



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, August 3, 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. Also Present: Mayor Ralph G. Hellmich, City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Christi Watkins, Stephanie Richardson, Thomas Jenkins, Leslie Gahagan, Mike Chavers, Allison Niemisto, Edwin Williams, Lauren Williams, Haley Joiner, Jane Tyler, Cindy Brothers, Tim Lipe, Jeff Lee, Jamie Smith, Angela Sherman, Lily Jackson, Sherri Bonnes, Alexa Lipe, Tootsie Allen, Cindy Hollis, Misty Gray, Morgan Vecsey, Curt Langford, Andrew Prescott, Brenda W. Shambo, Guy Busby, Juli Eberly, Jonathan Cottis, Rachel Keith, Everett Johnson, Jackie McGonigal, James Wallace, Terica Scott, Zan Blue, Tara McMeans, Linda Gatewood, Nathan Smith, Lisa Yeater, Mike Yeater, Emily Brock, Beth Taylor, Kriste Riviera, Thurston Bullock, Kevin Carnley, Buford King, Taylor Foster, Raven Roberts, Taylor Davis, Frank Shepard, Shawn Mitchell, Cian Harrison, David Thompson, Robin Riggins, Andrea Morrison, Lindsey Hart, Traci Gunniss, Lynn Hodges, Katherine Reeves, and Suzanne Kellams.

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

Moment of Reflection

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing

[26-0372](#)

A Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 387-87 to Amend the Magnolia Walk East Planned Development District, Owned by SCP/BPG Magnolia Holdings, L.L.C., by Removing Approximately 23.56 Acres

President Trawick opened the Public Hearing at 4:01pm. He asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

[26-0373](#)

A Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 387-87 Rezoning Property Owned By SCP/BPG Magnolia Holdings L.L.C. From PDD (Planned Development District) To B-1A (Extended Business District)

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

Proclamation

[26-0340](#)

Proclamation: National Health Center Week

Attachments: [National Health Center Week](#)

Mayor Hellmich presented the National Health Center Week proclamation to Robin Riggins and Andrea Morrison with Accordia Health.

[26-0363](#)

Proclamation: Glowing Green for 811 Week

Attachments: [Glowing Green for 811 Week](#)

Mayor Hellmich presented the Glowing Green for 811 Week proclamation to Lily Jackson with Riviera Utilities.

[26-0401](#)

Proclamation: Constitution Week

Attachments: [Constitution Week](#)

Mayor Hellmich presented the Constitution Week proclamation to Lauren Williams and representatives of the Fort Bowyer Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Presentation

[26-0424](#)

EPIC South Baldwin Student Entrepreneurship Program - presented by Tara McMeans and Allison Niemisto

Attachments: [Epic Student Poster 2026](#)

Tara McMeans and Allison Niemisto gave a presentation on the EPIC South Baldwin Student Entrepreneurship Program.

Work Session Discussion

Additions/Removals/Carry-Overs

There were no additions, removals, or carry-overs to report.

Consent Agenda

[26-0404](#)

Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2026

Attachments: [07-20-2026 Work Session Council Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Tim Lower, to approve the Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2026. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Ordinances

[26-0402](#)

(First Reading) An Ordinance Establishing Fees and Policies for the Gymnasium at the Foley Activity Center.

Director of Parks and Recreation Jeff Lee reported that this is an ordinance to implement a fee structure, hours of operation, and policies for the new gymnasium.

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

[26-0406](#)

(First Reading) An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 391-87 Relating to the Speed Limits and Traffic Controls Within the City of Foley (Bay Forest Estates and Wolf Bay Point Subdivision)

Attachments: [Speed Limit Request Letter - Wolf Bay Point](#)
 [Speed Limit Request - Bay Forest Estates](#)
 [391-87 ORD](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that residents of Bay Forest Estates and Wolf Bay Point Subdivision have requested a reduction in speed limits throughout both subdivisions.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Larry Engel, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. Council Member Roderick Burkle abstained. The motion carried by a majority vote.

