



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, October 20, 2014

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. Others present were as follows: Mayor John Koniar, Mike Thompson, Vickey Southern, Sandra Pate, Leslie Gahagan, Steve Smith, Taylor Davis, Chad Christian, Dana Overton, Rachel Keith, Randy Bishop, Sue Steigerwald, Joe Bouzan, John A. Jackson, Pam Harris, LaDonna Hinesley, David Wilson, Miriam Boutwell, Joey Darby, Jay Dickson, David Vosloh, Mary Younce, Joseph Johns, Rosa Johns, Van Gardner, Bobby Autrey, and press representatives Marc D. Anderson (Press Register/AL.COM) and Cathy Higgins (Foley Onlooker).

Present: 5 - President Wayne Trawick, Council Member Vera Quaites, Council Member Ralph Hellmich, Council Member Rick Blackwell and Council Member Charles Ebert III

Discussion Items

[14-0727](#)

Consider appointment to the the Historic Commission

Attachments: [Barbara Wagner Email](#)

The Work Session ran late and Council was unable to get back to this item so it was carried over until the next meeting.

Mayor Koniar had not arrived yet and President Trawick asked that this be held over until the Mayor could inform the Council on his recommendation. This item was carried over.

[14-0775](#)

Update on West Fern Avenue Truck Traffic

Councilman Ebert reported that he continues to receive complaints regarding the truck traffic on Fern Avenue destined for UTC and wanted an update. City Engineer Chad Christian reported signs were put out by the Airport on October 3rd. UTC is working on Wayfinding signs and they are going to tweak those before having them made and set out. Chad has provided pdf maps to UTC to be handed out to the drivers and large laminated posters in their areas. He was not sure what effect it has had on the traffic but felt that driver's education was the best solution to the problem.

Councilman Hellmich reported UTC can educate the drivers leaving the lot but do not have the opportunity to educate the inbound drivers until they reach UTC. He suggested that renaming a portion of Underwood Road might help. After discussion there was a consensus to let UTC know that the City will begin issuing warnings to the drivers and will shoot for January 2015 to have all truck traffic converted to Underwood Road. "No Through Truck Traffic" signs should be posted by the end of the year. The reasoning is that when Fern Avenue is resurfaced in 2015 the new road won't be torn up by heavy truck traffic. Police Chief Wilson reported they will begin handing out warnings and new maps and the problem should correct itself quickly.

After a discussion regarding signage there was a consensus to pursue signage on Hwy. 59 north as John Deere or the Sute's might be willing to lease the City a small piece of land for signage. Jay Dickson, Volkert, reported the bid letting will probably be in March and they are shooting for May construction. They have not established a finish date.

Councilman Ebert also wanted to know when a dedicated turn light on Fern Avenue would take place. Jay reported that it will take approximately a year as there is not anything at this time to warrant the turn lights and a traffic study would not help in this situation.

[14-0781](#)

Discuss Pergola at Hotel Magnolia

Attachments: [Hotel Magnolia.pdf](#)
 [Hotel Magnolia Pergola on Sidewalk.pdf](#)

Ms. Mary Younce reported the new owner, Constantine Roumel, moved the fence down to make it more inviting. They would like to add a pergola at the front entrance to the hotel. Ms. Boutwell reported that the Historic Commission would not be involved as it is a non-habitable structure but it would have to meet a 140 mph wind load. The canopy has to be self supporting and be breakaway to meet ALDOT and ASHTO Standards. It was recommended the pergola's main posts could be on the hotel's property with a cantilever over the side walk. It would have to be a minimum of nine (9') feet tall. Councilman Hellmich recommended Ms. Younce speak with Engineer Assistance Randy Kurtts as he believes Randy was involved in doing the City's pergola. Ms. Younce stated she will get with Randy and thanked the Council for their time.

