City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, July 20, 2026	4:00 PM	Council Chambers

Work Session/Council Meeting

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

All Council Members were present. Also present: Mayor Ralph G. Hellmich, City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Christi Watkins, Stephanie Richardson, Taylor Davis, Kevin Carnley, Mike Chavers, David Thompson, Brenda Shambo, Deborah Mixon, Guy Busby, Camille Mosher, Tracy Hubbard, Sandy Cazabat, Brian Alexander, Jeff Lee, Rob Johansen, Taura Johansen, Julie Bentley, Pat Gregory, Jackie McGonigal, Renetta McGowin, Jonathan Cottis, Kate Norris, Rachel Keith, Logan Eberly, Darrell Russell, Chloe Salinas, Chris Weeks, Frances Holk-Jones, Nathan Smith, Jamie Smith, Suzanne Kellams, Stacy Tittle, Wayne Dyess, Thurston Bullock, Joey Darby, Lindsey Hart, Raven Roberts, and Shawn Mitchell.

Present: 5 - Tim Lower,Roderick Burkle,Larry Engel,Wayne Trawick and Charles Ebert III

Moment of Reflection

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing

[26-0337](26-0337) Public Hearing to Declare Weeds and Accumulation of Junk to be a Public Nuisance and Ordering its Abatement at 407 W Fig Avenue

President Trawick opened the Public Hearing at 4:01pm. He asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

[26-0338](26-0338) Public Hearing to Declare Weeds, Trash, and Stagnant Water to be a Public Nuisance and Ordering its Abatement at 219 W Palm Avenue

President Trawick opened the Public Hearing at 4:01pm. He asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

Presentation

26-0352 Revitalization and Beautification Awards Presentation

Mayor Hellmich and members of the Revitalization and Beautification Advisory Board presented Blossman Gas, Centennial Bank, and Grounded Energy Center with the 2026 Revitalization and Beautification Awards.

Work Session Discussion

Additions/Removals/Carry-Overs

There were no additions, removals, or carry-overs to report.

Consent Agenda

26-0357 Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2026

Attachments: 07-06-2026 Work Session Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, to approve the Work Session Council Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2026. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

26-0370 Departmental Reports

Attachments: P&Z June26
Tax Report and Permit-Plan Review July 2026
PD June stats 2026
June 26 Building Department Monthly Report
FD Report June 26
June 2026 HR Applicant 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.

26-0384 Report of June, 2026, Approved and Paid Bills for the Record

Attachments: 2026-06 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

Resolutions and Other Business

26-0379

ABC License: 020 - Restaurant Retail Liquor for Xian Noodle Place 3 Inc, applicant operating under the trade name Xian Noodle Place, located at 1141 S. McKenzie Street, Foley, Alabama 36535.

Attachments: Xian Noodle Place - ABC Application

Foley Fire and Police Departments gave recommendations to move forward with the ABC License.

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

26-0367

A Resolution to Reappoint Billie Nardell to the Senior Center Advisory Board.

There was no discussion on this item.

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

26-0368

A Resolution to Transfer a FY26 Planned Capital Project to Replace the Event Center Lobby Flooring from the Capital Project Plan to an Operational Account

Attachments: David-Thompson-07-01-2026
Intuit QuickBooks

Executive Director of Leisure Services David Thompson reported that the Sports Tourism Department requests to move the Capital Project for the Event Center lobby flooring replacement to the Operational Account.

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

26-0371

A Resolution to Amend Library Policies & Procedures

Attachments: Showing Changes - UPDATED Foley Community Library Policies & Procedures_7-2-2026

Library Director Kate Norris reported that due to the Library Department's transition to the new building it is necessary to establish new policies for the new spaces and amend some of their previous policies. She reported that these policies have been vetted by both the City Attorney and the Library Advisory Committee.

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.

26-0374

A Resolution Amending RES #26-1231 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a contract with FARO Technologies

Police Chief Kevin Carnley reported that this resolution amends the total amount of the maintenance plan with FARO Technologies to $24,551.00, an increase of $40.00 over the 3 year plan. He reported that the payment plan over 3 years should also be amended as follows: FY27- $6,138.00; FY28 - $8,183.50; FY29 - $8,183.50. He also reported that the budget increase will remain the same at $2,046.00.

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

26-0375

A Resolution to Accept Grant Offers from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for a Foley Municipal Airport Improvement Project for Drainage.

Attachments: 5R4-SOG-3-01-0031-030-2026-Grant Agreement - unsigned
Foley Municipal Airport 2026 State Grant Offer
3-01-0031-030-2026-AIP
Jotform - State Grant Award
Rachel-Keith-Finance (1)

Project, Risk, and Airport Manager Rachel Keith reported that staff requests Council accept a grant offer of $287,010 from the FAA and a grant offer of $7,553 from ALDOT for an Airport Improvement Project to improve airport drainage and to amend revenue accounts accordingly.