[26-0342](#)

Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 387-87 to Amend the Magnolia Walk East Planned Development District, Owned by SCP/BPG Magnolia Holdings, L.L.C., by Removing Approximately 23.56 Acres

Attachments: [Recommendation Magnolia PDD Mod](#)
 [PublicNotice](#)
 [PDD26-04 Staff Report \(1\)](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

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

[26-0343](#)

Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 387-87 Rezoning Property Owned By SCP/BPG Magnolia Holdings L.L.C. From PDD (Planned Development District) To B-1A (Extended Business District)

Attachments: [Recommendation Magnolia Walk rezone](#)
 [Z26-09 Staff Report](#)
 [PublicNotice](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Resolutions and Other Business

[26-0391](#)

A Resolution Amending The Pay Classification Plan To Restructure Certain Positions Within The New Foley Community Library

Attachments: [Foley Community Library Proposed Org Chart](#)
 [Organizational Restructuring for the new Foley Community Library](#)
 [Pay Classification Plan - Effective 07-06-26](#)

Human Resources Director Suzanne Kellams reported that the Library Director submitted job reviews in preparation of the new library facility opening. She reported that the proposed changes update position titles, classifications, and reporting relationships to better align with the Library's evolving operational needs, expanded public services, enhanced technology resources, collection management, and organizational structure. She also reported that the proposed changes are budget neutral for FY26.

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.

[26-0394](#)

A Resolution to Approve the Rental of Heritage Park for Lisa Yeater to host the Tacos and Tequila Festival and a Variance to Allow Alcohol to be Sold

Attachments: [Lisa Yeater - Tacos & Tequila](#)

Director of Parks and Recreation Jeff Lee reported that this is a recurring annual event that is typically held in November, but that Beach Life Events has

requested to move it to October to have warmer weather and longer daylight hours.

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.

[26-0395](#)

A Resolution Approving September 2026 Retirement Awards

Human Resources Director Suzanne Kellams reported that this resolution is in accordance with the City's policies and procedures regarding the approval of retirement awards.

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.

[26-0396](#)

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

Attachments: [Randy Pelfrey - HERITAGE PARK RENTAL APPLICATION](#)

Director of Parks and Recreation Jeff Lee reported that this is the six-month renewal for the Jehovah Witness Community to display free Bible based literature on the south end of Heritage Park. He reported that this request is to continue their current schedule of five days a week from 7:00am-3:00pm unless there is an event being held at the park.

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.

[26-0397](#)

A Resolution to Reappoint Bill Swanson to the Foley Historic Commission.

There was no discussion on this item.

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.

[26-0398](#)

A Resolution Declaring Surplus Lt. Tony Fuqua's Badge and Service Weapon

Police Chief Kevin Carnley reported that Lt. Tony Fuqua is retiring on September 1, 2026 after 31 years of dedicated service, and the Foley Police Department requests to declare his badge and service weapon as surplus to allow him to receive them upon his retirement.

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.

[26-0399](#)

A Resolution Approving to Rescind Resolution 26-1178 and Proceed

with the Purchase of (2) EV Chevrolet Blazers and Related Emergency Equipment

Attachments: [Bid Packet - Two EV SUV's for the Police Dept](#)
[Carley-Hester-Police \(3\)](#)

Police Chief Kevin Carnley reported that no bids were received for the vehicle authorized by Resolution 26-1178. He reported that due to a unit being totaled in an accident, the Foley Police Department is requesting to accept the insurance funds and for the unit to be deemed surplus and turned over to AMIC. He further reported that the department requests to rescind Resolution 26-1178 and solicit bids for 2 Electric Chevrolet Blazers and to purchase all related emergency equipment.

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.

[26-0400](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the TFM MOU.

Police Chief Kevin Carnley reported that the Foley Police Department is requesting authorization for the Mayor to sign the TFM MOU to be reimbursed for costs incurred by local law enforcement in providing resources to operations related to federal programs.

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.

[26-0403](#)

A Resolution To Amend Resolution No. 26-1255 To Authorize The Mayor Or Airport Manager To Enter Into Agreements With The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) And The Alabama Department Of Transportation (ALDOT) For The Final Reimbursement Of A Prior Year Project To Construct An 8-Unit T-Hangar

Attachments: [26-1255-RES](#)
[Foley Municipal Airport State Grant Offer 3-01-0031-031-2026-AIG - signed](#)

Project, Risk, and Airport Manager Rachel Keith reported that the intent of Resolution 26-1255 was for the Mayor to be authorized to sign two agreements, one with the FAA and one with ALDOT. She reported that verbiage was missing to authorize the Mayor to sign the ALDOT agreement, so this resolution is to correct that oversight.

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.