Discuss Council Meeting For October 20, 2014

File ID 14-0706 Reject Bids for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel and Grant Permission to Re-bid - Rachel Keith reported the bids did not include ethanol gas treatment, which could be offered in bulk form. This would reduce equipment problems in power tools. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

File ID 14-0731 Memorialize Purchase of Sound Equipment - Pam Harris reported this equipment is for the hearing impaired and could be moved temporarily if needed in the Civic Center. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

File 14-0738 Memorialize Purchase of K9 - Randy Bishop reported the dog was purchased from Advance Canine Academy from Kentucky and the handler needed the dog prior to the intense training offered by Escambia County in October. They have one dog per shift. Normally the dogs are approximately two years old when they get them so that they will listen to their handler. The dog is a replacement K-9, which is in the FY15 budget. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

File ID 14-0741 Police Department Report - This item will be added on to the Council meeting agenda.

File ID 14-0743 Approving a Transfer of Funds - Sue Steigerwald reported this item is a housekeeping item. A new account was inadvertently omitted from the FY15 budget and they want to approve the new account and transfer \$7,000 from the General Government Public Relations account to the State of the City Address Account. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

File ID 14-0748 Request to Bid Alleyways Improvements - These are the alleys behind Manning's Jewelry and next to Paul's Barbershop. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

File ID 14-0749 Aware Bid for Wayfinding Signage - The FY15 budget has \$100,000 set aside for wayfinding signage. Vulcan submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$47,086.90. The Engineering Department has requested the Council to accept the bid. These signs will be located on the Foley Beach Express at CR20. If they are placed on Hwy. 59 they have to get permission from ALDOT. ALDOT approved the signage for Gulf Shores and Gulf Shores is working with the City's Engineer prior to submitting their request to ALDOT. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

File ID 14-0750 - Purchase FBE/Baldwin Beach Express Directional Sign - Taylor Davis reported Jeff Rouzie requested signage coming southbound as it reached the intersection of the Baldwin Beach Express and Foley Beach Express to direct traffic back to Hwy. 59. There was discussion regarding the location of the signage, what the signage would include to direct traffic to Historic Downtown Foley, and to identify the road as the "Foley Beach Express".

There was also a discussion regarding a Welcome to Foley sign. Mike Thompson is working with John Graham on this but it is not a budgeted item. There was a consensus to carry this item over for further discussion.

File ID 14-0751 Request Permission to Solicit Bids for the Justice Center Flume - Taylor Davis reported Volkert is working on improving the design for an improved stair step and wider design. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

File ID 14-0752 Permission to Solicit Bids for an Engineering Department Truck - Chad Christian reported the item is budgeted and the cost was based on the truck purchased last fiscal year. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

File ID 14-0753 ICOP In Car Video Storage Device - Randy Bishop reported the storage device is badly needed. He thanked Sue Steigerwald for her assistance with this item and Jessica Middleton for finding the device on sale and if purchased this month will be a cost savings of \$4,000. Councilman Hellmich reported that he has been reading alot about the wearables. Chief Wilson reported the ICOP devices have worked very well even if you can't see the people because the audio comes in very clear. There were concerns on Chief Wilson's part because some of the devices work well and some don't. They are in the testing and evaluation phase now. A lot of the departments are moving toward wearable devices. AMIC's recommendation is to go with the wearables but they won't replace the ICams. Randy Bishop reported that if the Council decides they want both then that will mean that more storage will be needed in the future. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

File ID 14-0754 Modifying the Management of Infrastructure Improvement, Maintenance and Repair Projects - Joe Bouzan reported by streamlining the way they do projects it will allow the staff to have everything together prior to bringing before Council for them to make a decision on a project instead of having to come back to Council numerous times. A Project Owner will be assigned to each project, and will be responsible for developing a budget that will include all fees associated with that project. Ten percent will be added to that budget to compensate for unforeseen contingencies. The Council will receive updates on the projects. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

File ID 14-0755 Request to Apply for ADEM NPDES General Permit, ALG140000, as required for the Foley Municipal Airport - Leslie Gahagan reported the last permit was issued in the early 2000's and they are only good for five years. After the tanks were changed out the last time they did not have a NEPS and wasn't sure how the City was approved. She requested \$8500 for Volkert to write the plan and submit it. There is also a \$1155 application fee. There will be tests that will have to be done and that cost is not included in the previous stated expenses. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

