



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, December 15, 2025

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, Taylor Davis, Cian Harrison, Leslie Gahagan, Vera Quaites, Gary Schrader, Nicole Blackwell, Logan Eberly, Darrell Russell, Judy Dayton, Ursela Reft, J. Bufford King, Kate Norris, Ronie Criswell, Jonathan Cottis, Suzanne Kellams, Frances Holik-Jones, Jamie Smith, Angela Sherman, Varie Riascos, Justin Blackwell, Darrelyn Dunmore, Guy Busby, David Thompson, Shawn Mitchell, Rick Blackwell, Sherri Blackwell, Thurston Bullock, Kevin Carnley, Joey Darby, Britton Bonner and Wayne Dyess.

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

Moment of Reflection

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation

25-0744 State Representative Francis Holk-Jones to Present State Legislative Resolutions to Vera Quaites, Rick Blackwell and Richard Dayton.

State Representative Francis Holk-Jones presented former Council Members Vera Quaites, Rick Blackwell and Richard Dayton with resolutions passed by the State of Alabama honoring their service served on the City of Foley City Council.

Work Session Discussion

25-0703 2025 Comprehensive Plan

Attachments: [Comp Plan Final](#)
[Comp Plan Summary](#)
[Comprehensive Plan Letter](#)

Planning Manager Shawn Mitchell reported to Council the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

[25-0739](#) Discuss update on asphalt art and crosswalks, Main Street Alabama Grant

Darrelyn Dunmore with Mainstreet reported to Council with updates regarding asphalt art, crosswalks and the Mainstreet Alabama Grant.

Additions/Removals/Carry-Overs

There were no additions to report.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel to remove Items 25-0740 and 25-0743 from the agenda and to carry-over Item 25-0694. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Consent Agenda

[25-0708](#) Report of November, 2025, Approved and Paid Bills for the Record

Attachments: [2025-11 Approved & Paid Bills.Expense Approval Report](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[25-0721](#) Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2025

Attachments: [12-01-2025 Work Session Council Meeting Minutes](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, to approve the Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2025. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[25-0722](#) Special Called Council Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2025

Attachments: [12-04-2025 Special Call Council Meeting Minutes](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, to approve the Special Called Council Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2025. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

25-0723

Departmental Reports

Attachments: [PDS Planning Zoning Division Nov Report](#)[November-Building Department Report](#)[PD - November stats 2025](#)[FD November Report 25 12-25](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, that this Agenda Item be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Ordinances25-0716

(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](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that Engineering received a request from residents to set a maximum speed limit of 20mph within Marlin Place Subdivision, on Makaira Drive and Engineering recommends moving forward.

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.

Resolutions and Other Business25-0724

ABC License: 050 - Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) 070 - Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) 990 - Tobacco Only for Roberts Company Inc., applicant operating under the trade name Corner Market., located at 1235 S McKenzie St. Foley, Alabama 36535.

Attachments: [ABC Application - The Corner Market](#)

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

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

25-0587

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY CLASSIFICATION PLAN IN THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [Transfer Budgeted Funds Between Sanitation Departments 2025](#)
[SANITATION - CURRENT AND PROPOSED PAY PLANS](#)

Human Resources Director Suzanne Kellams reported The Sanitation Department has undergone operational changes due to rapid residential growth throughout the City. With new subdivisions and continued infill development, the Residential Sanitation Division faces an increasing workload that requires additional qualified drivers to support expanded ASL garbage and recycling routes. The department is transitioning away from rear-load trucks to automated systems for greater efficiency, and recycling routes are projected to expand to a three-truck operation, while garbage routes will grow from five trucks to six within two years. Additionally, the limb and bulk collection route requires expansion to a five-truck route to meet service demands. To support these needs, two out of five Sanitation Worker slots (grade 30) will be reclassified to two additional Residential Sanitation Driver Operator slots (grade 90).

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: 25-1466-RES

[25-0684](#)

A Resolution Appropriating Funds and Approving the Purchase of Furniture for the New Public Works Campus

Attachments: [66841 - PROPOSAL FOR SITONIT SEATING \(1\)](#)
[68840 - PROPOSAL FOR KIMBALL](#)
[95000368-0](#)
[95000366-0](#)
[95000364-0](#)
[95000363-0](#)
[95000369-0](#)
[95000367-0](#)
[Wynter-Metz-Public-Works \(1\)](#)

Public Works Director Darrell Russell reported that the Public Works Department is requesting to appropriate funds and approve the purchase of lobby, lounge and break room furniture in the new Public Works Campus from Business Interiors in the amount of \$129,992.02.

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: 25-1467-RES

[25-0694](#)

A Resolution Setting A Public Hearing Declaring Vacant Property To Be A Public Nuisance And Ordering Its Abatement at 22313 Miflin Road

Attachments: [22313 Miflin Road Public Nuisance](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, to carry-over Item 25-0694. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1468-RES

25-0705

A Resolution Amending Sanitation Department Budget for Property Damages.

