



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, March 3, 2014

4:00 PM

Conference Room

Work Session

Call to Order

Council President Wayne Trawick called the Work Session to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

All Council members were present. Also present: Mayor John Koniar, Michael Thompson, Vickey Southern, Sandra Pate, Leslie Gahagan, Butch Stokes, Taylor Davis, Chuck Sutherlin, Miriam Boutwell, Dan Hellmich, Steve Smith, Suzanne Kellams, LaDonna Hinesley, Sue Steigerwald, Pam Harris, Les Wansley, Joey Darby, Jeff Rouzie, Rip Town, Corley Lauderdale (Riviera Utilities), Stacy McKeau (Grant Management), and Cathy Higgins (Foley Onlooker).

Discussion Items

[14-0153](#)

Baldwin County Jail Fesibility Study

Attachments: [Proposal Baldwin County Jail Feasibility](#)

Police Chief David Wilson reported the Cities of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach and the Baldwin County Sheriff's Department would like to have a feasibility study done by Management Partners to see if it would be cost effective to operate one jail for these entities including Foley. Foley has a 55 bed jail; Gulf Shores has eight beds and Orange Beach has seven. Baldwin County Jail has the capacity to hold up to 700 inmates in Bay Minette but it is 45 miles away from the coastal cities. Combining costs would be beneficial to Foley. Management Partners specializes in conducting regional jail feasibility studies. In having a jail for the Sheriff's Department in south Baldwin County for holding inmates would be beneficial to them since Foley has two to three court days a week and the other cities hold court once a week. The combined jail would increase utilization. The cost of \$38,900 would be split four ways and would cost less than \$10,000 each. There was a consensus to move this item to the Council agenda approving up to \$10,000 contingent upon the other entities committing their part of the funding.

Enactment No: 14-0061-RES

Discuss Council Meeting Agenda for March 3, 2014

Council added File ID 14-0153 (Jail Feasibility Study) and 14-0158 (Minutes of February 26, 2014); removed 14-0115 (Approving New Market Tax Credit Transaction), which will be brought back at a later date.

14-0086 Revisions to FBE Access Units Exhibits - City Engineer Butch Stokes reported City Attorney Casey Pipes stated there should not be any problems controlling crossovers in the City's jurisdiction. There is an option with the ingress/egress. This item remained on the Council agenda.

14-0127 Capital Funds Request - Chief Wilson reported the trailer budgeted under Capital Purchases came in lower than anticipated and they would like to use the remaining funds to purchase a web based service and cloud based subscription for a program that monitors pawn shops, precious metals dealers, etc. to assist in finding stolen property. It would take a few weeks to go online if they have an electronic point of sale. This program will allow connectivity to all other police departments nationwide. In using the 30-day trial they have recovered guns stolen from other cities. The first year subscription is covered and the service will have to be in next year's budget. This item remained on the Council agenda.

14-0132 Request to apply for ADCNR Coastal Access Grant for improvements at Wolf Creek Park - Leslie Gahagan reported the City has received the State Lands Grant for the past four to five years. In three years the City has invested \$190,000. The next project they want to apply for is a \$50,000 grant with a 1:1 match to include a raised boardwalk and a trail on the property east of the parking area. They also want to re-do a pole barn for an exhibit area. By doing these items it will put the City over the amount of what the County required of the City but it has to be implemented very quickly. We will have to get a design staff in and hire out the job but they can't spend any money until October 1, 2014. The canoe launch is open and there have been a lot of people that have blogged about it. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

14-0133 Request for capital purchase for fencing at Graham Creek Preserve - Leslie Gahagan reported the fencing will be used to block traffic access to protect the playground area and outdoor classroom area. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

14-0140 Acceptance of Emergency Equipment Bid - The bid award to accept equipment only and to reject all the bids for the installation only remained on the Council meeting agenda.

14-0141 Accept bid for a one Ton Pickup and quote for a 6-yard dump for the Sanitation Department - Dan Hellmich reported in December Council approved purchasing a recycle truck. The bids came in under budget in the amount of \$36,629 and they budgeted \$42,589.57. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

14-0144 Accept bid for Fire Station No. 1 Safe Room - Chief Joey Darby reported the plans came in over budget due to unexpected rising construction costs and a need to correct the size of the service generator. When asked if there was money in the ad valorem fund to help cover the cost of the project Chief Darby responded in the affirmative. Otis Gatlin reported the foundation did not have a lot of concrete and the building has to be able to withstand hurricane force winds so the slab will have to be cut out. There were also

several mixed matches of electrical service that need to be corrected. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

14-0145 Metal Signs for Welcome Center Downtown - LaDonna Hinesley reported the signs would be purchased from Vulcan Signs and Stampings to go in front of the Downtown Visitors Center (aka the old Chamber building) on the east side of the building on Hwy. 98 and on the west side of the building on Hwy. 59. They will be approximately 9' long and 5' wide. Councilman Ebert expressed his concern that in the example the print wasn't distinguishable and needed to be larger. Mrs. Hinesley reported that they could make it bolder to stand out more and that it was the same as the City's logo. This item remained on the Council agenda with the stipulation that the sign would be bolder.

14--0146 Authorizes application for FY2014 ADECA CDBG - The application is due in June and it is a pass through grant with Riviera doing the work. Stacy McKeau commended Sue Steigerwald, Suzanne Kellams and Riviera Utilities for their timeliness in getting the previous project done so fast. Councilman Ebert asked if a park's project could be implemented in with a sewer grant. Ms. McKeau reported the number one projects approved is to have a low to moderate income area for sewer rehabilitation; then infrastructure and then on down the line there are other "pots" of funds for park improvements. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

14-0150 Emergency repair of sewer lateral at Symbol - Dan did a good job and got the problem taken care of very quickly. Riviera replaced their portion of the right of way main and it went through four to five different pipe material to get it repaired. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

14-0152 Voting Delegate for ALM Business Meeting - There was a consensus to nominate Vera Quaites. Councilman Hellmich reported she did a very good job the last time representing the City. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda to nominate Vera Quaites as a voting delegate.

14-0154 Proxy Voting Delegate for AMIC business meeting - There was a consensus to nominate Steven Wells and this item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

14-0157 Memorialize roof repairs at CDD - Pam Harris reported on investigating a leak in the ceiling at CDD Les discovered a sagging roof beam. Les Wansley reported he found a structural beam sagging two to three inches and found a crack in the beam that was bad enough that the whole HVAC could have fallen through the roof. He contacted Myles Bishop who jacked up the HVAC units. When they did that it cracked further. They added a 6x6 horizontal support beam to bring it back up. The span of the attic was approximately 24' and they used a 2x6x16' support beams. The units have been up there for a very long time and there was a notch cut in those beams. It is being researched. Les and Dustin took photos and it is in better shape then it was before. Councilman Ebert commended the staff on how appropriately they responded and quickly go it stabilized.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Koniar reported there was a press release out on Don Staley to manage Foley's sports efforts. He is a good hire and will hit the ground running to get

the program started.

Visitor's Comments

Councilman Rick Blackwell reported that he had gotten a coin from Huntsville, Alabama when he went to the Alabama League Convention a couple of years ago and wanted to know if the City would look into having a coin made for the Centennial. Mrs. Hinesley reported that Fletcher is looking into it already. There were no other comments to report.

Adjourn

Hearing no further comments the meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.