

COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
CITY OF FOLEY
CONFERENCE ROOM, 407 E. LAUREL AVENUE
FOLEY, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012 4:00 P.M.

Mayor John Koniar called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Council members present: Wayne Trawick, Ralph Hellmich, Charlie Ebert, Rick Blackwell and Vera Quaites. Others present: City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Vickey Southern, Sandra Pate, Joey Darby, David Wilson, LaDonna Hinesley, Butch Stokes, Steven Smith, Joe Bouzan, Suzanne Kellams, Sue Steigerwald, Miriam Boutwell, Terry Burkle, Leslie Lassiter, Reg Patterson, Jr., Deacon Kendrix Prim, and press representatives Guy Busby and Cathy Higgins.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approve Work Session Minutes of September 4, 2012.

Councilman Hellmich made the motion to approve the minutes and Councilman Blackwell seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

2. Consider Consent Agenda Items for September 17, 2012:

1. Approves the purchase of one (1) Rescue 42 Telecrib "Engine Kit" set of rescue stabilizing and lifting struts for vehicle, machinery, aircraft, and light structural collapse rescue operations for Foley Fire Department.
2. Approves the purchase of one (1) wireless headset intercom system from Joseph B. Smith in the amount of \$3,651.05 for the new brush truck for Foley Fire Department.
3. Approves a full page ad in the 2012 Fall/Winter Visitor publication in the amount of \$1,020.
4. Approves the purchase of Christmas decorations in the amount of \$2,400 for Christmas in the Park from Champion Studios, LLC from Account No. 01-625-7010.
5. Approves the purchase of Christmas decorations in the amount of \$2,000 for Christmas in the Park stage area from Trees and Trends from Account No. 01-625-7010.

A resolution was moved to the Council meeting agenda.

3. Deborah Ferguson, Snook Youth Club of Foley: Consider waiving rental fees for the Ratthan Jones Gurney Bowl to be held at Foley Heritage Park and Pavilion on Saturday, November 17, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

A resolution was moved to the Council meeting agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4. Janet Ripp and Jody Young: Discuss Coastal Wildlife Rescue Center (Carry over from September 4, 2012)

The representatives were not in attendance. Carried over.

5. Rev. Keith Talbert, St. Paul's Foley: Consider request for funding in the amount of \$5,000 for Repair Baldwin, a coalition of organizations that repair homes owned by low income families who are unable to make the repairs. Also request all but the minimum permit fees be waived.

Rich Patterson, Ecumenical Ministries Coordinator, reported he has had 25-30 years of general contractor experience and during that time he observed many people who were disabled or low income falling through the cracks on home repair. By not making simple repairs, their properties get much worse over time making repairs much more expensive and/or their households uninhabitable in some cases. This project helps these individuals to get the minor repairs made to their properties but it does require the individual to own their property. Mr. Patterson is working with Ecumenical Ministries on a project to help with this problem. An individual can apply by filling out an application and going through intake to confirm they are disabled or low income and that they own their property. Then a building inspector goes out to inspect and they make recommendations on whether or not the repairs are such that the Ecumenical project can take on the work. If so, then Mr. Patterson works with local providers like NFL Lumber to come up with good estimates. Partnerships with Habitat for Humanity, Goodwill, local churches and families help stretch the dollars. The goal is to put no more than \$1,000 to \$1500 into a project. They have completed 13 jobs, with 7 underway and more applications currently being processed. There are too many people and too many repairs with an estimated 4,000 individuals in need. The project group is trying to raise money for administrative costs and are ~~going after seeking~~ grants, contributions, and fundraising campaigns. So far, they have been able to operate from funds donated by churches. Mr. Patterson distributed a report on what they have been able to accomplish so far. Mayor Koniar recommended donating funds out of this fiscal year's budget. A resolution for a \$5,000 donation, plus a waiver of all building permit fees with the exception of minimum permit fees, was moved to the Council meeting agenda.

6. Terry Burkle, S. Baldwin Chamber Foundation: **A)** Presentation "Invest In Progress". **B)** Consider resolution waiving rental fees and approving the Invest In Progress Parade and Rally on Sunday, October 28, 2012 at Heritage Park.

***A)** Terry presented a video advocating the continuance of the penny sales tax for school funding. She reported that if the penny sales tax is not approved, the county stands to lose 342 teachers, buses would be eliminated, and schools would be closed. She noted this is not a new tax and would continue 92/132 rating in Alabama. The*

*council requested a draft resolution be brought back to Council at next meeting stating the City's support of continuing the penny sales tax. Carried over. **B)** Council supports approval of the parade and use of the park at no charge. A resolution will be brought back to Council at next meeting. Carried over.*

