



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, January 5, 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. Mayor Ralph G. Hellmich was absent. Also present: City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Christi Watkins, Stephanie Richardson, Taylor Davis, Raven Roberts, Jackie McGonigal, Jeff Lee, Eden Lapham, Logan Eberly, Jonathan Cottis, Zan Blue, Miranda Bell, Guy Busby, Lisa Yeater, Travis Valentine, David Thompson, Cian Harrison, Leslie Gahagan, Thurston Bullock, Tony Fuqua, Joey Darby, Larry Dearing, and Wayne Dyess.

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

Moment of Reflection

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing

[25-0725](#) Public Hearing to Declare Weeds to be a Public Nuisance and to Order its Abatement Located at S Hickory/Crownwalk

President Trawick opened the Public Hearing at 4:02pm. He asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

[25-0726](#) Public Hearing to Declare Weeds to be a Public Nuisance and to Order its Abatement Located at 405 W Laurel Ave.

President Trawick opened the Public Hearing at 4:02pm. He asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

[25-0727](#) Public Hearing to Declare Weeds to be a Public Nuisance and to Order

its Abatement Located at 635 E. Gate Cr.

President Trawick opened the Public Hearing at 4:02pm. He asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

[25-0734](#) Public Hearing to Declare Weeds to be a Public Nuisance and to Order its Abatement Located at Common Area at Parkside Subdivision

President Trawick opened the Public Hearing at 4:03pm. He asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

[25-0737](#) Public Hearing to Declare Weeds to be a Public Nuisance and to Order its Abatement Located at 19001 CR 20.

President Trawick opened the Public Hearing at 4:03pm. He asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

Presentation

[25-0749](#) Presentation: Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Award

Attachments: [FY2026 Budget Award](#)

Finance Director Miranda Bell presented to Council the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Award.

Work Session Discussion

Additions/Removals/Carry-Overs

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, to add Item 25-0747, Item 25-0769, and Item 25-0770, and to carry-over Item 25-0729, Item 25-0730, Item 25-0735, and Item 25-0770 from the agenda. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Consent Agenda

[25-0732](#) Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2025

Attachments: [12-15-2025 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 December 15, 2025. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Ordinances

25-0715

(First Reading) An Ordinance to amend adopted Permit Fees

Attachments: [Fee-Schedule markup.docx \(1\)](#)

Building Official Jonathan Cottis reported that Planning and Development Services has taken a comprehensive look at permit fees and how they're calculated, looking for areas that need improvement, primarily in commercial, electrical, and plumbing permits, which are entirely based on fixture counts; they propose moving to calculate those based on valuation because it will be easier for their customers. They also propose updating their minimum fees, which haven't been changed since 2011. They have aligned trade permit fees and removed deductions for multi-family. They have also added some fees for services they have been providing but didn't have a fee to charge for, such as reviewing plan revisions. They modified planning and zoning fees. They have also added administrative fees for fire permits, which the Building Department will take on the administration and intake the fire permits moving forward. They pulled all the fees from the land development ordinance into this ordinance to have all fees related to development listed on one document. He reports this will make it easier for consumers to determine what their fees will be, and also makes our fees align more with fees charged by other municipalities.

A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-2043-ORD

25-0753

(First Reading) An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 21-2015, Impact Fees

Attachments: [ORDINANCE 21-2015 Impact Fees \(3\)](#)

Building Official Jonathan Cottis reported that Planning and Development Services is requesting a clearer impact fee ordinance. He reported this ordinance will include updates to department names, verbiage changes where needed, added definitions such as fair market value, also adding some language for the transfer of impact fees, credits for existing buildings demolished due to a new development and credits for infrastructure improvements. He also reported that they have updated the new Executive Director members listed for the Impact Fee Committee. He reported that the Impact Fee Committee recommends moving forward with the changes.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-2044-ORD

25-0757

(First Reading) Amending Ordinance No. 24-2029 An Ordinance to Require a Permit to Perform Work Within the Public Right-Of-Way

Attachments: [Proposed ROW Ordinance changes in red](#)
[541-97ORD ROW Permit](#)
[24-2029 ORD](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that this ordinance addresses the gap in the current right-of-way ordinance regarding existing infrastructure that is either in disrepair, not maintained, or damaged, which becomes a blight on the community. He reported the City deems it necessary to set standards for design and construction requirements, guidelines, details and standards for the design, development and construction relating to residential, commercial or development within the jurisdiction.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-2045-ORD

[25-0758](#) (First Reading) Amending Ordinance 391-87 Relating to the Speed Limits and Traffic Controls within the City of Foley (Quail Landing Subdivision)

Attachments: [391-87ORD](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that Engineering received a request to approve the maximum speed limit of 20mph within Quail Landing Subdivision due to pedestrian traffic, on-street parking, and the number of driveways. The City has determined that it is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Foley to approve the speed limit to 20mph and post speed limit signs within the Quail Landing Subdivision.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-2046-ORD

