



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

4:00 PM

Foley Civic Center

Work Session/Council Meeting

Public Hearings

[21-0007](#)

Public Hearing to Consider Weeds to be a Public Nuisance and to Order is Abatement at the lot between 504 & 506 Hamilton Blvd.

Council President Wayne Trawick opened the public hearing at 4:00 pm. He reported this property has been abated and no further Council action is required. He asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing.

[21-0008](#)

Public Hearing to Consider Weeds to be a Public Nuisance and to Order is Abatement at 13301 Keil Trail.

President Trawick opened the public hearing at 4:00 pm. He reported this property has been abated and no further Council action is required. He asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing.

Call to Order

Council President Wayne Trawick called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Roll Call

All Council members were present. Also present: Mayor Ralph Hellmich, City Administrator Mike Thompson, City Clerk Katy Taylor, Wynter Mets, Thurston Bullock, Chad Brewer, Chad Christian, LaDonna Hinesley, Angie Eckman, Miriam Boone, Sandra Pate, Charles Knight, Rachel Keith, David Vosloh, Charles Weber and press representative Jessica Vaughn.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations

[21-0004](#)

Gateway Initiative Update

The South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce's Gateway Initiative December 2020 Year End Report is attached as back up.

Additions/Removals/Carry-Overs

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, to remove items 21-0023, 21-0009, 21-0010 from the agenda. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

Consent Agenda

[21-0034](#)

Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2020

Attachments: [01-04-2021 Work Session.Council Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Rick Blackwell, seconded by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, to approve the Work Session/Council Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2021. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[21-0021](#)

Report of Prior Month Approved/Paid Bills for the Records, December, 2020.

Attachments: [2020-12 Approved & Paid Bills.Expense Approval Report](#)

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

[21-0023](#)

Department Reports

Attachments: [December 2020 Bid Awards](#)
 [Grant Status Report December 2020](#)
 [Tax Report Dec 2020](#)
 [December 2020 CDD Report](#)
 [December 2020 PD Report](#)

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported that the tax revenue from December out preformed the previous year, even with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. There was no further discussion on this item.

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

[21-0009](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Employees to Enter Upon the Property at the lot between 504 & 506 Hamilton Blvd for the Purpose of Abating the Public Nuisance.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Resolution be removed. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[21-0010](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Employees to Enter Upon the Property at 13301 Keil Trail for the Purpose of Abating the Public Nuisance.

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Resolution be removed. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[21-0020](#)

A Resolution to Reappoint Terry Young to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Attachments: [Terry Young BAA Term](#)

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

Enactment No: 21-1002-RES

[21-0025](#)

A Resolution to Set a Public Hearing to Consider Building Code Amendments

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

Enactment No: 21-1003-RES

Ordinances

[21-0016](#)

(Second Reading) BUILDING CODE AMENDMENT

Attachments: [Building Permit Code Amendment](#)

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.

Resolutions and Other Business

[21-0003](#)

A Resolution Reducing the City's Corporate Limits

Attachments: [Deannexation Petition](#)
 [Exhibit A](#)
 [De-Annexation Map](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Charles Ebert, III, seconded by Council Member Rick Blackwell, that this Resolution be removed. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[21-0011](#)

A Resolution Approving the Purchase of a Hydroponics Container for the Nature Parks Department

Attachments: [Bid Tab - Hydroponics Container](#)

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported to Council that this item previously went to council, but was only approved for up to \$100k. Mr. Thompson reported that the bid came in at \$102k, so Council's approval is required to move forward. Mr. Thompson also reported that this is under the GOMESA grant which is 100% funded, and that no funds from the City are required. There was no further 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: 21-1004-RES

[21-0012](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FRAZER LANIER COMPANY, INCORPORATED, AS INVESTMENT BANKER, AND MAYNARD, COOPER & GALE, P.C., AS BOND COUNSEL, IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION WARRANTS, SERIES 2021-A BY THE CITY OF FOLEY, ALABAMA

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported to Council that this resolution initiates refinancing the \$6.3mil Cultural Entertainment Bond from 2015, which will result in saving the City of Foley \$600k. There was no further 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: 21-1005-RES

[21-0013](#)

A Resolution to Appoint Ms. Julie E. Britt and Mr. Jan Clinton Chilson as Regular Members, Mr. Nealy Jerome Roper as Chair, and Ms. Renetta McGowin as Alternate Member to the Personnel Actions Committee.

Attachments: [Britt Bio](#)
 [Chilson Bio](#)
 [McGowin Bio](#)
 [Roper Bio](#)

Mayor Ralph Hellmich reported to Council that although this committee doesn't meet often, they are very important and help with progressive discipline. There was no further 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: 21-1006-RES

[21-0014](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING STREET LIGHT INSTALLATION ON WILSON ROAD AND BAY POINT DRIVE

Attachments: [Baldwin EMC Quotes](#)
[Street Light Location Map](#)

City Engineer Chad Christian reported to Council that this is a very dark area in the City and 2 new street lights need to put up. There was no further 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: 21-1007-RES

[21-0017](#)

Capital Purchase Request for Vehicle in CDD

Attachments: [Capital Purchase CDD Vehicle](#)

Miriam Boone reported to Council that this item is in the FY21 budget. There was no further discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 21-1008-RES

[21-0018](#)

A Resolution Requesting an increase of budgeted funds for the Sanitation Department

Attachments: [Request to Increase Sanitation Funds & Toter Quote.PDF](#)

City Administrator Mike THompson reported to Council that the Sanitation department is asking for \$30k to purchase the cans for 2021. There was no further 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: 21-1009-RES

[21-0019](#)

A Resolution Approving the Purchase of Two 2021 Caterpillar 304E2

Mini Excavators for Street Department - Construction

Attachments: [Cap Purch Wrksht & Mini-X Quote.PDF](#)

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported to Council that this purchase is budgeted for FY21, and the machines are coming in under budget. There was no further 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: 21-1010-RES

[21-0022](#)

Resolution Amending Resolution #20-0622 to add Provision for Use of the Locally Extended FFCRA COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave for Employees who Experience Adverse Reaction(s) to the COVID-19 Vaccination(s).

