



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, May 19, 2025

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

Work Session/Council Meeting

Call to Order

Council President Wayne 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 Katy Taylor, Christi Watkins, Billie Nardell, Brenda Gordon, Jeff Phillips, J. Rosa, David Lazzari, Laura Lazzari, Leslie Gahagan, Angela Sherman, Larry Engel, Teresa McKenzie, Jeff Lee, Logan Eberly, Roni Criswell, Pam Harris, Rachel Keith, Guy Busby, Tim Lower, Marrianna Rodriguez, Joanne Boroch, Chad Brewer, Ryan Shriver, Romann McGagh, David Thompson, Joey Darby, Cian Harrison, Wayne Dyess, Jeff Lee, Jamie Smith and Rachel Keith.

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

Moment of Reflection

Pledge of Allegiance

Proclamation

[25-0227](#)

Proclamation: Older Americans Month

Attachments: [Proclamation - Older Americans Month](#)

Mayor Hellmich presented the Proclamation for Older Americans Month to Senior Center participants and Municipal Complex Director Pam Harris.

[25-0251](#)

Proclamation: Frank and Jennie Rikard Day

Attachments: [Frank Rikard - 3](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton to carry-over item 25-0251 from the agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Work Session Discussion

Additions/Removals/Carry-Overs

There were no additions or removals to report.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton to carry-over item 25-0251 from the agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Consent Agenda

[25-0210](#)

Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025

Attachments: [5-05-25 Work Session Council Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, to approve the Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[25-0229](#)

Departmental Reports

Attachments: [April 2025 CDD Report](#)
[Tax Report and Permit-Plan Review May 2025](#)
[April 2025 PD Report](#)
[April 2025 FD Report](#)

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

[25-0233](#)

Report of April, 2025, Approved and Paid Bills for the Record

Attachments: [2025-04 Approved & Paid Bills.Expense Approval Report](#)

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

[25-0248](#)

Special Called Council Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2025

Attachments: [5-09-25 Special Called Council Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, to approve the Special Call Council Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Ordinances

[25-0208](#)

(Second Reading) An Ordinance Accepting Public Rights-of-Way and Infrastructure Improvements In Lakeview Gardens Phase 2 for City Maintenance.

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 25-2018-ORD

Resolutions and Other Business

[25-0220](#)

Resolution Approving JADE Consulting's Professional Services Agreement for Chicago Street Improvements from US 98 to Orange Avenue.

Attachments: [Chicago St Streetscape - Phase1 - CONCEPT \(4-25-25\) \(1\)](#)
[25.017R JADE - Chicago Street Streetscape project - City of Foley 4-30-25 \(1\)](#)
[Daisha-Barnes-Engineering \(36\)](#)

Executive Director of Infrastructure Wayne Dyess reported that this item is a request for design funds for phase one of the Chicago St. and US 98 to Orange Ave. street improvements with the goal of beautifying the streets and to create some traffic calming and pedestrian safety.

Council Member Ebert, III, expressed his concerns with the loss of public parking and asked that Executive Director Dyess pay close attention to the issue in the future.

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

Enactment No: 25-1154-RES

[25-0231](#)

A Resolution Approving 2025 OWA's 4th of July Fireworks Display

Attachments: [OWA Fireworks Proposal](#)

Fire Chief Darby reported that the approval of this resolution will allow for OWA to host their July 4th fireworks display on Saturday, July 5th, 2025 with a make-up day of July 6th, 2025. He gave his recommendation to move forward with the event.

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

Enactment No: 25-1155-RES

[25-0232](#)

Resolution Approving the Purchase of Decorative Bollards for the Downtown Areas.

Attachments: [04-21-2025-BollardsUSA_QUOTE-CITY_OF_FOLEY \(2\)](#)
[Quote 229759 \(1\)](#)
[Type-01 Logo-Cat Rendering Submittal-2024 \(1\) \(1\)](#)
[150-RSF Classic - Type R1 Installation \(1\) \(1\)](#)
[150-Classic-RSF-Product-Submittal \(1\)](#)
[Type #01 Cat Alley Custom-150 Classic RSF \(1\) \(1\)](#)
[150-Classic GSF-Product Submittal \(2\) \(1\)](#)
[Daisha-Barnes-Engineering \(38\)](#)

Project Manager Jeff Phillips reported that the approval of this resolution will allow for the purchase of decorative bollards for the downtown areas providing safety and to block off traffic from the sidewalks.

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: 25-1156-RES

[25-0234](#)

Resolution Approving to Go To Bid for the Downtown Lighting Project to Illuminate West Jessamine Street From Highway 59 to North Alston Street.