[26-0405](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Sponsorship for the Elberta German Sausage Festival October 31, 2026

Attachments: [Sausage Fest Sponsor Flyer october 2026](#)

Mayor Hellmich reported that the Town of Elberta has requested sponsorships this year for its annual Elberta German Sausage Festival, and staff requests approval to sponsor the event at the Main Stage Sponsorship level, at a cost of \$1,500.

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.

[26-0407](#)

Resolution Approving the Contract Amendment for the Mills Community Pedestrian Improvements Project

Attachments: [Contract \(City of Foley 400-3020-5174 Mill Community\)](#)
 [Daisha-Barnes-Engineering \(80\)](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that the Mills Community Sidewalk Project came in under bid and will be on the next agenda. He also reported that Resolution 24-1283 previously approved a professional services agreement with Volkert, to include CE&I, but that due to the calendar days being increased, increased costs associated with drainage improvements, as well as Geotechnical fees, the Engineering Department is requesting a Contract Amendment.

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.

[26-0408](#)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Foley, Alabama, Authorizing the Dedication of a Thirty-Foot (30') Wide Strip of City-Owned Real Property.

Attachments: [Right of Way Dedication City of Foley](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that this resolution officially dedicates the 30' Right of Way for the City-owned parcel on the Wilson Road Extension.

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.

[26-0409](#)

Resolution Approving GMC's Proposal for the Replat of Lot 1 of 98 West Subdivision

Attachments: [Contract-COF-Replat-98 West](#)

City Engineer Taylor Davis reported that staff requests to replat Lot 1 of 98 West for the purposes of showing the boundary of the parcel with revised easements.

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.

[26-0410](#)

A Resolution to Accept an Updated Professional Services Proposal from GeoCon Related to Engineering Testing for the First Responder Hurricane Safe Room (Shelter)

Attachments: [Foley Safe Room Additional Testing Proposal](#)
[Daisha-Barnes-Engineering \(79\)](#)

Director of Public Projects Buford King reported that Resolution 26-1032 accepted a proposal from GeoCon related to engineering construction materials testing and site work observation for the Shelter project. He reported that GeoCon submitted an updated proposal for an additional \$8,500.00 due to unforeseen circumstances during the construction activities of the project, but that this is FEMA reimbursable.

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.

[26-0411](#)

A Resolution to Approve the Closure of Streets in Downtown Foley for Hometown Halloween on Thursday, October 29, 2026.

Attachments: [Special Events Application - Hometown Halloween 2026-signed](#)

Executive Director of Leisure Services David Thompson reported that the Marketing Department requests approval to close streets on October 29, 2026 for the City's annual Hometown Halloween event.

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.

[26-0412](#)

A Resolution Approving Calvary Chapel of Foley the Use of Foley Park to Offer Prayer to the Community.

Attachments: [Tony Peralta - Calvary Chapel of Foley](#)

Director of Parks and Recreation Jeff Lee reported that this is the six-month renewal request by Tony Peralta with Calvary Chapel of Foley to use Foley Park to set up a canopy to offer prayer for the community on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 7:00am -10:00am.

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.

[26-0413](#)

A Resolution Approving Street Closures and the Use of Heritage Park for the 2026 Society of Black Hats Foley Witches Ride Charity Event and After Party.

Attachments: [Foley Witches Ride 2026](#)

Director of Parks and Recreation Jeff Lee reported that the Black Hat Society is requesting some street closures and the use of Heritage Park for the Annual Witches Ride and After Party event on October 24, 2026. He reported that the street closures include sections of Oak Street, Satsuma Avenue, Pine Street, Rose Avenue, Violet Avenue, and Highway 59 from 3:00pm-6:00pm.

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.

[26-0414](#)

A Resolution Amending The Pay Classification Plan To Establish Additional Positions For The Upcoming Destination & Events Services Department

Attachments: [Pay Classification Plan - Effective 07-06-26](#)

Director of Human Resources Suzanne Kellams reported that staff requests to establish two additional classifications of Director of Destination & Events Services and Community Events & Special Projects Manager. She reported that these positions will remain in the Leisure Services Department and Marketing Department for the remainder of FY26 and will be transferred to the Destination & Events Services budget in FY27.

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.