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.

26-0376

A Resolution to Accept a Grant Offers from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for the Final Reimbursement of a Prior Year Project to Construct an 8-Unit T-Hangar

Attachments: 5R4-SOG-3-01-0031-031-2026-Grant Agreement - unsigned
Foley Municipal Airport 2026 State Grant Offer
3-01-0031-031-2026-AIG
Jot Form - Acceptance of FAA Grant Offer
Jot Form - Acceptance of State Grant Offer

Project, Risk, and Airport Manager Rachel Keith reported that staff requests acceptance of the final reimbursement for an 8-unit T-Hangar that was

constructed in 2023, in the amount of $137,000 from the FAA and $3,605 from ALDOT.

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

26-0377 A Resolution to Reappoint JaNay Dawson to the Foley Historic Commission.

There was no discussion on this item.

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.

26-0378 A Resolution Approving the Surplus and Disposal of Multiple Vehicles and Equipment in the Street Department

Public Works Director Darrell Russell reported that the Street Department requests to surplus four vehicles and place them up for public auction.

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.

26-0380 A Resolution to Accept the Bid Submitted by RH Deas Co, LLC for Airfield Drainage Improvements

Attachments: 1203873.002_Bid Result_Airfield Drainage Improvements

Project, Risk, and Airport Manager Rachel Keith reported that RH Deas Co, LLC submitted the lowest, responsible bid in the amount of $249,971 for the airfield drainage improvements project. She reported that the FAA has awarded a grant to the City in the amount of $287,010 that will offset the cost for construction and engineering services.

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

26-0381 Resolution Approving a Proposal from Premier Appraisals for the Right-of-Way Acquisitions of the West Michigan Avenue and South Cedar Street Intersection Improvements

Attachments: Appraisal Engagement Letter, Tracts 1-5 Project No. 400-3020-5161_(1)
Daisha-Barnes-Engineering (78)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that this proposal is for the next phase of the West Michigan Avenue and South Cedar Street Intersection Improvements project, and will assist with the acquisition of Right-of-Ways.

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.

26-0382 A Resolution Requesting Permission to Solicit Bids and Award if Within Budget for the FY26 Annual Resurfacing Project

Attachments: Title sheet
Approved Jotform
FY 26 Resurfacing Projects

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that the base bid for this project proposes resurfacing 4.76 lane miles of roads with an additional 1.54 lane miles proposed as an elective bid alternative. He reported that the engineer's estimate for the base bid plus the additive alternative totals $1.19 million.

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.

26-0383 A Resolution Approving Additional Funding the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant for Pedestrian Improvements Along Highway 98 at Cedar Street, Oak Street, Pine Street, Chicago Street and the Rose Trail Crosswalk

Attachments: 260626_Recommendation to Award.1
HSIP-0042(549) Concurrence to Award.1
HSIP-0042(549) 100079714 FOLEY SUP
Contract HSIP-0042(549) City of Foley Pedestrian Safety Improvements
Daisha-Barnes-Engineering (77)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that this funding request is for signal improvements for pedestrians at three intersections and a safety median. He reported that the construction bid is greater than the estimated construction amount in the HSIP agreement, and that staff is requesting an additional $140,000 to cover the additional expenses. He also reported that ALDOT has provided a revised grant agreement and has offered to provide an additional $94,958.05 in HSIP funds to offset the increase.

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.

26-0385 A Resolution Approving Monthly Bids - June 2026

Attachments: June 2026 Bid Awards

Purchasing Agent and Grants and Agreements Administrator Logan Eberly reported that eight bids were opened in June. She reported that five were awarded, including beach sand, security and access controls, pest control services, pedestrian safety improvements, and equipment rentals.

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.

26-0387 A Resolution to Appropriate funding for The Street Department's in-house Construction of the East/West Corridor of Wilson/Equestrian Park Rd.

Attachments: Chad-Raybon-Street-Department (22)

Public Works Director Darrell Russell reported that the Street Department is requesting funding for the in-house build of the East/West corridor of Wilson/Equestrian Park Rd.

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.

26-0388 A Resolution Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application to Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) Aeronautics Bureau for the Purpose of Constructing a New Terminal Building

Attachments: 2026-07-13-Federal-Form - Terminal Preapplication Draft

Project, Risk, and Airport Manager Rachel Keith reported that the City has previously submitted a grant application with the ALDOT Aeronautics Bureau for the construction of a 10-unit T-Hangar, but after discussions with ALDOT, it was agreed that the priority should be a new terminal building. She reported that ALDOT will allow the City to change the project application, and if awarded, it will be a 50/50 grant up to $1,000,000.