Attachments: [Wynter-Metz-12-01-2025](#)

Public Works Director Darrell Russell reported that the Sanitation Department has identified a need to create an account for property damages under the Commercial Sanitation's budget, and the Sanitation Department is requesting to amend the budget for an increase of \$10,000.00.

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: 25-1469-RES

25-0707

A Resolution Approving Maintenance of the Server Room UPS.

Attachments: [Gary-Schrader-IT \(3\).pdf](#)

Vertiv Corporation - Battery Cap and Fan Replacement.pdf

Blue Plains Tech - 112025, City of Foley, Liebert UPS Servicing, Quote.pdf

United Power & Battery -CityofFoley-LiebertNXbatts&caps25q2.pdf

IT Director Gary Schrader reported that the uninterruptible power supply in the server room was originally purchased around 2007-2008. The batteries were replaced in 2017 and the capacitors and fans were replaced in 2018. He stated that these are standard maintenance items to ensure the operability of the unit which keeps our servers, firewalls, and the core of our network running during a power outage and he is proposing to replace all batteries, capacitors, and fans at one time, which should extend the life of the unit approximately eight more years.

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.

Enactment No: 25-1470-RES

25-0709

A Resolution Approving Monthly Bids - November 2025

Attachments: [November 2025 Bid Awards](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

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: 25-1471-RES

25-0710

A Resolution Appropriating Funds and Approving the Purchase and Installation of Additional Public Safety System Cameras

Police Chief Kevin Carnley reported the Foley Police Department is requesting to appropriate funds to begin Phase 2 of the Public Safety Systems Improvement Capital Project, which will require purchasing additional cameras and the camera installation.

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: 25-1472-RES

25-0711

A Resolution Approving the Bid for the First Responder Safe Room

Attachments: [Foley Hurricane Safe Room - Certified Bid Tab](#)

Logan Eberly reported bids were publicly opened December 4, 2025, for the construction of the First Responder Safe Room. Eleven contractors submitted bids for this project with Roy Lewis Construction Corporation being the lowest responsible bidder at \$3,720,000. Adams Stewart Architects recommends awarding the project to Roy Lewis Construction Corporation. Funding for this project has already been appropriated.

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: 25-1473-RES

25-0713

Resolution Recommending Upgrading and Modernizing the Traffic Signals on Miflin Rd Between AL 59 and SR 161.

Attachments: [24-1478RES](#)

[ALDOT Quote](#)

[Daisha-Barnes-12-05-2025](#)

<https://currux.vision-smart-city>

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported traffic signal upgrades were approved on the Foley Beach Express (Now SR 161) and ALDOT will be connecting the signals on SR 161 at Miflin Rd and OWA as well as retiming the traffic signals to coordinate and synchronize the signals. ALDOT stated they could provide upgrades to the traffic signals on Miflin Rd at the intersections of OWA, Juniper St, and Pride Blvd. He stated that Engineering would like to upgrade and modernize the three intersections on Miflin Rd and to achieve this we would need cellular modem connectivity, controller upgrades at Miflin Rd and Pride Blvd, a PTZ camera at Miflin Rd and Pride Blvd, and an upgrade to the new Currex System at Miflin Rd and OWA to match the current system at Pride Blvd and Juniper St.

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: 25-1474-RES

25-0717

Resolution Awarding the Bid to L & K Construction LLC for the Miflin Road Access Management Plan - Phase 1, Approving Riviera Utilities to Install New Lighting, and Approving Sawgrass Consulting's CE&I Professional Services Proposal.

Attachments: [Invoice45682](#)

[Phase 1 Miflin Rd AMP - Bid Tabulation](#)

[Sawgrass Proposal](#)

[Daisha-Barnes-Engineering \(62\)](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that Engineering recommends awarding the bid to L & K Construction LLC for the Miflin Road Access Management Plan - Phase 1, approving Riviera Utilities to Install New Lighting, and approving Sawgrass Consulting's CE&I Professional Services Proposal.

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: 25-1475-RES

25-0718

Resolution Approving Riviera Utilities Light Installation for the South Chicago Street Streetscape Project and the current monthly fee

Attachments: [Riviera Utilities S Chicago St Streetscape Lighting Estimate](#)

[Daisha-Barnes-Engineering - S. Chicago St.](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that Rivera Utilities submitted a proposal for the installation of (6) 8-sided decorative lights on fluted poles and 1 dual galleon light on a black BA pole for the South Chicago Street Streetscape project and Engineering recommends accepting the proposal submitted by Riviera Utilities.