[26-0415](#)

A Resolution Amending The Pay Classification Plan To Reclassify Certain Positions In Multiple Departments To Better Align Job Duties and Operational Needs

Attachments: [Pay Classification Plan - Effective 07-06-26](#)
[Proposed Reclassification Summary for File 26-0415](#)

Director of Human Resources Suzanne Kellams reported that this request is to reclassify positions within the IT Department, the Maintenance Shop Department, and the Communications Department following organizational reviews and job analyses conducted by Human Resources. She reported that the proposed reclassifications align position classifications with current duties and responsibilities and organizational needs. She also reported that these changes are budget neutral for FY26 and will be incorporated into the FY27 budget.

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.

[26-0416](#)

A Resolution to Accept Amendment #2 to the SubRecipient Grant Agreement from Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

Attachments: [City of Foley- Subrecipient Amendment #2 - signed](#)
[Budget Adjustment](#)

Sustainability and Natural Resources Director Leslie Gahagan reported that the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program has awarded the City of Foley an additional \$70,000 for the design and upgrade of the Michigan Street Regional Detention Facility. She reported that the Environmental Department requests to memorialize the acceptance of Amendment #2 to the SubRecipient Grant Agreement and amend the revenue account accordingly.

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.

[26-0417](#)

A Resolution Setting A Public Hearing Declaring Weeds To Be A Public Nuisance And Ordering Its Abatement at Regency Pointe I located at 500 Greentree Lane.

Attachments: [500 Greentree Grass.Weeds July 2026](#)

The Property Manager for Regency Pointe reported that both she and her Regional Manager are working diligently to retain a new landscaping company to address the violation.

Environmental Manager Jackie McGonigal reported that Regency Pointe has been very communicative throughout this process as they bid out new contractors.

Mayor Hellmich asked the Property Manager if she could get the issue resolved prior to the Public Hearing in 30 days, and she said that should be enough time.

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.

[26-0418](#)

A Resolution Setting A Public Hearing Declaring Weeds To Be A Public Nuisance And Ordering Its Abatement at 521 W Carolyn Avenue

Attachments: [521 W Carolyn Grass. Weeds July 2026](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

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.

[26-0419](#)

A Resolution Setting A Public Hearing Declaring Weeds To Be A Public Nuisance And Ordering Its Abatement at the Solar Farm located on County Road 65 in Foley.

Attachments: [CR 65 Solar Farm Grass. Weeds July 2026](#)

Environmental Manager Jackie McGonigal reported that this property was abated last Friday, but they still have not completely met the requirements for their zoning and land development permit. She reported that given the history of this property, she requests continuing with the process due to the frequency

of complaints and how quickly the grass becomes overgrown.

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.

[26-0421](#)

A Resolution Setting A Public Hearing Declaring the Accumulation of Junk to be a Public Nuisance And Ordering Its Abatement at 717 E Michigan Avenue.

Attachments: [717 E Michigan Public Nuisance July 2026](#)

Environmental Manager Jackie McGonigal reported that the property owner had replied to the Environmental Department's complaint letter with a certified letter requesting an abatement extension and it was granted. She reported that despite the additional time, the property remains in violation.

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.

[26-0422](#)

A Resolution Setting A Public Hearing Declaring Accumulation of Junk in the Public Right of Way To Be A Public Nuisance And Ordering Its Abatement at 616 W Magnolia Avenue

Attachments: [616 W Magnolia Public Nuisance July 2026](#)

Environmental Manager Jackie McGonigal reported that this property has been abated.

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, to remove Item 26-0422. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[26-0423](#)

A Resolution Approving the City of Foley to Host the 1st Annual Gulf Coast Equipment "Rodeo" and authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and sign agreement with OWA

Street Maintenance and Personnel Superintendent Mike Chavers reported that the Public Works Department requests approval to host a regional heavy equipment competition to showcase operator skills and foster collaboration among Baldwin County municipalities. He reported that the event will bring together local operators, administrators, and equipment vendors for a competitive showcase and networking opportunity. He further reported that this resolution authorizes the City to host the event at OWA and allows the Mayor to negotiate and execute the event agreement with OWA.

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.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hellmich reported that the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of the

new Foley Community Library will be held Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 10:00am.

He reported that the TAP grant sidewalk project along Highway 59 is progressing well, with minimal interruption to traffic despite being unable to complete the work at night.

He also reported that the Mills Community project came in under bid, so the City will be able to complete both the sidewalk and drainage projects.