File ID 14-0756 CR20 ATRIP Cost Sharing - Chad Christian reported this is to clarify that the City will split the overages with the County 50/50. Mike Thompson reported AI Market is requesting a check tomorrow so that they can submit the funds to ALDOT by October 22nd or 23rd. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

File ID 14-0757 Request to Install Electrical Vendor Outlets at Graham Creek Nature Preserve - Leslie Gahagan reported vendors needed to have electrical hookups and the Preserve does not have any. She requested to have a mixture of 20 and 30 amps installed. This item remained on the Council meeting

agenda.

File ID 14-0759 Request to host the Graham Creek Shootout, a Southern Nationals Disc Golf Tournament - Leslie reported there are 50 local Golf Disc Members. There will be approximately 120 shooters that will come in from all over the southeast. They will have to put in some more holes. When asked if the Advisory Board approved this event Leslie reported they will be discussing it at the next meeting, which will be held prior to the date of the Tournament. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

File ID 14-0760 - A Resolution Amending the Bid Process - Rachel Keith reported this item is similar to what Joe Bouzan explained about the Capital Projects. She recommended that instead of going before Council and asking permission to go to bid on items that are already budgeted and as long as the bid came in under budget to not have to come before Council. However, if the item came in over budget then it would come back before Council. President Trawick expressed his concern that they are ultimately in charge of the budget and would prefer that staff come to Council to approve the exact expenditure or actual bid amount. Rachel explained the regular purchases of \$15,000 or over require bidding and Capital Projects of \$50,000 or more also require bidding out. After discussion Council's consensus was to carry this item over for further discussion. This item will be carried over to the next meeting.

File ID 14-0766 Memorializes Electrical Upgrades to Lamppost South of Centennial Plaza - Mike Thompson reported a light pole and base located on the Rose Trail had to be removed as the electrical service had to be placed in the trench. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

On a side note there was discussion regarding the pedestrian bridge and when the trees will come down. Chad will check with Jay, as he had left the meeting, but typically they come down as part of the demo plans.

File ID 14-0767 Consider approval for Bay Community Church to use 20 parade barricades and 25 cones - Each year this Church obtains new bicycles from Huffy and they are sent to the Church in big truck loads. The bikes are given away on a first come first serve basis. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

File ID 14-0769 A resolution to amend Resolution 14-0418 - The original resolution did not include waiving certain Engineering fees. The amendment is to include them. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

File ID 14-0778 Consider Sponsorship Agreement with Taking Off Hot Air Balloon Co. - Mike reported the Agreement is for a five year term to market the City of Foley on the side of the balloon. Tommy Rachel will attend two balloon festivals per year, provide two balloon glows and be the Balloon Meister at the local Hot Air Balloon Festival. This item remained on the Council meeting agenda.

Mayor's Comments

There were no comments to report.

Visitor's Comments

Mr. David Vosloh stated Don Staley was doing a great job. He bid on the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) for the men's division 1 & 2 golf championships 2016-2018. They are working with David on a Spring Invitational event in 2015, which they hope leads to the championships.

Mrs. Joseph Johns stated Little Rock Road was in very bad condition and that it needed paving. She wanted to know when that would take place. Taylor Davis reported that he thought that it was scheduled to be paved next year (FY2016). Mr. Johns stated landfill trucks continue to use the road and at one time they were prohibited. There is evidence as you can see the road dips down at the intersection on CR65.

Mr. Van Gardner, also a resident of the Little Rock Community, requested sidewalks so that the children would have a safer place to ride their bikes instead of the road. President Trawick reported they will look at the City's Master Plan to see where they would fall as the City has been working at connecting sidewalks to the subdivisions near the schools, i.e. Beulah Heights and Aaronville's sidewalks were done through grants. This will be something Council will look at.

Mr. Bobby Autrey expressed his concerns with the trucks running over the sewer lines as he can hear them crack when the big trucks drive over them and also would like to have the tree limbs trimmed back to make it safer.

Adjourn

Hearing no further comments the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.