Attachments: [FFCRA Flyer](#)
[Res #20-0622](#)

Human Resource Director Sandra Pate reported to Council that this Resolution will allow employees who experience adverse reactions to the COVID-19 vaccine to use the FFCRA COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave. There was no further 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: 21-1011-RES

[21-0024](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRELIMINARY ACTION FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION WARRANTS, SERIES 2021

Attachments: [Foley 2020. Minutes with Preliminary Resolution \(05287425x80C68\) \(2\)](#)

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: 21-1012-RES

[21-0026](#)

A Resolution Approving Application from Graham Creek for the FY2021 Gulf Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council Grant

Attachments: [Gulf Coast RC&D Grant Application](#)

Angie Eckman reported to Council that this grant would be for a green house to in the same area as the hydroponics container that is expected to be ready in March. Mrs. Eckman also reported that grant application is for \$4k, with a \$1k match from the City, which is already in the FY21 budget. There was no further 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: 21-1013-RES

[21-0027](#)

A Resolution Accept State of Alabama Funding Agreement for Hurricane Sally

Attachments: [4563 Foley City of State Funding Agreement](#)

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: 21-1014-RES

[21-0028](#)

A Resolution Memorializing Entering into a School Resource Officer Reimbursement Agreement with Baldwin County Commission and Baldwin County Sheriff's Office.

Attachments: [Foley City of - Memorandum of Understanding - School Resource Officer \(SRO\) Programs 20200818 - Executed](#)

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

Enactment No: 21-1015-RES

[21-0029](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THOMPSON ENGINEERING, INC.'S PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT

Attachments: [COF Letter](#)
 [Thompson Engineering Proposal](#)
 [ALDOT Approval Letter](#)

City Engineer Chad Christian reported to Council that this is a safety grant from ALDOT for the placement of curve signs and markings on the Foley Beach Express. There was no further 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: 21-1016-RES

[21-0030](#)

A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 20-1076 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRELIMINARY ACTION FOR, AND REIMBURSEMENT OF QUALIFIED EXPENDITURES FROM, GENERAL OBLIGATION WARRANTS (FEDERALLY TAXABLE), SERIES 2020 AND TO AUTHORIZE PRELIMINARY ACTION FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION WARRANTS, SERIES 2021-B and to Authorize Preliminary Action for General Obligation Warrants, Series 2021-B

Attachments: [20-1076 RES](#)
[Foley 2020. Minutes with Preliminary Resolution \(3\)](#)

City Administrator Mike Thompson reported to Council that is a Resolution from March of 2020 that is being rescinded. There was no further 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: 21-1017-RES

[21-0031](#)

A Resolution to Apply for the FY20 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program

Deputy Fire Chief Chad Brewer reported to Council that with this grant, the Fire department is seeking to install headset systems in the vehicles for communication and safety purposes. Chief Brewer reported that this grant requires a 10% match of no more than \$37.5k, which is already budgeted for this fiscal year. There was no further 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: 21-1018-RES

[21-0033](#)

Resolution Declaring it a Public Good and Appropriating Funds to Cover the Costs of Administering the Voluntary COVID-19 Vaccine to City Employees and their Dependents and Certain Other Eligible Individuals Regularly Interacting with City Employees.

Attachments: [City of Foley Mail - COVID Vaccine Admin Fee Funding](#)

Human Resource Director Sandra Pate reported to Council that the Foley Symbol Clinic is expected to have the COVID-19 vaccine by the end of January or early February. Mrs. Pate reported that they would like to allocate \$24,525.00 for an estimated 50% turnout of employees and their families, city volunteers, and board members for the COVID-19 vaccination. There was no further 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: 21-1019-RES

[21-0038](#)

Resolution modifying the City's Personnel System Policy (PSP) to more clearly define current City practices with Regard to Certain Employee Benefits

Attachments: [PSP 2021 - Updated 01-19-21](#)

Human Resource Director Sandra Pate reported to Council that this is a housekeeping item to clarify a few things in the City's Personnel System Policy. There was no further discussion on this item.

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

Enactment No: 21-1020-RES

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Ralph Hellmich thanked City staff and first responders for their hard work and dedication over these past few months with the recovery from Hurricane Sally. Mayor Hellmich stated that the GOMESA Grant is going to be used to purchase more acreage for the nature preserve, increasing the 560 acres that the City currently has. Mayor Hellmich also stated that the City has been awarded a grant to improve the intersection of Highway 59 and County Road 12.

Visitor Comments

Tyler Brunson and Samantha Cunnings from the Fulton Place neighborhood spoke to Council about their concerns with the flooding issues happening on Alley Lane. Mrs. Brunson and Mrs. Cunnings stated that they want to insure that Adams Homes fixes these issues before the final phase of construction is completed.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.