition in Rochester New York.

Jonah Smith CEO of Carnisaurus took first place. He created his culinary delight and used a dinosaur theme to market it. The "Bacon Wrapper" is a mixture of ground beef, ground pork and sausage wrapped in bacon and smoked on the grill. He plans to sell his product at festivals and fairs before taking it on the road in a food truck.

The Trade Show was held at business after hours in May and gave all of the students the opportunity to pitch their ideas and showcase their products.

The Chamber is currently accepting applications for the 2016-17 school year. Students in grades 6-12 can go apply online at yeausa.org.

Also in May, the Chamber hosted the 59th Annual Academic Banquet where 24 students were recognized graduating with the highest diploma—the "Alabama High School Diploma Baldwin County College Preparatory with Distinction Endorsement". To achieve this honor, students must have maintained a 3.7 GPA and taken the highest level courses offered on campus.

Events:

BBQ&Blues

Save the Date:

Pheasant Hunt, October 20 at Oak Hollow Farm. Lunch at noon. Hunt begins at 1:00. \$200 per hunter. Dogs and ATVs are welcome. #6 shotgun shells and lower. There will be a social hour afterwards and people can have their pheasant cleaned for \$3 per bird.

The 2nd Annual Night Glow Golf at Glenlakes will be held on Veteran's Day this

year. There will be a special recognition for Veterans who attend.

Ms. Croft reported the support of Mayor Koniar, the City Council and the City of Foley greatly assists the Foundation in providing quality programs and assistance for Foley schools

Discuss Council Meeting Agenda of June 18, 2016

16-0228 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PETITION FOR ANNEXATION AND BRINGING PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FOLEY (Stephen Lambert) - This item remained on the agenda.

16-0322 Rescind Ordinance 490 95 Regulating Foley Municipal Airport Extended Parking and Move the Responsibility to the Airport Fixed Base Operator - This item remained on the agenda.

16-0346 Reallocation of Aaronville Pool Park Improvements Capital Project to General Fund Account - This item remained on the agenda.

16-0373 Request to reclass operating budget from the Public Athletic & Sports Facilities Cooperative District to the City's General Fund, Sports Tourism Department - This item remained on the agenda.

16-0388 A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DECLARING WEEDS TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDERING ITS ABATEMENT AT 1508 MULBERRY LANE - President Trawick reported this property has been abated by the property owner and no further action is required. There was a consensus to remove this item from the agenda.

16-0392 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Labor Day Grant Campaign - This item remained on the agenda.

16-0398 Resolution authorizing employees to enter upon the property at the vacant lot west of 421 7th Avenue for the purpose of abating the public nuisance - This item remained on the agenda.

16-0403 Request to upgrade firewall - Jessica Middleton reported the current firewall is five years old, which dates back to the DSL era and needs to be updated to ensure proper security. This item remained on the agenda.

16-0406 Request to move funds from operating budget 01-625-5210 to Capital Projects fund 12-665-7364 - Marketing Director LaDonna Hinesley reported this is to pay for new gateway signs. This item remained on the agenda.

16-0407 A Resolution Approving Parish Lakes Buffer - Mayor Koniar asked if the neighborhood has been informed of the landscaping plans. City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that when he met with the residents, he informed them the City planned on creating a vegetative buffer between Pride Drive and Parish lakes subdivision. There was a consensus to put together a flyer to distribute to the Parish Lakes subdivision letting the residents know of the plans and the timeframes. This item remained on the agenda.

16-0414 Consider Addendum to and Amendment of Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Contractor by PCEFCD and Dunn Building Company, LLC - This item remained on the agenda.

16-0415 A resolution approving Sarabeth Chambers with City Hope Church to use Max Griffin Park on Saturday, July 16, 2016 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for a Community Outreach Block Party - This item remained on the agenda.

16-0416 Accepting the portrait of Alan Goldman and acknowledging the placement of portrait - This item remained on the agenda.

Mayor's Comments

No comments to report.

Visitor's Comments

No comments to report.

Adjourn

Hearing no further comments, the Work Session adjourned at 5:09 p.m.