



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, June 3, 2013

4:00 PM

Conference Room

Work Session

Call to Order

Council President Wayne Trawick called the meeting to order at 3:58 p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Ralph Hellmich, Charlie Ebert, and Rick Blackwell.
Absent: Vera Quaite and Mayor John Koniar. Also present: City Administrator Mike Thompson, Sandra Pate, Katy Taylor, Vickey Southern, Jeff Rouzie, David Wilson, Randy Bishop, Steven Smith, LaDonna Hinesley, Butch Stokes, Suzanne Kellams, Miriam Boutwell, Joey Darby, David Vosloh, Heather Blankenship, Jon Butler, Corley Lauderdale, Jay Dickson, Richard Peterson, and press representatives Cathy Higgins and Marc Anderson.

Discussion Items

13-0732 Planning Commission recommendation of public projects.

Attachments: [PUBLIC PROJECT PC RECOMENDATION LETTER.pdf](#)

There was consensus to move the item to the Council meeting agenda to approve the public projects as recommended.

Discuss Council Meeting Agenda for June 3, 2013

The Council reviewed the Council meeting agenda for June 3, 2013 and had the following additions and removals:

Additions: There were two additions to the Council meeting agenda as follows:

13-0727: Fairmont Subdivision Street Lighting request for eleven street lights to be installed on existing poles on Helton Drive

13-0751: Amendment to the City's Pay Classification Plan.

Removals: There were two removals from the Council meeting agenda as follows:

13-0731: This item was removed from the Council meeting agenda and will be brought back for review at the next Council meeting. This will allow Pam Harris, Municipal Complex Director, time to prepare a recommendation for the council, including costs of displaying the motto.

13-0740: This item was removed from the Council meeting agenda and carried over to the next Council meeting.

Discussions:

13-0743: City Engineer, Butch Stokes, recommended Option A on the cost analysis. He believed this to be the best option since CDM Smith has not had experience performing a NEPA Environmental study in the state of Alabama which is a critical component to the success of the project. There was general agreement that Option A was the preferred choice. Mike Thompson noted that the Council would need to approve three sections for the resolution as follows: 1) Accept the ATRIP Grant award since that had not been formally accepted yet; 2) Select a firm (Option A); 3) Appropriate funds in the amount of \$981,958.

Mayor's Comments

The Mayor was absent so no comments were made.

Staff/Visitor's Comments

Councilman Ebert asked about the status of the car stops in the downtown district. Butch Stokes reported that Randy Kurtts was working on that and they have found they can get them at a cheaper rate by purchasing them locally.

Council President Wayne Trawick requested that staff look at options for providing benefits to property owners in the Local Historic District, or, some way to lessen the restrictions on those property owners. Unlike property owners in the National Register Historic District, those in the local district are under the same regulations as the National District, but receive no benefits such as the federal tax credits, etc. Miriam Boutwell will follow up and bring a recommendation back to Council.

Mike Thompson reported that there was some confusion regarding the need for operators for the event train. He noted one member had thought there was a shortage, but it turns out that they may be fine. They plan to operate the train four hours a day, three days a week. Mike is meeting with the group tomorrow and will follow up if any action needs to be taken.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.