



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, February 3, 2025

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

Work Session/Council Meeting

Public Hearing

[25-0047](#)

Public Hearing to Consider Amending the Zoning Ordinance

Council President Wayne Trawick opened the Public Hearing at 4:00pm. He asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

Call to Order

Council President Wayne 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 Katy Taylor, Christi Watkins, David Thompson, Leslie Gahagan, Jeff Lee, Glenn Hartenstein, Roni Criswell, Nicole Blackwell, Angela Sherman, Guy Busby, Darrell Russell, LaDonna Hinesley, Joey Darby, Chad Christian, Thurston Bullock, Wayne Dyess, J.P. Wilson and Mary King.

Present: 5 - Wayne Trawick, Vera Quaites, Rick Blackwell, Charles Ebert III and Richard Dayton

Moment of Reflection

Pledge of Allegiance

Work Session Discussion

Additions/Removals/Carry-Overs

There were no removals or carry-overs to report.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, to add item 25-0015, item 25-0024 and item 25-0052 to the agenda. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Consent Agenda

[25-0036](#)

Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2025

Attachments: [1-27-25 WS Council Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, to approve the Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2025. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Ordinances

[25-0045](#)

(First Reading) An Ordinance to Amend Section 6 of Ordinance 21-2015 An Ordinance Creating Impact Fees To Be Charged New Developments To Fund City Park, Recreation, And Transportation Infrastructure

Attachments: [21-2015 ORD](#)
[23-2029 ORD](#)

Executive Director of Infrastructure Wayne Dyess reported that this amendment is to Section 6 of Ordinance 21-2015 exempting churches for being charged impact fees.

A motion was made by Council Member Vera Quaites, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[24-0755](#)

(Second Reading) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF FOLEY ZONING ORDINANCE

Attachments: [Backup for ZO Amendments.pdf](#)

Executive Director of Infrastructure Wayne Dyess reported that this Ordinance is to provide a more detailed plan for the City of Foley Zoning Ordinance to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals and also provide the compatibility criteria that will be used to ensure that proposed office uses are consistent with the residential character of the surrounding neighborhood.

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

Enactment No: 25-2004-ORD

[25-0019](#)

(Second Reading) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PETITION FOR ANNEXATION AND BRINGING PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FOLEY OWNED BY DELANEY INVESTMENTS INC.

Attachments: [Delaney Annexation Petition](#)

Executive Director of Infrastructure Wayne Dyess reported that this Ordinance will allow for the remaining portion of the property to be annexed into the corporate limits of the City of Foley.

A motion was made by Council Member Richard Dayton, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-2005-ORD

Resolutions and Other Business

[25-0033](#)

Resolution to Approve the Purchase of 3 Portable Message Board Signs for Street Department- Traffic Control.

Attachments: [K&K Quote](#)
 [Red Bud Quote](#)
 [G & C Supply Quote](#)
 [Wynter-Metz-Street-Department \(16\)](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 25-1026-RES

[25-0015](#)

A Resolution Approving Bid Award and Appropriate Funds for the Armory Renovations

Attachments: [Armory Renovations Approvals](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Richard Dayton, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1034-RES

[25-0024](#)

A Resolution Approving the Purchase and Surplus of a Backhoe for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Attachments: [Jeff-Lee-Parks-Recreation](#)
 [Backhoe Quote](#)

Director of Parks and Recreation Jeff Lee reported that he obtained a second quote from Thompson Tractor for a backhoe in the amount of \$98,000. He reported that in comparison he recommends going with the original quote of \$126,000 due to it being an enclosed cab for help in protecting the electrical components and to help extend the life of the equipment.

A motion was made by Council Member Richard Dayton, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1035-RES

[25-0039](#)

Resolution Approving Sawgrass Consulting's Professional Services Proposal for the Resurfacing Repairs Needed on North Hickory Street Between Section Avenue and Magnolia Avenue and Request Permission to Solicit Bids.

Attachments: [Sawgrass Quote](#)
 [City of Foley Mail - Fwd Hickory St. Repairs](#)
 [Daisha-Barnes-Engineering \(15\)](#)

City Engineer Chad Christian reported that he recommends the resurfacing repairs to all three sections of North Hickory St. between Section Avenue and Magnolia Avenue. He reported that along with using funds left over from previous projects that it will be approximately \$160,000 in new money needed.