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: 25-1476-RES

25-0719

Resolution Approving the Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC's (GMC) Survey Proposal for the Two Lot Subdivision on Fern Avenue

Attachments: [Contract-COF-Fern Fire Station](#)

[Daisha-Barnes-Engineering \(61\)](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported the City of Foley wishes to have a survey prepared for the two lot subdivision on Fern Avenue, and for the survey to

include a boundary survey, minor plat, and property corners placed. He stated that the Engineering Department recommends approving GMC's survey proposal

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: 25-1477-RES

25-0720

A Resolution Waiving Fees for the Use of Heritage Park for The Gift of Giving by IPUL Fundraising Event

Attachments: [The Gift of Giving - IPUL Fundraising Event](#)

Executive Director of Leisure Services reported Variel Riascos and Pentecostales de Foley Church (IPUL) has requested the use of Heritage Park at no charge on Saturday, January 17, 2026 for their The Gift of Giving by IPUL Fundraising Event. They will set up for the event on Saturday, January 17th, 2026 starting at 2pm. The event will start at 4pm and end at 8pm. They will have tents and will be selling food items and market goods to raise money for the support of local families in need.

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: 25-1478-RES

25-0733

A Resolution to Appoint Derrick Perdue as an Alternate Member of the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

There was no discussion on this item.

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.

Enactment No: 25-1479-RES

25-0738

A Resolution Re-appropriating Surplus A/V Funds to Cover Additional Sitework Costs for the New Library Project

Attachments: [PCO 8_Sitework Balance R1_WBA \(1\)](#)

Library Director Kate Norris reported this resolution is requesting to re-allocating \$125,877.40 in surplus A/V funds from Resolution 25-1069 to cover a \$125,733.33 sitework change order from White Spunner Construction. The additional sitework was required due to unforeseen unsatisfactory soils discovered at the new library site. The resolution authorizes using the A/V savings for this purpose and approves the Mayor to execute the change order.

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: 25-1480-RES

25-0740

A Resolution Setting A Public Hearing Declaring Weeds To Be A Public Nuisance And Ordering Its Abatement at the vacant lot located on the northeast corner of County Road 20 and S Hickory Street.

Attachments: [Grass and Weeds. vacant lot NE corner CR20.S Hickory intersection](#)

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

Enactment No: 25-1481-RES

25-0742

A Resolution Setting A Public Hearing Declaring 217 W Roosevelt Ave a public nuisance and ordering its abatement.

Attachments: [Public Nuisance. 217 W Roosevelt Ave. Items in right of way](#)

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. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1482-RES

25-0743

A Resolution Setting A Public Hearing Declaring 510 E Myrtle Avenue To Be A Public Nuisance And Ordering Its Abatement

Attachments: [Public Nuisance. 510 E Myrtle Ave Public Nuisance. debris pile](#)

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

Enactment No: 25-1483-RES

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hellmich began his report by addressing the ongoing construction at the intersection of Hickory Street and Michigan Avenue. He noted that there were no major changes to report at the moment, but confirmed the anticipated schedule for the near future. The intersection is tentatively scheduled to reopen to traffic within the next week, providing temporary relief for commuters. However, it will close again in January to allow for the completion of the remaining phases of work. The Mayor emphasized that this is a County-led project and, despite the current inconvenience, the completed intersection is expected to be a significant improvement and a "really nice intersection" for the community.

Moving on to other infrastructure projects, Mayor Hellmich provided status updates on two major road initiatives. He reported that the projects located at the intersection of County Road 12 and Highway 59, and the intersection of County Road 65 and County Road 12, are still underway. While not yet complete, the Mayor stated that significant progress is being made on both

fronts, indicating that the construction teams are moving forward steadily toward their final goals.

The Mayor then focused on the complex project involving County Road 20 and Highway 161. He informed the Council and the public that this particular effort requires ongoing collaboration between the City and the State. The primary hurdle at this stage involves coming to a formal agreement and establishing a final plan that addresses necessary design modifications and the required financial arrangements. The Mayor assured everyone that he would continue to work diligently and directly with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) to find a mutually agreeable solution and keep the project moving forward.

In closing, Mayor Hellmich extended warm holiday wishes to the Council, staff, and the community, wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas." He concluded his remarks by officially announcing the schedule for the next official meetings, stating that the next joint Work Session and Council meeting is scheduled to be held on January 5, 2025.

Visitor Comments

Darrelyn Dunmore with Mainstreet reported that they will be holding the Christmas Fest in Downtown Foley on Thursday, December 18, 2025 from 6pm to 8pm.

Executive Session

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported the need to go into executive session to discuss preliminary negotiations involving an economic development project and the sale of real property. He reported that the executive session would take approximately 15 minutes and there was no need for Council to take a vote.

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

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

The Council Meeting recessed at 5:07 pm.

The Council Meeting was reconvened at 5:35 pm.

All Council Members were present. Also present: Mayor Ralph G. Hellmich, City Administrator Mike Thompson and City Attorney Britton Bonner.

There was no further business to conduct.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Larry Engel, seconded by Council

Member Roderick Burkle, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.