



# City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue  
Foley, AL 36535

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### City Council

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Monday, March 3, 2025

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Work Session/Council Meeting

#### Call to Order

President Wayne Trawick called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

#### Roll Call

All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Charles Ebert, III. Also present: Mayor Ralph G. Hellmich, City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Katy Taylor, Christi Watkins, Thurston Bullock, Joey Darby, Guy Busby, Roni Criswell, Logan Eberly, Suzanne Kellams, Angela Sherman, Jamie Smith, David Thompson, Jeff Lee, Shawn Miller, Mitch Neyon, Noah Byrd, Darrelyn Dunmore, Kate Norris, Tim Lower, Kathleen McVey, Darrell Russell, Brenda Shambo, Lisa Yeater, Mike Yeater, Deborah Mixon, Pam Harris and Chole Salinas.

**Present:** 4 - Wayne Trawick, Vera Quaites, Rick Blackwell and Richard Dayton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Ebert III

#### Moment of Reflection

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Work Session Discussion

#### Additions/Removals/Carry-Overs

There were no carry-overs to report.

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton to remove Item 25-0097 from the agenda and add Item 25-0106 to the agenda. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

#### Consent Agenda

[25-0088](#)

Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2025

**Attachments:**     [2-17-25 Work Session.Council Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Vera Quaites, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, to approve the Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2025. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

## Ordinances

[25-0090](#)

(Second Reading) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SINGLE MEMBER VOTING DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF FOLEY, ALABAMA

**Attachments:**     [2025 Redistricting Descriptions for City of Foley](#)  
                              [PropDist2025 Draft](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

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

[25-0092](#)

(Second Reading) An Ordinance Declaring Certain Real Property Surplus and No Longer Needed for Municipal Purposes and Authorizing the Transfer of the Same in Exchange for Other Real Property On Certain Terms and Conditions

President Trawick turned the meeting over to Council Member Blackwell.

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that this Ordinance is for the approval of the trade of property within a \$90,000 difference that will allow the City to be able to construct a road from Hwy. 59 to Juniper St.

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 a majority vote: Council Member Quaites, aye; Council Member Dayton, aye; Council Member Blackwell, aye; President Trawick, abstain.

Council Member Blackwell turned the meeting over to President Trawick.

**Aye:**    3 -    Council Member Vera Quaites, Council Member Rick Blackwell and Council Member Richard Dayton

**Abstain:**    1 -    President Wayne Trawick

[25-0094](#)

(Second Reading) ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 387-87 REZONING PROPERTY OWNED BY ELBERT & BERNICE HARE FROM R1A - RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY TO PUD - PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

**Attachments:**     [ReZoning Recommendation Docs.pdf](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

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

[25-0058](#)

(Second Reading) An Ordinance Declaring Certain Real Property Surplus and No Longer Needed for Municipal Purposes and Authorizing the Conveyance of the Same

**Attachments:** [TR 1 Deed](#)

[Pages from Baldwin County SR59-Hinote Plan Assembly - FINAL \(1\)](#)

[Screenshot 2025-02-05 091905](#)

[Tract 1](#)

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that this Ordinance will allow for Baldwin County to obtain a small parcel of land on Hwy. 59 from the City that will be needed for them to make the necessary improvements to an intersection.

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: 25-2007-ORD

## Resolutions and Other Business

[25-0091](#)

ABC License: 020 - Retail Liquor for First Watch Restaurants Inc., applicant operating under the trade name First Watch Restaurants 1158 located at 3060 S McKenzie Street Foley, Alabama 36535.

**Attachments:** [First Watch Restaurant - ABC Application](#)

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

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, to make a recommendation to the ABC Board to approve the ABC License. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[25-0098](#)

ABC License: 140 - Special Events Retail for Mudbugs and Margaritas Festival, applicant operating under the trade name Beach Life Events, Inc., located at 200 N McKenzie Street Foley, Alabama 36535.

**Attachments:** [Mudbugs and Margaritas Festival - ABC Application](#)

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

A motion was made by Council Member Richard Dayton, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, to make a recommendation to the ABC Board to approve the ABC License. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[25-0099](#)

ABC License: 050 - Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) 070 - Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for Foley Depot, applicant operating under the trade name Krishna 65 LLC., located at 17960 US Hwy. 98 Foley, Alabama 36535.

**Attachments:** [Foley Depot - ABC Application](#)

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

A motion was made by Council Member Vera Quaites, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, to make a recommendation to the ABC Board to approve the ABC License. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[25-0097](#)

A Resolution Accepting the Audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for FY2024

**Attachments:** [FY2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, to remove Item 25-0097 from the agenda. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1060-RES

[25-0053](#)

Resolution Amending The Pay Classification Plan In Nature Parks

**Attachments:** [Pay Classification Plan - Effective 02-17-25](#)  
[Job Analysis Summary - Admin Asst I - Nature Parks](#)

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: 25-1061-RES

[25-0071](#)

A Resolution to Waive the Fees for the Use of the Foley Civic Center for Boy Scout Troop 77

Fire Chief Joey Darby reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow for the Foley Civic Center fees to be waived allowing the Boy Scott Troop 77 to host their annual Blue and Gold Ceremony.