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

Enactment No: 25-1027-RES

[25-0040](#)

Resolution Approving Change Order #4 for the Juniper Street South Extension Project.

Attachments: [Change Order #4](#)
 [Pay Estimate #21](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Richard Dayton, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1028-RES

[25-0042](#)

A Resolution Setting A Public Hearing to Consider Amending Impact Fee Ordinance

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1029-RES

[25-0043](#)

A Resolution Approving the use of Restricted Court Cash

Attachments: [3 quotes and Signed Approval for Servpro Budget Form \(2\)](#)

Municipal Magistrate Roni Criswell reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow for the request of use for funds from the Municipal Court Judicial Administration Fund that will be used to pay Servpro \$10,867.40 for the HVAC/duct cleaning throughout the Justice Center.

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

Enactment No: 25-1030-RES

[25-0044](#)

Request approval to go to bid and purchase a 4X4 crew cab pickup truck for the Fire Department.

Attachments: [Joseph-Darby-Fire \(1\).pdf](#)

Fire Chief Joey Darby reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow for the purchase of a new budgeted 4x4 crew cab pickup for the Fire Department that will be replacing a 2009 pickup and will bring their fleet to current.

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

Enactment No: 25-1031-RES

[25-0046](#)

A Resolution Approving Impact Fee Reimbursement to Summit Church

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following majority vote: President Trawick, aye; Council Member Quaites, aye; Council Member Blackwell, aye; Council Member Ebert, III, aye; Council Member Dayton, abstain.

Aye: 4 - President Wayne Trawick, Council Member Vera Quaites, Council Member Rick Blackwell and Council Member Charles Ebert III

Abstain: 1 - Council Member Richard Dayton

Enactment No: 25-1032-RES

[25-0048](#)

A Resolution Approving a Sponsorship for the National League of Cities Congressional Events

Attachments: [2025-ALM-NLC-CCC-Sponsorship-Flyer \(1\)](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried

by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1033-RES

[25-0052](#)

A Resolution Approving the Surplus & Disposal of the Former Symbol Health Clinic Building

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 25-1036-RES

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Ralph G. Hellmich welcomed Council Member Rick Blackwell back after his absence.

He reported that the Legislative Session starts Tuesday, February 4, 2025 and the Governor will hold her eighth State of the State Address to the Alabama Legislature and her follow Alabamians Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6:00pm.

He reported that the new library groundbreaking was very successful and thanked everyone who participated.

He also complemented the City of Foley on a job well done hosting the funeral services and the honoring of Police Officer Steve Smith.

Mayor Hellmich reported that after receiving a proliferation of abuse on the sign ordinance for groundbreakings and temporary signage the City plans to start enforcing the ordinance more aggressively recommended by the City's attorney. He reported that the City will give an official notice to business owners in advance giving them the time to make the needed changes.

He reported that the Gumbo and Alabama Slammer Festival was held over the weekend and was well attended and successful after a one day weather delay.

Visitor Comments

Pastor J.P. Wilson with Summit Church thanked the City Council for adopting the Resolution amending the Impact Fee Ordinance.

Mary King, who resides at Wynwood Subdivision, thanked the City of Foley Council Members for their hard work and dedication on being ranked one of the top ten fastest growing cities in the U.S.

Fire Chief Joey Darby reported that after attending the availing of the Safe Haven Baby Box in Mobile that he had the opportunity to speak with several representatives and learned that the City of Foley is now at a point to move forward with its own Safe Haven Baby Box. He recommends that the City start the process of putting together a package in order to present the proposal to Council for approval.

Executive Session

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that there is a need to go into Executive Session to discuss certain aspects of a possible real estate transaction to discuss consideration that Council would be willing to accept to purchase certain real property. He further reported this discussion should take approximately fifteen minutes and there will be no need for a vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, to go into Executive Session.

Mr. Thompson took the following roll call vote:
Council Member Quaites, aye; Council Member Dayton, aye; President Trawick, aye; Council Member Rick Blackwell, aye; and Council Member Ebert, III, aye. The vote was unanimous to go into Executive Session.

The Council Meeting was recessed at 4:42pm.

The Council Meeting reconvened at 5:18pm.

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

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18pm.