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

26-0389 A Resolution Amending Street Department Budget for Sidewalk Maintenance.

Attachments: Chad-Raybon-07-13-2026

Public Works Director Darrell Russell reported that the Street Department is requesting to amend their budget for several projects that need to be completed for ADA compliance.

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

26-0390 A Resolution To Approve A Contract For The City's Reinsurance/Stop Loss Renewal

Attachments: City of Foley Stop Loss Presentation 2026

Human Resources Director Suzanne Kellams reported that as part of the annual renewal process, the City received quotes for reinsurance/stop loss coverage on health care claims. She reported that Symetra provided the best

quote, with no change in coverage.

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.

26-0392 A Resolution Waiving Fees for the Use of Beulah Heights Park for Alicia Watts to Host a Back To School Community Kickoff and Fundraiser Event

Attachments: Alicia Watts - Back To School Community Kickoff and Fundraiser

Director of Parks and Recreation Jeff Lee reported that Alicia Watts is requesting the use of Beulah Heights Park on Saturday, August 8, 2026 from 2:00pm - 8:00pm for the Third Annual Back To School Community Kickoff and Fundraiser. He reported that they will be handing out food and school supplies, offering resources to those in need, and raising money for local college students.

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.

26-0393 A Resolution Authorizing The Exercise Of The City's Repurchase Option Under Section 2(c) Of The Statutory Warranty Deed To IRH Foley, LLC (Baldwin County Instrument No. 2073627) And The Reconveyance Of Undeveloped Property In Zones 2, 3, And 4

Attachments: IRH Deed (1)

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that this resolution authorizes the City to exercise its repurchase option under the Statutory Warranty Deed with IRH Foley, LLC, following IRH's failure to timely commence development of the second phase of the workforce housing project as required by the deed. He reported that the resolution authorizes the Mayor and City officials to execute all necessary documents, complete the required subdivision, accept reconveyance of the undeveloped property in Zones 2, 3, and 4, and take any actions necessary to protect the City's interests and complete the transaction.

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.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hellmich reported that Public Works will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Monday, July 27, 2026 at 9:00am, and that the Library will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 10:00am.

He reported that the TAP Grant that the Engineering Department is overseeing is progressing well, with the sidewalk improvements along Hwy 59.

Mayor Hellmich provided an update that staff has completed the FEMA Grant application despite the limited turnaround time.

He reported that the City's 250th Celebration will continue with the Foley Lights the Night: America 250 laser light show, to be held at OWA on Saturday, July 25, 2026 at 8:30pm.

He also reported that the Mills Community Project will be moving forward soon, following the bid process.

Mayor Hellmich also reported that the County's project on Hickory Street is making progress.

He reported that the budget is nearing completion, and staff will bring it to Council for approval during the first week of September.

He also reported that Tropical Storm Bertha is expected to begin impacting Foley on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, and encouraged everyone to be weather aware.

Visitor Comments

Council Member Burkle expressed his appreciation to Mike Chavers and Darrell Russell for taking the time to drive him around to view the progress of various ongoing projects across the City.

Executive Director of Leisure Services David Thompson reported that there will be another 250th Celebration event taking place at the Foley Event Center on Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 8:30pm, Lighting Up America's 250th - Illumibot. He reported that Illumibot is taking the illumiBeast, an AI-powered mobile projection mapping experience to 31 cities across the country, transforming buildings into giant digital canvases with stunning animations, immersive visuals, and interactive light displays.

Executive Session

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported the need to go into executive session to discuss certain aspects of two possible real estate transactions. Mr. Thompson reported that the executive session would take approximately 30 minutes and Council may come back to vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, to go into executive session.

City Administrator Mike Thompson took the following roll call vote: Council Member Lower, aye; Council Member Burkle, aye; Council President Trawick, aye; Council Member Engel, aye; Council Member Ebert, III, aye. The vote was unanimous to go into executive session.

The Council meeting recessed at 4:45pm.

The Council meeting reconvened at 5:48pm.

Council President Trawick called the meeting back to order. All Council Members were present. Also present: Mayor Ralph G. Hellmich, City

Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Christi Watkins, and Terry Burkle.

26-0386 A Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation and Sale of Certain City-Owned Property and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Purchase Agreement and Closing Documents

Attachments: Epson2257

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. Council President Wayne Trawick, aye; Council Member Larry Engel, nay; Council Member Charles Ebert, III, nay. The motion carried by a majority vote.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:51pm.