



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, April 20, 2015

4:00 PM

Conference Room

Work Session

Call to Order

President Wayne Trawick called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Roll Call

All Council members were present. Others present: Mayor John Koniar, Mike Thompson, Sandra Pate, Katy Taylor, Steve Smith, John Jackson, LaDonna Hinesley, David Wilson, Corley Lauderdale, Taylor Davis, Leslie Gahagan, Cathy Gerakis, Jeff Rouzie, Chad Christian, Joey Darby and press representatives Marc Anderson (AL.com/Press Register) and Tammy Leytham (Onlooker).

Discussion Items

[15-0249](#)

Discuss the 2015 ALLA Gold Level Standard Award to Foley Public Library

Attachments: [ALLA 2015 Award Letter](#)
[ALLA Award 2015](#)

Library Director John Jackson reported that the Foley Library applied for and won one (1) of five awards given throughout the State of Alabama for the Gold Standards for library services. This is the first ALLA Gold Standards Award the Foley Library has ever won. The award revolves around the number of patrons served, the number of services offered, materials budget and community involvement, all of which the library had to achieve in order to receive the award. Three of the remaining four awards were received in Baldwin County. Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and Fairhope received this award as well.

[15-0251](#)

Discuss Friends of the Foley Library Seeking Impact 100 Grant

Attachments: [GrantOverview_Impact 100 2015](#)

Library Director John Jackson reported that the Friends of the Library will be writing a grant to receive funds from the Baldwin County Impact 100, which is a \$100,000 grant. If the Friends of the Library receives the grant, the library will be the recipients of the funds. If the grant funds are received, the funds will be spent on expanding the library's Autism Spectrum Disorder section, purchasing materials for the Read Dog Program and extending baby packets for newborn babies born at South Baldwin regional Medical Center as 500

babies are born there each month on average. Mr. Jackson reported they would like to create new outreach programs with the Magnolia Springs Library and the Lillian Library. They would also like to create an outreach program for the assisted living centers as well.

15-0253**Foley Beach Express Wingwall Repair**

City Engineer Chad Christian reported the wingwall on Foley Beach Express just north of HWY 98 was washed out during the April 2014 flood and is in need of repair. Sawgrass Engineering was retained to design the repair and the cost estimate if the repairs were to be bid out would be \$100,000. The City's Public Works personnel can perform the repairs needed for approximately \$35,000 worth of materials and machine rentals.

Enactment No: 15-2144-RES

15-0257**Discussion Item - Whether to renew website video contract**

Marketing Director LaDonna Hinesley reported that the branding videos that are currently on the City's website were created by CGI a couple of years ago. It is time to update the videos and CGI has contacted Mrs. Hinesley to renew the video contract. CGI is based in New York and when they produced the videos for the City, it was free of charge, however; they sold advertising to local businesses to cover the costs of the videos. They used aggressive sales tactics with the local businesses. Mrs. Hinesley reported that the Marketing Department can produce updated videos to replace the existing ones and there is no need to use CGI for this purpose. She also reported that if Council chooses to allow the Marketing Department to produce the videos, she will budget the costs in the FY2016 Budget.

Discuss Council Meeting Agenda of April 20, 2015

Additions/Removals: 15-0253 Foley Beach Express Wingwall Repair, 15-0268 Meadow Run Estates Yield Sign Placement and 15-0269 Aaronville Speed Bump Placement were added to the Council agenda. 15-0250 Approval of 011-Lounge Retail Liquor-Class II (Package) ABC License for Peddlers Package was removed from the agenda.

15-0260 March 2015 Sales, Lodging and Rental Tax Report - City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that March 2015 sales tax is up by 9.5% for the month and up 8.2% year-to-date. Lodging tax is up 22.5% for the month and up 30.3% year-to-date. Rental tax is down 6% for the month and down 6.7% year-to-date.

15-0205 Authorizes FY2015 ADECA CDBG Application For Sewer Rehabilitation - Corley Lauderdale from Riviera Utilities reported this project will be similar to Aaronville project that will cost \$1.13 Million with a possible \$450,000 in grant funds and Riviera Utilities will supply the matching funds. The administration costs for the grant writers will be paid out of the grant funds. The project will start in the alley at Fortis College going to South Pecan Street; from South Pecan Street to Jackson Street and from Azalea Street North to HWY 98 as well as a few alleyways in between. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

15-0234 Appropriate funds to retain temporary position with the Environmental Division - Environmental Manager Leslie Gahagan reported that she changed the resolution to transfer funds because she found funds within the Environmental Division budget. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

15-0235 Adoption of the Graham Creek Nature Preserve Master Plan - Cathy Gerakis from Goodwyn Mills and Cawood gave the Council a summary of the Master Plan for Graham Creek Nature Preserve, which is attached as back up to the minutes. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

15-0236 Request to Partner with Mobile Bay National Estuary Program on the Bon Secour River Watershed Management Plan - Leslie Gahagan reported that the National Estuary Program working with the Project Implementation Committee has received most of funds from the BP oil spill and they have been directed to spend a large portion of those funds on watershed management planning. Once the plans are set, they will receive the funds for the implementation of the plans. All of the watershed in Mobile and Baldwin Counties were ranked. Bayou La Batre's watershed plan is first to be funded with Bon Secour being second. Each plan has been assigned a project manager to administer the plans that average between \$200 - \$300 Thousand Dollars worth of data collection over a year's time as well as public education components. Foley was selected unanimously to be the project manager over the Bon Secour watershed plan, which entails following the EPA guidelines to manage the project as it progresses. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

15-0238 A resolution setting a public hearing to consider passage of an ordinance for directional wayfinding sign placement. - Council Member Ralph Hellmich reported that Council has already passed an ordinance accepting ALDOT's standards for the directional signs. Mr. Thompson suggested changing this resolution to state Council approves the location of the signs on the Foley Beach Express as directed by the Economic Development Director. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

15-0244 Approval of the Kids Park playground assessment invoice. - Mr. Thompson reported Leathers and Associates were asked to come and do an assessment on the Kid's Park playground equipment. They were impressed with the quality of maintenance that the City does on the equipment. The City should receive an assessment report in a couple of weeks. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

15-0250 Approval of 011 Lounge Retail Liquor Class II (Package) ABC License for Peddlers Package - Fire Chief Joey Darby reported that he could not make a recommendation to move forward with the ABC License at this time due to the building, which is in an old gas station just north of County Road 10, having a certificate of occupancy to be used as a car lot. The business owners intend to subdivide the building and make it a mercantile occupancy. They intend to have a pawn store and a liquor store in the building. They have not

applied for the permits needed make the building a mercantile occupancy and until all permits are in place, he can not make a recommendation to move forward. There was a consensus to remove this item from the agenda.

15-0267 Consider donation of 8' strip of land along Sunflower Avenue - City Engineer Chad Christian reported that the Family Dollar Store needs to widen the alleyway right of way next to the new store location to allow delivery trucks room to make the turn. The 8' strip of land will allow for the room needed. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Koniar reminded staff that the Economic Statements of Interest are due soon.

Visitor's Comments

None to report.

Adjourn

Hearing no further comments the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.