[25-0759](#) (First Reading) An Ordinance Accepting Public Rights-of-Way and Infrastructure Improvements in Lafayette Place Subdivision for City Maintenance

Attachments: [Lafayette Place Subdivision](#)
[ROW Update 24-2029ORD](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported the City deems it necessary to set standards for design and construction requirements, guidelines, details and standards for the design, development and construction relating to residential, commercial or industrial development within the jurisdiction.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-2047-ORD

25-0762

(First Reading) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (A) THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND (B) THE GRANT OF AN OPTION TO PURCHASE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, EACH TO USS INNOVATIONS, LLC

Attachments: [Option to Purchase - USS Innovations and City of Foley \(12-31-25\)](#)

[USS Innovations and City of Foley 12-31-25 - Purchase Sale Agreement](#)

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that this is regarding an economic development project with a medical technology company that is looking to build a location in the Foley region. He reports that this ordinance would allow the Mayor to possibly move forward with the sale of this 18.5 acre parcel.

A motion was made by Council Member Tim Lower, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-2043-ORD

25-0716

(Second Reading) Amending Ordinance 391-87 Relating to the Speed Limits and Traffic Controls within the City of Foley (Marlin Place Subdivision)

Attachments: [391-87ORD](#)

[Marlin Place Speed Limit Request](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-2043-ORD

Resolutions and Other Business

25-0755

Resolution Approving the Impact Fee Study Proposal from TischlerBise.

Attachments: [TischlerBise Proposal](#)

[2021 Foley Fee Study - Snippet](#)

[Daisha-Barnes-12-12-2025 \(1\)](#)

Building Officer Jonathan Cottis reported the City of Foley seeks a consultant to review and update the City's Impact Fee Program. There have been significant updates to data sources used in the previous calculations in the City's last impact fee study in 2021. Additionally, there have been several state and national impact fee court case decisions that influence how impact fees are calculated. As part of this effort, TischlerBise will provide a comprehensive evaluation of the City's current impact fee categories as well as advise the City as to whether there are other infrastructure categories the City should consider

as well. When preparing the capital improvement plan and recommended impact fee structure, TischlerBise will work with City staff to ensure assumptions and methodologies are consistent with recommended City policy directives and strategic objectives. This study will be funded with impact fee funds.

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.

Enactment No: 25-1484-RES

25-0769

Memorialize ABC License: 140 - Special Events Retail for Beach Life Events, Inc., applicant operating under the trade name Gumbo and Alabama Slammer Festival on January 26, 2025 from 10:00am to 6:00pm located at 200 N. McKenzie Street Foley, Alabama 36535.

Attachments: [ABC Application - Gumbo & AL Slammer](#)

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

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

Enactment No:

25-0729

A Resolution Authorizing Employees to Enter Upon the Property at 635 E Gate Cr. for the Purpose of Abating the Public Nuisance.

Attachments: [635 E Gate Cr](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Roderick Burkle, to carry-over Item 25-0729. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1485-RES

25-0730

A Resolution Authorizing Employees to Enter Upon the Property at S. Hickory St. and Crownwalk for the Purpose of Abating the Public Nuisance.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Roderick Burkle, to carry-over Item 25-0730. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1486-RES

25-0735

A Resolution Authorizing Employees to Enter Upon the Property at the Common Area of Parkside Subdivision for the Purpose of Abating the Public Nuisance.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Roderick Burkle, to carry-over Item 25-0735. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1487-RES

25-0745

A Resolution Approving to go to Bid on a Heavy Duty Truck and Declaring a Truck as Surplus for the Nature Parks Department

Attachments:

[Leslie-Gahagan-Nature-Parks - Heavy Duty Truck](#)

[AMIC Settlement Check - 2020 Dodge Ram Vin 5712 \(1\)](#)

[Budget quotes of Ford Trucks \(1\)](#)

Environmental Director Leslie Gahagan requested permission to go to bid for a heavy duty truck for the Nature Parks Department. She reported that the department's existing truck was totaled in an accident. AMIC provided a settlement of \$27,486. The department requests to replace the Dodge Ram with a heavy duty truck for hauling equipment around the parks. Moyer Ford provided an estimate for a 2026 F-250 Heavy Duty regular cab 4x4 at \$44,200. The replacement is not budgeted and would need the allocation of \$44,200 based on estimates. This request also includes declaring the 2020 Dodge Ram 1500 as surplus and scrap the vehicle.

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

Enactment No: 25-1488-RES

25-0746

A Resolution Approving An Increase to the Performance Contract with Taking Off Hot Air Balloon Company

Attachments:

[Budget Increase Form](#)

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that the City's hot air balloon is managed by an individual who has done so for a number of years. He reported that this individual has covered all costs associated with that, including flight cost, maintenance, insurance, and storage. He reported that the City pays this individual \$22,500 a year for his service, and after consulting with the Mayor, they recommend increasing the amount to \$30,000.