Attachments: [Street Lighting](#)
[CS-2703](#)
[Daisha-Barnes-Engineering \(40\)](#)

Project Manager Jeff Phillips reported that the approval of this resolution will allow for the opportunity to go to bid for the downtown lighting project for W Jessimine St from Hwy. 59 to N Alston St.

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: 25-1157-RES

[25-0235](#)

A Resolution Approving a Capital Project using Restricted Court Cash from the MCJAF Fund.

Attachments: [3 quotes](#)
[Signed quote from Judge](#)
[Approval](#)

Magistrate Roni Criswell reported that the approval of this resolution will allow for the request of \$9,243.80 from the restricted court cash MCJAF fund to be used to purchase multi purpose tables for use in the court room.

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: 25-1158-RES

[25-0236](#)

A Resolution Approving Additional Funding for the East Jessamine Street Extension Project.

Attachments: [Daisha-Barnes-Engineering \(42\)](#)

Project Manager Jeff Phillips reported that the approval of this resolution will allow for additional funding for the E Jessamine St. extension project and will be under budget in the capital plan.

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: 25-1159-RES

[25-0237](#)

A Resolution Approving the Purchase of the Event Pavilion, Going to Bid on the Installation and Site Work and Allocating the Funds for the Project

Attachments: [Nature-Parks - Event Pavilion 2025](#)
[23028-R0 QuoteDetails \(1\) \(3\) \(1\)](#)

Environmental Director Leslie Gahagan reported that the approval of this resolution will allow them to move forward on the purchase of an event pavilion and to go to bid on the installation and site work for the project.

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

Enactment No: 25-1160-RES

[25-0238](#)

A Resolution to Enter into a 5-Year Agreement with Volkert, Inc. for Professional Services Related to the Foley Municipal Airport

Attachments: [Foley_2025 Master Contract w-Exhibits_2025-05-06.pdf](#)

Rachel Keith reported that the approval of this resolution will allow the City to enter into a 5-year agreement with Volkert, Inc, for professional services related to the Foley Municipal Airport.

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: 25-1161-RES

[25-0242](#)

A Resolution Approving Monthly Bids - April 2025

Attachments: [April 2025 Bid Awards](#)

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: 25-1162-RES

[25-0243](#)

A Resolution to Approving Waiving the Fees at Heritage Park for Julio Jones/Squad to Host a Juneteenth Community Event.

Attachments: [Julio Jones Juneteenth Event](#)

Executive Director David Thompson reported that the approval of this resolution will allow the City to waive the fees at Heritage Park for Julio Jones/Squad to host a Juneteenth Community Event and that it was recommended by staff that he present a laser and light show instead of fireworks due to safety concerns.

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: 25-1163-RES

[25-0244](#)

A Resolution Accepting an Unbudgeted Donation from the Rikard Family Charitable Trust (Frank Rikard) and Approving the Budget Increase to Small Tools Account for the Foley Fire Department

Attachments: [20250115110121714.pdf](#)
 [Joey-Darby-05-13-2025.pdf](#)

Fire Chief Darby reported that the approval of this resolution will allow them to accept the unbudgeted donation made by the Rikard family and move to the small tools account.

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: 25-1164-RES

[25-0245](#)

Request Replacements of the Exterior Sheet Metal and Gutters for Fire Station 1

Attachments: [Chad-Brewer-Fire](#)

Fire Chief Darby reported that the approval of this resolution will allow for the sheet metal and gutter replacement to the Fire Station 1 building before installation of the Safe Haven Baby Box.

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: 25-1165-RES

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hellmich reported that Music and a Movie is being held in Heritage Park on Friday evenings.

He reported the Jessmine St. project is almost complete and encouraged Council to drive by and take a look.

He also reported that it is expected to be heavy traffic during the Memorial Day holiday and urged everyone to vigilant and patient.

Mayor Hellmich reported that there will be a Memorial Day event held in Heritage Park.

He reported that City projects are on time making good progress.

He also reported that the pickleball courts are scheduled to open June 1, 2025.

Mayor Hellmich reported that the City is working with the Tanger Outlet on installing a crosswalk due to an increase on sidewalk use.

He reported that Foley High School will be holding the senior graduation Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 7pm.

Visitor Comments

Visitor Laura Lazzari reported that she has trouble finding handicap parking in the City and thanked the Council for considering more handicap parking throughout the City. She also thanked the City for not allowing fireworks to be displayed in the town park due to the fireworks causing PTSD in veterans.

Visitor David Lazzari asked Council to consider looking at the issue of traffic parking on the sidewalks and consider installing bollards in the downtown area due to it creating an issue for the event train he drives from being able to cross over the sidewalks.

Mayor Hellmich replied that he agrees that it is an issue and the City will look at the issue and try to determine a solution.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:58pm.