7. Joey Darby: **A)** Discuss increase in stipend amount for Volunteer Firefighters. **B)** Consider resolution accepting VFIS's proposal for Fire Department Insurance. **A)** Chief Darby reported that this stipend is included in his budget for FY13 and is \$200.00 per quarter. This is a benefit and an investment in the volunteers. A 1099 tax form will need to be issued for this. He would like the stipend to be based on attendance at the meetings and a willingness to respond to calls. This will begin in October and Chief Darby just wanted the Council to be aware of this although no formal action by council is necessary beyond adoption of the budget. **B)** Chief Darby reported that much of the Fire Department inventory is underinsured or not insured at all. Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation covers part of the portable equipment if it is part of the vehicle(s). AMIC does not offer an umbrella policy over what VFIS provides. A resolution was moved to the Council meeting agenda. **C)** As an information item, Chief Darby also mentioned a car show that the Fire Department is putting on and all proceeds from the car show go to the Fire Department's smoke alarm program and prevention education program. This event is on the same as the Festival of Flavors but it is believed that the two events will help feed off of each other. No formal action was required or taken on this information.
8. Suzanne Kellams: **A)** Consider resolution approving the purchase of a pump for the new fountain for John B. Foley Park. **B)** Consider resolution accepting Fund Raisers Ltd.'s bid for the brick paver fundraiser. **C)** Consider resolution accepting AMEA's Community Support Projects Grant in the amount of \$1,000. **D)** Consider resolution approving the purchase of 500 Centennial Plaza ornaments from Photofabrication Engineering Inc (PEI) in the amount of \$2,315.00. **E)** Consider resolution accepting FY2012 CDBG Grant.

A) A resolution was moved to the Council meeting agenda. **B)** Labor installation costs are \$1.24 per brick. A resolution was moved to the Council meeting agenda. **C)** A resolution was moved to the Council meeting agenda. **D)** The cost for the merchants to purchase the ornament will be \$12 and the cost for resale will be \$15. A resolution was moved to the Council meeting agenda. **E)** This grant is for \$450,000 for the Aaronville sewer with matching funds from Riviera. A resolution was moved to the Council meeting agenda.
9. Butch Stokes: **A)** Discuss Thompson Engineering's Survey. **B)** Consider resolution awarding bid for the Streetscape Phase IV Project. **C)** Consider resolution approving Volkert, Inc.'s Contract for Foley Beach Express Industrial Park Concept Plan and Access Road Design.

A) Butch reported that the Navy is ready to close on the property. There are concerns about the Naval ~~a~~Air ~~s~~Station easement and they couldn't get the survey to match the GIS information. Survey shows 25' to the north and 35' to the west. In the event they pay for more than they get we can settle up. The County has been asked to assist but they won't be able to get to it until October. According to the survey it goes over what is assumed to be a right of way but they did find the corners of the property. Carried over. B) Butch recommended accepting the alternate and they can spot for location as they go. A resolution was moved to the Council meeting agenda. C) A resolution was moved to the Council meeting agenda.

10. Sandra Pate: **A)** Consider resolution approving a change of insurance provider for employee Life Insurance and Short and Long Term Disability. **B)** Consider resolution approving a change of insurance provider for employee mental health services.

A) All quotes were apples to apples comparisons and based on the quotes received, OneAmerica is the recommended provider. Sandra noted that one company submitted an additional lower quote after council packets had been prepared, but it called for a 3-year rate term. The City would rather go with a 2-year rate term due to the changing nature of health right now and the possibility of the City going fully self-insured on short term disability in the future. A resolution was moved to the Council meeting agenda to approve OneAmerica. B) The American Behavioral plan is much more comprehensive for the employees then the City's current mental health plan and also it provides HR an arms-length distance where HR does not have to try to do a referrals for employees. Instead, employees call American Behavioral directly and trained counselors will access the need and do the referral for the employee. A resolution was moved to the Council meeting agenda.

11. David Wilson: Consider resolution accepting CenturyLink's bid for Inmate Phone Services.

A resolution was moved to the Council meeting agenda.

12. Mike Thompson: Consider resolution approving the FY 2012-2013 Budget and related capital equipment, capital project and personnel request as defined in the Final Draft of the budget. (Carry over from September 4, 2012)

A resolution was moved to the Council meeting agenda.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- 13. Monthly sales tax, lodging tax and rental tax reports.
- 14. Letter from Representative Steve McMillan
- 15. Letter from Congressman Jo Bonner
- 16. Thank you letter from the family of Sandra Dianne McDermott

ADD ON:

17. Miriam Boutwell: Discuss an Extra-territorial Jurisdiction Agreement for subdivision planning.

Miriam reported that the legislature adopted a new act this ~~Spring~~spring. Casey Pipes, the City's legal counsel, feels we need to do a new agreement. We have an existing agreement with Orange Beach and have annexed outside of that area. The jurisdiction lines up with city limits by Summerdale and by Elberta. There is no issue with Gulf Shores and the past agreement was to stay on north side of Boggy Branch and Magnolia River. Miriam noted that we need an agreement with sister cities prior to October 1st. The last agreement was in the 1980's. There was an agreement to allow ~~the~~ Mayor Koniar to sign the agreement. The Planning Commission will then need to sign off on it and then the Baldwin County Commission. A resolution was moved to the Council meeting agenda to allow the Mayor to enter into an Extraterritorial Subdivision Jurisdiction Agreement.