



Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Monday, January 27, 2025

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

Work Session/Council Meeting

Call to Order

Council President Wayne Trawick called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call

All Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Rick Blackwell. Also present: Mayor Ralph Hellmich, City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Katy Taylor, Christi Watkins, David Thompson, Jessica Webb, Randi Kirby, Stan Shotts, Mitch Nelson, Leslie Gahagan, Jo Hellmich, Glenn Hartenstein, Jeremy Borchardt, Sarah Horine, Jonathan Law, Darrelyn Dunmore, Jamie Smith, Angela Sherman, Kate Norris, Guy Busby, Logan Eberly, Miranda Bell, LaDonna Hinesley, Madison Gaddy, Anna Gaddy, Jessica Gosa, Eddie Tyler, Mary Garcia, Abi Garcia, Darrell Russell, Joey Darby, David Wilson and Wayne Dyess.

Present: 4 - Wayne Trawick, Vera Quaites, Charles Ebert III and Richard Dayton

Absent: 1 - Rick Blackwell

Moment of Reflection

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation

[25-0035](#)

Presentation: Foley High School

Mayor Ralph Hellmich presented Foley High School Principal Jessica Webb, staff and students, with a framed Resolution in Recognition of Foley High School's School of Excellence Award.

[25-0021](#)

Presentation: Foley Main Street Annual Report

Darrelyn Dunmore presented Foley Main Street's annual report to Council.

[25-0030](#)

Presentation: Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Award

Attachments: [FY 2025 Budget Award](#)

Finance Director Miranda Bell presented Council with the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Award.

Work Session Discussion

Additions/Removals/Carry-Overs

There were no removals to report.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, to add item 25-0037 and item 25-0038 to the agenda and to carry-over item 25-0015 and item 25-0024. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Council Member

Consent Agenda

[25-0011](#) Report of December, 2024, Approved and Paid Bills for the Record

Attachments: [2024-12 Approved & Paid Bills.Expense Approval Report](#)

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

[25-0016](#) Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2025

Attachments: [1-06-25 WS 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 January 6, 2025. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[25-0017](#) Departmental Reports

Attachments: [Tax Report and Permit-Plan Review Jan 2025](#)
 [Marketing Quarterly Report](#)
 [December 2024 CDD Report](#)
 [December 2024 PD Report](#)
 [December 2025 FD Report](#)

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

Ordinances

[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 Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Vera Quaites, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-2005-ORD

[25-0004](#)

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

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that this Ordinance is for the planned sale of the residential lot no longer needed for municipal purposes.

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

Enactment No: 25-2003-ORD

Resolutions and Other Business

[25-0003](#)

A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF FOLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

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: 25-1012-RES

[25-0012](#)

A Resolution Approving Monthly Bids - December 2024

Attachments: [December 2024 Bid Awards](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 25-1013-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 Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, to carry-over item 25-0015. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1034-RES

[25-0018](#)

A Resolution Approving the Purchase of Two F150 Trucks from Riviera Utilities

Attachments: [24-1456-RES RU Bucket Truck](#)
[24-1488-RES Puller](#)
[RU Trucks](#)
[Wynter-Metz-Street-Department \(15\)](#)

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: 25-1015-RES

[25-0020](#)

A Resolution to Memorialize the Application Submitted for the FY24 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection and Restoration Competition through NOAA

Environmental Director Leslie Gahagan reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow for the proposal to be submitted for a grant in order to help with the purchase of 470 acres off the western shore of Wolf Bay for \$4 Million Dollars with no match.

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

Enactment No: 25-1016-RES

[25-0022](#)

A Resolution to Approve the Lease Agreement Between the City of Foley and Foley CB, LLC

Attachments: [Lease Agreement - auxiliary parking for 200 W. Laurel](#)

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that the approval of this Resolution is for a lease between the City of Foley and Foley CB, LLC allowing for the use of their parking lot by the City for general purpose parking in exchange for the City to maintain the parking area for them.

