



Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, April 4, 2016

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Called Council Meeting / Audit Reading

Call to Order

Council President Trawick call the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Roll Call

All Council Members were present. Also present: Mayor John Koniar, City Administrator Mike Thompson, Vickey Southern, Katy Taylor, Sue Steigerwald, Sandra Pate, Amber Resmondo, Joe Bouzan, Jack Rowell, Kristen McAllister, Kevin Lesser, Miranda Bell, Dianna Irwin and Rachel Keith.

Present: 5 - President Wayne Trawick, Council Member Vera Quaites, Council Member Ralph Hellmich, Council Member Rick Blackwell and Council Member Charles Ebert III

Presentation of the Audit Report by Warren Averett, LLC

Council President Wayne Trawick introduced Kevin Lesser from Warren Averett, LLC for the audit presentation. Mr. Lesser introduced the auditing team, Jack Rowell, who is the audit partner and he will also perform the formal presentation. Mr. Lesser also reported Kristen McAllister, Valerie Eberlein and Caitlyn Luttrell were audit team members. The team spent a total of 440 hours performing the City's audit. The City's Finance Department (Sue Steigerwald, Miranda Bell and the rest of Sue's Staff) did a great job on getting the documentation together. Sue and Miranda researched and found a CAFER Online application, which save a lot of hours.

Mr. Lesser introduced Jack Rowell to give the formal presentation of the audit report, which is attached as backup to the minutes.

Mr. Rowell reported the CAFR Online package costed \$2,500 for the annual fee and initial setup. He reported their team did not have to make any adjustments to the City's accounting books, which is a compliment to the City's Accounting Department. He reported all the transactions had proper guidance. There were no difficulties with management during the audit and there were no disagreements over accounting matters. The City's Finance Department answered all their questions. He reported the City was compliant on each major program and on internal control over financial reporting. They identified that there were no deficiencies or any internal control that would be considered material weaknesses. There were no areas of non-compliance with any regulations, statutes or laws. He also reported the City did not go outside to other individual accountants to seek opinions.

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A resolution accepting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for FY2015 provided by Warren Averett, LLC (Warren Averett O'Sullivan Creel Division)

Attachments: [-FY 2015 CAFR reduced size](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Ralph Hellmich to formally accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) ending September 30, 2015. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell and carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 16-1087-RES

Comments by Mayor and Council

President Trawick reported the credit ratings agencies in New York Standard & Poor and Moody understand that the City is moving forward with economic development. Councilman Hellmich reported that they also commend the City's Financing Department on the complexities of the finances that are normally seen in the larger cities. He also reported that all the Council Members are proud of the City's financing staff and appreciate all the hard work they do for the City of Foley.

Comments from Staff

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported Mr. Rowell mentioned the Management's Discussion and Analysis summary, he pointed out the 85% increase in public safety over the past ten years. The City's cultural and recreation is up over 114% over the past ten years. The City's assets just in recreation alone include the skate park, dog park, two new tennis courts, little creek park, two new soccer fields, a new 5 plex that will be opening up this Saturday, Interpretive Center, that will be opening in June, and various improvements to Graham Creek Nature Preserve. Public safety assets include a brand new fire station, a police post in Tanger Mall, the Fire Department has been investing in equipment for a long time. Approximately four years ago, the Police Department started investing each year in additional police cars in order to have a young police fleet. Approximately four years ago, the City started to invest in infrastructure with \$500,000 worth of re-paving each year to maintain the quality of the City's streets. County Road 20 has been expanded on the west side to three lanes, the Pride Drive and Juniper Street projects are coming along and should be complete this summer. The Fern Avenue expansion project will start this fall. The Tiger Grant has included over thirty miles of pedestrian paths along with the pedestrian bridge that is currently under construction. The Philomene Holmes Road project is complete and soon Council will be considering to rename the trolley route to Kenny Stabler Way. The City has also completed various drainage projects over the past three or four years.

Mr. Thompson further reported the City purchased a building and renovated it for the City's IT and Recreation Departments, the City completed the Farmer's Market and purchased the Peavey Building and brought in a business into the Peavey Building, the City constructed the Centennial Plaza and clock tower for the City's 100 year anniversary, the City brought in many retail projects over

the past three or four years through the Cooperative District that Councilman Ebert, III chairs. The City installed new fiber and camera technology and have made several sports tourism investments. Mr. Thompson reported it is important to reflect on all the accomplishments the City has made otherwise, you will fail to recognize where you came from. He further reported the City's bond rating has increased to AA. The City's financial team has been rated first class by S&P and Moody.

Visitor's Comments

There were no visitor comments to report.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.