

**MINUTES
CITY OF FOLEY, ALABAMA
407 E. LAUREL AVENUE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2009
5:30 P.M.**

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS PRESENTATION: 5:15 P.M.

Mayor Koniar thanked everyone for attending the annual Beautification Awards sponsored by the City and the City's Revitalization and Beautification Board. Ms. Danielson stated that she was chairman of the Beautification Awards Committee, which includes Mary Freeman, Bonnie Bodine, andCarolyn Hollis. She further introduced the remaining Board members: Robert Hellmich, Gary Pitts, and Terry Underwood. The Committee came up with three well deserving awards. The first award is for On-going Revitalization and Flower Power Award. Tanger Factory Outlet Center is the recipient and Mr. Tom Knighton, Vice President, and Ms. Jackie Sewell, General Manager, were present to receive the award. Mr. Knighton gave Ms. Sewell credit for the plantings, variety and color, at Tanger and said she was responsible for changing the Landscape Architect plans. They have done millions of dollars in renovations and love the Foley area. They are both proud to be part of Foley's Beautification Awards winners.

The second award is for Beautification and Revitalization Award. Mrs. Joyce Gaar was present to receive the award on behalf of St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church. Ms. Danielson stated they did a great job in combining the old with the new and the landscaping flowed together on all sides of the Church. Ms. Gaar stated Father Zoghby wanted her to convey that they were deeply honored to receive the award and to be a part of the City of Foley. The Church is open Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and silence is observed in the main building. Father Zoghby would be delighted to give a guided tour if arrangements are made in advance; however, anyone can enter when the Church is open to view the beautiful stained glass windows that were originally from Germany. The windows were purchased from St. Margaret of Scotland in Pennsylvania. The phone number is 943-4528.

The third award is the Beautification Award and it was presented to Bella Terra Luxury RV Resort. Ms. Julie Irwin stated it was a privilege to receive the award and they would be happy to take anyone on a tour of their property. Ms. Danielson stated that Bella Terra has everything that the Beautification Board would like to see in Uptown Foley. The streets are lined with beautiful lamp posts and beautiful banners.

Extra Mile Award – Mayor Koniar stated this year's recipient was an employee who did a lot of work on the documents for the City's bond rating and because of her knowledge of what was needed and putting the data on paper the City received an AA- bond rating from Standard & Poor. Mayor Koniar stated that when City Clerk Perry Wilbourne, Councilman Trawick and he went to New York the people they met with were very impressed with the City's financial standing. This could not have happened without the data that was compiled by Sue Steigerwald. Mrs. Steigerwald thanked the Mayor and stated that the City is a wonderful place to work, good management and a great team to be on. She is very proud to work for the City.

COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor John Koniar called the Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present: Wayne Trawick, Vera Quaites, Ralph Hellmich, Rick Blackwell, and Charles Ebert, III. Others present: City Clerk Perry Wilbourne, Vickey Southern, J. Casey Pipes, Police Chief David Wilson, Fire Chief Joey Darby, and press representatives Bob Morgan and Guy Busby.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilman Ebert made a motion to approve the Council meeting Minutes of May 26, 2009. Councilman Hellmich seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief David Wilson made a recommendation Council move forward.

Councilman Trawick made a motion to approve the a 050-Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070-Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for The Pantry, Inc., Applicant, under the trade name of Kangaroo Express 1584, for their location at 22164 U.S. Hwy. 98, Foley, Alabama. Councilman Hellmich seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

Chief Wilson made a recommendation Council move forward.

Councilman Hellmich made a motion to approve a transfer of 050 –Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and 070-Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) from Seabreeze Express, Inc. a/k/a Seabreeze Express 3 to Afshan S. Cheema under the trade name of Foley Shell for their location at 2011 S. McKenzie Street, Foley, Alabama. Councilman Blackwell seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

Councilman Ebert made a motion to set a public hearing to consider Planning Commission's recommendation for the rezoning of .486± acres from A-O (Agriculture Open) to R-1A (Residential Single Family) for property located on the north side of West Fern Avenue, east of Majesty Loop. Applicant is **James Underwood**. Councilman Blackwell seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

Councilman Hellmich made a motion to reappoint Terry Underwood to the Beautification Board; and Herman Doster and John Rininger, Jr. to the Senior Citizen's Board. Councilwoman Quaites seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

Councilman Hellmich made a motion to approve South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce's request to: a) use the dirt pile located southeast of the Sportsplex; b) barricade the eastern strip of parking throughout the weekend so that the pilots can come on site for refueling; c) close the children's playground for the weekend. This is all in relation to refueling balloons and the fireworks display on June 20, 2009. Councilman Trawick seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

A resolution approving a full color, quarter page tabloid ad in Big Beautiful Baldwin in the amount of \$294 passed unanimously on motion by Councilman Blackwell and was seconded by Councilwoman Quaites.

A resolution waiving Civic Center fees for the annual Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet on March 5, 2010 passed unanimously on motion by Councilman Trawick and seconded by Councilman Hellmich.

A resolution approving negotiations with food service vendors for the Jail passed unanimously on motion by Councilman Trawick and was seconded by Councilman Ebert.

A resolution approving Hagen Fence of Baldwin County to repair the fence at the Municipal Airport in an amount up to \$4,389 passed unanimously on motion by Councilman Hellmich and was seconded by Councilman Blackwell.

A resolution approving the purchase of a photo card printing system in the amount of \$1,562.45 for City-wide use passed unanimously on motion by Councilman Ebert and was seconded by Councilman Trawick. The funds are to come out of the Fire Department's Ad Valorem Fund.

A resolution amending Resolution 3723-09 to include geotechnical work in the amount of \$2,500 passed by a majority vote on motion by Councilman Hellmich and was seconded by Councilman Blackwell. Councilman Trawick abstained.

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate hiring an engineering firm to provide a cost estimate for a road from the Foley Beach Express to the Graham Creek Nature Preserve passed unanimously on motion by Councilman Trawick and seconded by Councilwoman Quaites.

Councilman Hellmich reported the road is the part of the master plan and the City is looking at doing a gravel road.

VISITOR COMMENTS: None to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Blackwell Made a motion to go into executive session. Councilman Ebert seconded the motion and City Clerk Perry Wilbourne took the following roll call vote: Councilman Trawick, aye; Councilwoman Quaites, aye; Councilman Hellmich, aye; Councilman Blackwell, aye; Councilman Ebert, aye; Mayor Koniar, aye. There was unanimous consent to go into executive session.

Mayor Koniar reported the Council will not conduct any further business and will adjourn after the Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further comments the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

/s/John E. Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/A. Perry Wilbourne
City Clerk/Administrator