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

Aye: 3 - President Wayne Trawick, Council Member Vera Quaites and Council Member Richard Dayton

Abstain: 1 - Council Member Charles Ebert III

Enactment No: 25-1017-RES

[25-0023](#)

A Resolution Approving the Sponsorship for the Ronald McDonald House's Charity Event

Attachments: [Ronald McDonald House Rubber Ducky Regatta](#)
[JOTform](#)

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 25-1018-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](#)

Council asked for the Parks and Recreation Department to provide some examples of use for the machinery and some other possible models with pricing options.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Richard Dayton, to carry-over item 25-0024. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Enactment No: 25-1035-RES

[25-0025](#)

A Resolution to Accept FY25 LSTA (Library Service and Technology Act) Grant

Attachments: [LSTA Grant Agreement 25-7-1](#)
[Budget Adjustment](#)

Library Director Kate Norris reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow for them to accept an awarded \$30,000 grant, increase their budget by \$15,000 to cover the match and add \$30,000 to the revenue account to off set for the purchase of a vehicle.

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: 25-1020-RES

[25-0026](#)

A Resolution Approving Application for the FY25 Dollar General Grant for Summer Reading

Library Director Kate Norris reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow for them to apply for the FY25 Dollar General Grant worth up to \$3,000.

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: 25-1021-RES

[25-0028](#)

A Resolution Waiving Fees for the Use of Heritage Park and Pavilion on Thursday, March 6th - Saturday March 8th for the South Baldwin Chamber Foundation's Annual BBQ & Blues Cook-Off Fundraising Event

Attachments: [2025 - Required Documentation for COF-BBQ](#)
[BBQ Festival Map \(1\)](#)
[Letter City of Foley Park Use & Liquor 2025](#)
[Special Events Application BBQ 2025](#)

Executive Director of Leisure Services David Thompson recommended moving forward with the approval to allow the City to waive the fees for the use of Heritage Park for the South Baldwin Chamber Foundation's annual BBQ & Blues Cook-Off event.

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: 25-1022-RES

[25-0029](#)

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

Attachments: [Randy Pelfrey \(2\)](#)

Executive Director of Leisure Services David Thompson recommended moving forward with the approval to allow the City to waive the fees for the use of Heritage Park for the Jehovah Witness Community to display free Bible based literature.

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

Enactment No: 25-1023-RES

[25-0034](#)

A Resolution to Approve First Amendment to Franchise Agreement Between the City of Foley and Hotwire Infrastructure Group, LLC

Attachments: [First Amendment to Hotwire Franchise](#)

Revenue Director Jamie Smith reported that the approval of this Resolution will allow for the agreement to better define the definitions of public way and service area.

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: 25-1024-RES

[25-0037](#)

A Resolution to Memorialize the Approval for the Rental of Heritage Park for Lisa Yeater to host the Gumbo & Alabama Slammer Festival and a Variance to Allow Alcohol to be Sold

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 25-1025-RES

[25-0038](#)

Memorialize ABC License: 140 - Special Events Retail for Beach Life Events, Inc., applicant operating under the trade name Gumbo and Alabama Slammer Festival on January 26, 2025 from 10:00am to 6:00pm located at 200 N. McKenzie Street Foley, Alabama 36535.

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

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hellmich congratulated Foley Main Street on a great annual report and on the many new openings of businesses around downtown Foley.

Mayor Hellmich commended Public Works, Fire and Police Departments for a job well done maintaining the City during the snow storm.

He reported that the City will hold a groundbreaking for the new Public Library Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 11:00am.

He also congratulated Environmental Director Leslie Gahagan on the yearly Wolf Bay Watershed Meeting.

Mayor Hellmich reported that the City revenues are down and that they plan to look to see what revenue increases the City has had that may offset it and that the City will be monitoring it closely.

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that what may be attributing to the decrease in revenues may be the down turn to more normal rates for building permits and plan reviews. He reported that sales tax and lodge tax did not

grow as much as the 6 and 7 percent from the previous two years but we are still even.

Visitor Comments

There were no visitor comments to report.

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.

City Administrator Mike Thompson also reported that there is a need to go into Executive Session to discuss certain legal ramifications and possible options with the attorney for pending litigation if desired. 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 Charles Ebert, III, 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 Ebert, III, aye. The vote was unanimous to go into Executive Session.

The Council Meeting was recessed at 5:11pm.

The Council Meeting reconvened at 6:04pm.

President Trawick called the meeting back to order. All Council Members were present. Also present: City Administrator Mike Thompson.

There was no further business to discuss.

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 6:04pm.