



City of Foley, AL

407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, July 17, 2017

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

Work Session

Call to Order

Council President Wayne Trawick called the July 17, 2017 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, City Clerk Katy Taylor, Kate Embry, Sandra Pate, Leslie Gahagan, Gary Schrader, Mason Chapmon, Adam Holzer, Rachel Keith, Meg Hellmich, Thurston Bullock, Kelly Tomkins, Darrell Russell, Bonnie Donaldson, Randy Kurtts, Joey Darby, Don Wenzel, Francis Holk-Jones, Sandra Russell, Courtney Barksdale, and press representative, Jessica Vaughn (Onlooker).

Discussion Items

[17-0397](#)

Discuss Hickory Street Speed Limit

Council Member Ralph Hellmich reported to the Council that due to the growth in the area he has been approached about the 45 mph speed limit and he is requesting the City to look into lowering the speed limit in this area. Mr. Hellmich reported that the main area he would like to be looked at is the area between Michigan Avenue and County Road 20 to have the speed limit lowered to 35 mph. There was no further discussion on this item.

[17-0398](#)

Discuss 3 Mile Police Jurisdiction

Attachments: [2015 Boundary](#)
 [2017 Proposed Boundary](#)
 [Differential Boundary](#)

Gary Schrader reported to the Council that the planning jurisdiction has not been looked at in several years. There is a slight change to the jurisdiction after being readdressed and it does not have any business or citizen impact. The IT Department has been in touch with neighboring jurisdictions, E-911,

Police Department, and Fire Department. All parties are in agreement of the changes. Mr. Schrader reported to the Council that the IT Department has made changes to the methodology to create an automated, systematic, and straightforward process for determining the jurisdictions.

[17-0403](#)

Low Impact Development Presentation

Environmental Manager Leslie Gahagan reported to the Council that the second reading of the Low Impact Development Ordinance would be on this agenda. The Mobile Bay Natural Estuary Program has worked on creating a presentation video about Low Impact Development Methods with leaders across the state, Councilman Hellmich is included in the video.

Reports

[17-0411](#)

Randy Kurtts to Update Council on Pedestrian Bridge Repair, Tower Repair, and Gateway Sign Projects

Randy Kurtts reported to the Council that the powder coated panels for the Pedestrian Bridge repair has been completed and he is waiting for scheduling. Mr. Kurtts reported that there are currently eight bells waiting to be repaired by Verdin and scheduled for the repair, another lift will be necessary. The 32 remaining bells have been reprogrammed to work with the missing bells. Mr. Kurtts reported to the Council that ALDOT has not issued the 3 remaining permits, the materials are in and ready to go as soon as the permits are issued.

Discuss Council Agenda of July 17, 2017

17 0366 A RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF CABOOSE CLUB DONATIONS

Bonnie Donaldson reported to the Council that the Museum Board has been discussing the purchase of a new train with a train company and a group in Andalusia who has purchased the same type of train the Board would like to purchase. The company requires 60% down and the Museum is prepared to put that amount down. Ms. Donaldson reported that the new train will include a handicap accessible caboose. Mrs. Donaldson reported that the Board is requesting to contact the Chamber of Commerce to solicit sponsors for the individual cars. Mrs. Donaldson has requested that the Marketing Department create a template for each individual donor to have on their cars. Council Member Ralph Hellmich reported that the Council doesn't want to drain the Museum Board's bank account and believes that the Council would be able to help if there are any shortcomings in the funding after seeking sponsors. City Administrator Mike Thompson reported to the Council that the train would need to follow the bid law for this process. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0370 Alabama National Guard Training at the Foley Municipal Airport

Rachel Keith reported to the Council that the Alabama National Guard has requested to use the airport for training exercises on September 9, 2017. Sergeant First Class Holzer reported to the Council the area's National Guard Division is trying to use more of the area's facilities rather than go to Eglin AFB or Fort Rucker to conduct required training exercises. Sergeant Holzer

reported that the training scheduled for September will be helicopter training exercises including taking off, getting on and off, and landing in the helicopters. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0386 Request to use stage for a community event at Beulah Heights Park.

Council Member Vera Quaites reported to the Council that on July 30, 2017 there are three area churches that want to offer a community event and serve hotdogs and hamburgers for the community. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0389 A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DECLARING WEEDS TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDERING ITS ABATEMENT AT 317 BERRY AVE WEST

Environmental Manager Leslie Gahagan reported to the Council that this yard was abated and can be removed from the agenda. There was a consensus to remove item 17-0389 from the Council Agenda.

17 0399 Approving the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce's, Alabama Festival of Flavor Request

There was no discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0405 Approves Application For The Alabama Historical Commission 2018 Capital Enhancements Grant

There was no discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

17 0385 Consider 050 Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070 Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) ABC License for BBS Health Foods, LLC, applicant, operating under the trade name of BBS Health Food Store and More located at 8154 Highway 59, Suite 205 Foley, AL 36535

Chief of Police David Wilson recommended to the Council to move forward. Fire Chief Joey Darby recommended to the Council to move forward. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

Councilmember Charlie Ebert reported to the Council that the possible extension of 9th avenue would need to be discussed. Council President reported to the Council that the next day the Board of Education would be announcing new building projects with the anticipation of new buildings in the City around the 9th Avenue area. The City will need to secure the right of ways with the home owners for this extension to occur. City Administrator Mike Thompson reported to the Council that the extension of 9th Avenue is in the long term capital project plan for the year 2019, hopefully with some type of grant reimbursement option. The Board of Education's plan is to have the new facility open in the fall of 2019. Council President Trawick reported that this is something that will need to be discussed and looked at further, possibly at the next Council meeting. Council President Trawick reported that the school board will need to know if the City will be able to have this road complete for them to be able to orient the school the best way possible, it is important for

the City to work with the school board on this project. There was no further discussion on this item, it remained on the agenda.

Mayor's Comments

There were no comments to report.

Visitor's Comments

There were no comments to report.

Adjournment

Hearing no further comments, the Work Session adjourned at 5:17 p.m.