Mayor Hellmich reported that the annual Teacher Institute for the Baldwin County Board of Education will be held at the Foley Event Center on Friday, August 7, 2026.

He also reported that classes for Baldwin County Public Schools are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, and reminded the community to expect increased traffic.

He reported that Banks Compton, a nationally-recognized local artist, completed the murals for the Children's Room at the Foley Community Library.

Mayor Hellmich reported that the Grand Opening and sign dedication for the new Foley Activity Center will take place later this month, with details to be announced as soon as they are available.

He reported that the Jennifer Claire Moore Rodeo will be held Thursday, August 6th through Saturday, August 8, 2026 at the City of Robertsdale's Arena.

Visitor Comments

Visitor Curt Langford, of 10501 Tillman Lane, addressed Council on behalf of the Alabama Coastal Speed Club to express his concerns regarding the future of the Foley Horse Arena. He reported that he sees people utilizing the arena on a daily basis, and he asked if there are plans to build a new arena if the property is sold.

Mayor Hellmich reported that the property has not been sold and that the City is still in negotiations, so the sale might not happen. He reported that there have been parking constraints and other infrastructure concerns that have led staff to seek out and identify an alternate property for residents to utilize with their horses, but rather than an arena, it would be 10 to 15 acres of a wooden fenced-in area with practice facilities for barrel racing and jumping. He further reported that this new facility would be adjacent to the Foley Sports 5 Plex off of Cater Lee Way. Mayor Hellmich also reported future plans for a 2,000 acre trail-riding facility, unlike anything currently available in Baldwin County.

Visitor Beth Taylor, of 13780 Norris Lane, addressed Council to express her concerns regarding the future of the Foley Horse Arena. She reported that as both a veterinarian and horse owner and rider, she has a history of working with children at the horse arena, and believes it is important for the City to provide the opportunity for these children to do what they love. She reported that she has many fond memories of the current horse arena and she continues to utilize it regularly. She requested that Council consider building a nicer facility than Robertsdale's Horse Arena as an investment for the young people in the community.

Visitor Traci Gunniss, of 412 W Satsuma Avenue, addressed Council to advocate for the Foley Horse Arena. She reported that the Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation had to move their rodeo fundraiser from Foley to Robertsedale due to space constraints, and she would like to see improvements in the City's facilities to bring the rodeo back to Foley. She also reported that due to the success of the show Yellowstone, that rodeos are very popular right now, and she believes a nicer facility would increase tourism and bring in revenue.

Visitor Juli Eberly, of 28490 County Road 26 in Elberta and co-owner of 2J Cowboy Productions, addressed Council to advocate for the Foley Horse Arena. She reported that she grew up riding horses and rides at the horse arena frequently. She also reported that Robertsedale's arena is booked months in advance and Bay Minette's arena is too far away. She requested that if the arena property isn't sold, that the City will consider making the investment to improve the existing arena.

Visitor Lynn Hodges, of 20264 Dubose Road in Summerdale, addressed Council to advocate for the Foley Horse Arena. She reported that the arena has been a fixture of the community for over 60 years. She reported that she believes the rodeo brings in revenue, making it worth the investment of building a nicer facility if the City sells the property where the current arena is situated. She requested the history of how the City acquired the horse arena property initially.

Mayor Hellmich reported that the property was previously a ballpark and was sold to the City when the private owner could no longer afford the payments.

Visitor Tim Lipe, owner of the Blessed Kettle Brewing Company located at 224 E. Laurel Avenue, addressed Council to request consideration for the utilization of 15 feet of the Right of Way along Cypress Street for patron dining use. He reported that he would also like to request consideration of greenscape and removable barriers as components of their Right of Way improvements.

Mayor Hellmich recommended that Mr. Lipe contact staff for guidance regarding these concerns so they can help find a solution.

Visitor Katherine Reeves, of 603 Angie Avenue in Fairhope and owner of a local arena in Silverhill, addressed Council to express her support for the Foley Horse Arena. She reported that she utilizes the arena often, and that transporting young horses and exposing them to different arenas is an important part of training. She also reported that despite suggestions that the Robertsedale Horse Arena could be used instead, the arena is booked most of the time, making it not a viable option. She requested that Council consider making sure any new facility has good fencing and good lighting. She also requested that if the sale does not go through, that Council consider investing in the current arena and make the necessary upgrades and repairs.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Roderick Burkle, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried an

unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.