



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, December 2, 2013

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, City Administrator Mike Thompson, Katy Taylor, Steve Smith, David Wilson, Kevin Lesser, Dan Hellmich, Joe Bozan, Kelley Wansley, Tom DeBell, Mike Dugger, LaDonna Hinsley, Butch Stokes, David Thompson, Sue Steigerwald, Jeff Rouzie, and press representative Cathy Higgins (Onlooker).

Discussion Items

13-1202

Audit planning communication.

Council President Wayne Trawick announced that Kevin Lesser from Warren Averitt was present and was going to give a brief discussion about the City's audit process. Mr. Lesser thanked the Council for allowing him to come and speak on such a short notice. He reported that The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants came out with a new pronouncement that is effective for financial statements issued for periods ending after September 15, 2012 that require the auditing firm to have direct communication with those who are in charge of governments. He circulated letters to all Council members that is a condensed version of their engagement letter. The purpose of the letter is about having open communication. He advised Council that if there was anything in particular the City wants Warren Averitt to look over, to call him. Auditors started the audit process at City Hall today and he informed Council that the letter outlines that the auditors will be here for three weeks and an official audit report is expected to be issued by March 31, 2014. The letter outlines the firm's responsibilities to audit the City of Foley and issue an opinion and to obtain reasonable assurance, it is not absolute. They do not look at every transaction that takes place at the City of Foley. They use sampling techniques.

Councilman Blackwell asked Mr. Lesser if the firm is using in-house or outside auditors for the audit. Mr. Lesser answered that the auditors that are working on the audit are in-house auditors.

Mr. Lesser again thanked the City.

Discuss Council Meeting Agenda for December 2, 2013

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Koniar reminded everyone about Christmas in the Park Friday, December 6, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. and the Christmas parade Saturday morning.

Visitor's Comments

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported employees have started changing out the flowers in the landscapes in the City.

Councilman Hellmich announced that one of the City's employees, Economic Development Director Jeff Rouzie received recognition as one of the most 10 influential people as published in the November 28, 2013 Press-Register. Council members congratulated Mr. Rouzie.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.