

COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA MINUTES  
CITY OF FOLEY  
CONFERENCE ROOM, 407 E. LAUREL AVENUE  
FOLEY, ALABAMA  
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009 4:00 P.M.

Mayor John Koniar called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Council Members Ralph Hellmich, Vera Quaites, Rick Blackwell, Wayne Trawick and Charlie Ebert. Also attending were Perry Wilbourne, Sandra Pate, Vickey Southern, Joey Darby, David Wilson, Butch Stokes, Miriam Boutwell, Donna Watts, Steven Smith, Joe Bouzan, Mel Davis, Mike Siano, and Guy Busby.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approve Work Session Minutes of May 26, 2009.  
*Councilmember Hellmich made a motion to approve. Councilmember Ebert seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.*
2. There are no Consider Consent Agenda items for June 1, 2009.
3. Consider quarter page tabloid ad full color in the amount of \$294. The cost for a full color, half page ad is \$588. If there is a consensus move resolution to Council agenda for quarter page ad.  
*Resolution moved to Council Agenda.*
4. Consider Board reappointments as follows: A) Revitalization & Beautification Board – Terry Underwood’s term expires 7-7-09; B) Senior Citizen’s Board – Herman Doster and John Rininger, Jr.’s terms expire 7-17-09.  
*Board re-appointments were moved to Council Agenda under New Business for Voice Vote.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5. Mayor Koniar: Consider waiving Civic Center fees for annual Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet on March 5, 2010. If there is a consensus, move resolution to Council agenda.  
*Resolution moved to Council Agenda.*
6. Butch Stokes: Discuss the Beautification Board’s request to construct 5’ wide sidewalks on both sides of Hwy. 59 from Highway 98 to the Tanger Mall.  
*Butch Stokes reported that initially he thought it would be physically impossible to construct sidewalks in these areas. However, he stated that after further analysis, it would be possible to do although some areas would be tight. Quotes from previous sidewalk jobs were used to help estimate the cost of this project which would be roughly \$1.5 million dollars. Councilmember Blackwell noted he would like to see the sidewalks run to County Road 20. Councilmember Wayne Trawick noted that the Master Plan prioritizes sidewalks for the parks and schools. Mayor Koniar replied that the City would be hard pressed to do this project, especially in these tough economic times and it would be best to continue to pursue grants for possible funding. Councilmember Quaites, as the Beautification Board Council Representative, will notify Beautification Board. No official action required or taken.*
7. Chief David Wilson: Food Service Bid Results: Request permission to negotiate a contract for food service directly with vendors as there were no bids submitted for this project.

*Resolution moved to Council Agenda to authorized Police Department to negotiate the contract for food service directly with vendors.*

8. Joe Bouzan: Request funding for fence repair at the Municipal Airport. The fence was damaged during a recent flood and is not covered by insurance. Hagen Fence of Baldwin County has submitted a quote for repair in the amount of \$4,389. It is recommended not to rebuild the fence sections crossing over the creek. If these sections are eliminated, the repair will be \$1,000 less for a total of \$3,389.

*Joe Bouzan reported that the fence was damaged during the recent flood and due to this he recommended that the section of fence over the creek not be rebuilt. After minor discussion, there was consensus to leave that section of the fence out and a resolution was moved to the Council Agenda to authorize up to \$4,300 for repair of the fence.*

9. Butch Bledsoe: Discuss recycle containers program at the Sportsplex.

*Butch Bledsoe reported that there have been requests to have recyclable containers at the Sports Plex and he thought it was a good idea. His proposal is to get businesses to sponsor the recycle cans where they can advertise their business on the cans. He noted that it would take about \$580 per container. Councilmember Trawick asked about who would sell the program? After some minor discussion, there was consensus that this was a good idea and there was consensus for Butch to proceed, to get the program organized, and to have a resolution prepared for next Council meeting. Carried over.*

10. Chief Joey Darby: Consider request to purchase a photo card printing system in the amount of \$1,562.45 for City-wide use.

*Chief Darby reported that the ID system is a necessary component of a hurricane/emergency plan so City employees can cross over access points. The unit is quick and portable and the request is to purchase this out of the Fire Department's Ad Valorem fund. Chief Darby noted that they would be happy to share this for City wide use of photo ID for all employees. Resolution moved to Council Agenda.*

#### INFORMATION ITEMS:

11. Letter from Kathy McHugh and Susan Monroe,Roth, McHugh & Associates, LLC.
12. Thank you note from Foley High School Yearbook Staff.

#### ADD ON'S:

13. Consider Chamber of Commerce's request to have a fireworks display in conjunction with the Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival on June 20, 2009.

*Mel Davis reported that the Balloon Fest site had been looked at closely and they were requesting that the Eastern Strip of parking be barricaded off throughout the weekend of the Balloon Fest (about 100 parking spaces at most). This will help with refueling the balloons. Fire Chief Darby concurred that this process would work well. He noted that it would help with traffic flow and would help the Fire Department multi-task much better. Mel Davis also noted they were requesting to use the large dirt mound for the fireworks location. Since this is in close proximity to where the re-fueling would take place, Chief Darby noted they would allow plenty of time for the fuel gases to dissipate prior to the fireworks display. Donna Watts also noted that they are encouraging people to use the BRATS bus service to shuttle from Heritage Park and Foley Elementary School which will also help with traffic flow. After minor discussion, there was consensus to approve the requests for using the dirt mound for the fireworks display, and,*

*blocking off the requested parking. Moved to Council Agenda under New Business for Voice Vote.*

14. Butch Stokes: Council accepted HMR's proposal for Cedar Street/Hwy. 98 intersection widening for \$28,275.00 but this did not include the geotechnical from Christian Testing Labs included in the HMR's proposal. We need to amend Resolution 3723-09 to include geotechnical work in the amount of \$2500.

*Resolution moved to Council Agenda.*

15. Mayor Koniar stated he would like for the Council to consider authorizing him to negotiate hiring an engineering firm to provide a cost estimate for a gravel road to run from the Foley Beach Express to the Graham Creek Nature Preserve.

*After minor discussion, there was consensus to authorize the Mayor to negotiate hiring the engineering firm for this purpose and a resolution was moved to Council Agenda.*