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: 25-1062-RES

[25-0079](#)

Resolution Utilizing the Remaining Funds in the Main Street Pedestrian Wayfinding Project for the Purchase of Bike Racks for Downtown Foley through Foley Main Street.

**Attachments:**     [20241103\\_0315\\_Revised BudgetSplat](#)  
[2025 Custom Rack Request from Dero Bike Rack Company](#)  
[RFP City of Foley - GOA Go Outdoor Bike Racks 2025 \(1\)](#)  
[Daisha-Barnes-Engineering \(1\)](#)

Darrellyn Dunmore reported that Foley Main Street Pedestrian Wayfinding Project would like to utilize \$6,000 in remaining funds for the purchase of bike racks for Downtown Foley.

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: 25-1063-RES

[25-0081](#)

A Resolution Approving the Street Department to purchase a John Deere Gator and Front Mount Mower

**Attachments:**     [city of foley 1575 72 21125](#)  
[tx gator city of foley 21125](#)  
[JotformGator](#)  
[JotformMower](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

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: 25-1064-RES

[25-0082](#)

A Resolution Approving a Capital Project using Restricted Court Cash from the MCJAF Fund.

**Attachments:**     [3 quotes to replace 3 HVAC Units in the Justice Center](#)  
[HVAC Unit number list](#)  
[Lisa-Meredith-Municipal-Court](#)

Roni Criswell reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow for the purchase of three HVAC units for the Justice Center totaling \$48,500 from the MCJAF Fund.

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: 25-1065-RES

[25-0085](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the President of the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation to Act as Proxy for the City of Foley at the Regular Annual Membership Meeting

**Attachments:**     [AMIC Annual Meeting Proxy Form - Municipality](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 25-1066-RES

[25-0086](#)

A Resolution Approving the Application to ALDOT's Alabama Industrial Access Road and Bridge Corporation

Logan Eberly reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow for funds to be used for an access road and any utilities along a parcel off of the Foley Beach Express.

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: 25-1067-RES

[25-0087](#)

A Resolution Waiving Fees for the Use of Heritage Park and Pavilion on Sunday, August 31, 2025 for Michele Morgan with Big Fish Ministries to host a Drug Overdose Awareness Day

**Attachments:**     [Big Fish Ministries - Overdose Drug Awareness Day](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 25-1068-RES

[25-0089](#)

A Resolution Requesting Authorization to Solicit Bids for the New Library's Audio Visual Needs, Appropriating Funds for the Project, and Appropriating Additional Fees to Williams Blackstock Architects.

**Attachments:**     [WBA Fee Amendment 2024.11.7 Foley Library Add Service Prop \(1\)](#)  
[Appendix A - Major Equipment List\\_Rev2](#)  
[2024.06.07 - Foley Library Revisions Log](#)  
[AV Library Expansion Capital Form Revision 02.01.2025 approved](#)

Library Director Kate Norris reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow them to go to bid for the procurement and installation of audio-visual equipment for the new library, appropriating funds for the project, and appropriating additional fees to Williams Blackstock Architects.

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

Enactment No: 25-1069-RES

[25-0100](#)

A Resolution to Memorialize the Application for the American WWII Heritage Cities Grant Program

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 25-1070-RES

[25-0101](#)

A Resolution Approving the Purchase of (10) Police Vehicles and Equipment

Attachments:     [APPROVAL](#)  
                              [Carley-Hester-Police](#)

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: 25-1071-RES

[25-0102](#)

A Resolution Requesting Approval to Purchase a Wind Sculpture for the Rose Trail

Attachments:     [Wind Sculpture Photo & Quote.pdf](#)  
                              [Capital Item Budget Form - Wind Sculpture.pdf](#)

Revitalization and Beautification Recording Secretary Brenda Shambo reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow them to purchase a wind sculpture for the Rose Trail adding an artistic appeal.

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: 25-1072-RES

[25-0106](#)

A Resolution To Reschedule the April 7, 2025 Work Session/City Council Meeting

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 25-1073-RES

## Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hellmich congratulated various City Departments on their Best of Baldwin Awards.

He reported Lucky to Love is being held February 17th through March 14th, 2025 downtown.

He also reported that this past weekend was the Foley Mardi Gras Parade and it was highly successful and thanked all first responders for their efforts.

Mayor Hellmich reported this weekend is the Alabama League Trip to Washington.

He reported that all City projects are moving forward.

## Visitor Comments

Robert Joseph Ryan, who resides at 701 N Elm St., addressed Council with his concerns over the Veteran Affairs benefits being reduced by making Monday's and Friday's on-call days only. He requested Council to contact Congress with this concern. He also expressed his concerns over immigration issues.

Mayor Hellmich reported that he was in Washington last weekend meeting with the Congressional Delegation and that the Veterans support was a main topic and he will contact Congressman Moore to make him aware of his concerns. He also reported that ICE is currently working on the immigration issues.

## 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 receive to lease and/or sell certain real property. He further reported this discussion should take approximately twenty 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; and Council Member Blackwell, aye. The vote was unanimous to go into Executive Session.

The Council Meeting was recessed at 4:46 p.m.

The Council Meeting reconvened at 6:18 pm.

President Trawick called the meeting back to order. All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Charles Ebert, III. Also present: Mayor Ralph G. Hellmich and City Administrator Mike Thompson.

There was no further business to discuss.



## **Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.