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

Enactment No: 25-1489-RES

25-0747

A Resolution Approving an overseas purchase of a new K9 for the Police Department

Attachments:

[3 Quotes](#)

Deputy Chief of Police Larry Dearing reported the Foley Police Department requests to purchase two dogs: one bloodhound, using funds from a grant, and one patrol K9 located overseas, using funds that have been budgeted for a new K9.

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.

Enactment No: 25-1499-RES

25-0748 A Resolution Approving an Increase to the VISA Credit Card Limit and the Issuance of Four New Cards

Attachments: [2026 Credit Limits](#)

Director of Finance Miranda Bell requested a \$40,000 increase to the VISA credit card limit and the issuance of four new cards to accommodate department growth.

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

Enactment No: 25-1490-RES

25-0750 A Resolution to Approving the Jehovah Witness Community the Use of Heritage Park to Display Free Bible Based Literature

Attachments: [Randy Pelfrey \(3\)](#)

Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Lee reports that Randy Pelfrey with the Foley Jehovah Witness community is requesting the use of Heritage Park to display free bible based literature using two mobile carts. They will not approach people, but allow them to come to the carts if they are interested. No food or beverages will be served, nor is any power needed. This is a free, voluntary non-profit and non-commercial work. They would like to do this ongoing on Wednesday's, Thursday's, Friday's, Saturday's and Sunday's from 7:00am - 3:00pm from January 1, 2026 - July 1, 2026.

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.

Enactment No: 25-1491-RES

25-0751 A Resolution to Amend the Capital Purchase Accounts for Fiscal Year 2025 Approved Items That Were Not Received

Attachments: [FY 2025 capital not received](#)

Director of Finance Miranda Bell reported that there were several capital purchases that were approved by Council in fiscal year 2025 and that were ordered but were not received prior to year end. The Finance Department requested that Council will allow each department to receive the items when they are available. Total effect is \$117,859 to the general fund capital purchase accounts.

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.

Enactment No: 25-1492-RES

25-0752

Resolution Approving Entering into the FBI's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Overtime Reimbursement Agreement for FY2026.

Logan Eberly reported that OCDETF offers a cost reimbursement agreement for overtime to outside law enforcement agencies assisting in OCDETF investigations. She reported that OCDETF has requested the Foley Police Department assist in those investigations and the hours worked by Foley officers would be reimbursed through the cost reimbursement agreement. The Foley Police Department requests to enter the agreements and accept cost reimbursement of available funds for FY2026. Logan Eberly also reported that this is an annual request.

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.

Enactment No: 25-1493-RES

25-0756

Resolution Approving Street Light Installation on West Satsuma Avenue

Attachments: [Daisha-Barnes-12-22-2025](#)
[City of Foley Mail - additional street light near 211 Satsuma](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that the Engineering Department received a request for a street light to be installed near 211 West Satsuma Avenue. He reported that Riviera Utilities provided a quote of \$50 for the installation of the new street light and \$6.00 for the current monthly fee.

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.

Enactment No: 25-1494-RES

25-0760

A Resolution Accepting Donation of a Police Canine

Attachments: [k9 donation](#)

Deputy Chief of Police Larry Dearing reported that Carlos Lizarraga, owner of Gulf Coast K9, would like to donate one dual purpose Dutch shepherd canine, valued at \$14,500, to the City of Foley Police Department.

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.

Enactment No: 25-1495-RES

25-0761

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROJECT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF FOLEY, ALABAMA, AND [GLACIER, LLC]

Attachments: [Dunamis Medical - Project Agreement 12.31.25](#)

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that this Resolution is regarding the possible sale of the 18.5 acre parcel to a medical technology company. He reported that the project agreement outlines that the company anticipates that it will invest approximately \$12,315,000 in the project and will create at least 33 full-time jobs.

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.

Enactment No: 25-1496-RES

25-0763 A Resolution Rescheduling Council Meeting Dates Due To Holidays

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.

Enactment No: 25-1497-RES

25-0764 A Resolution Approving An Increase to the Balloon Festival Sponsorship

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that this item was previously brought to the Council on 12-01-2025, and it has been brought back for consideration. Council Member Tim Lower recommended to approve the \$25,000, increasing the sponsorship from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

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.

Enactment No: 25-1498-RES

25-0770 A Resolution Authorizing Employees to Enter Upon the Property at 1608 S Oak St. for the Purpose of Abating the Public Nuisance.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, to carry-over Item 25-0770. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor's Comments

There were no comments to report.

Visitor Comments

Visitor Teresa Manning, speaking on the behalf of Gulf Coast Rep, requested the Council's consideration for funding for their future theater projects.

City Administrator Mike Thompson recommended Ms. Manning email the City

with her request, along with bullet points and further information in regards to Gulf Coast Rep, for potential consideration for future agenda and budget approval.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.