March 4, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 4th day of March, 2024 at the hour of 6:00 P.M., for a meeting pursuant to call in accordance with the rules of the Council. The meeting was called to order by Linda Brouillette, Town Council President. On call of the roll of the members of the Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Linda Brouillette, Pat Claire, Jason Fisher, Lisa Sarault
Absent: Mike Sanders
Also Present: Brad Lane, John Budreau, Sean Heim, Jud Barce, Nate Besse, Bill Burton, Stan Rider, Chrissie McCutcheon, Harold Holdeman

Disconnect Hearing

No one was present for the disconnect hearing. Pat Claire motioned to proceed with disconnects. Jason Fisher seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Lisa Sarault made the motion to approve the February 5th minutes. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Pat Claire made the motion to approve the February 12th minutes. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Lisa Sarault made the motion to approve the February 26th minutes. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Mark Bowell and Bob Kizer of Kibo Business were in attendance to discuss Town property that they are interested in building on. Mark was asked by Tom Dockage who is President and CEO of Quantum Corridor to help identify locations from downtown Chicago to Southern Indiana. Quantum Corridor runs fiber optic lines to data centers and Fowler is an option for one of the data centers. The Council listened and had questions. Nate Besse and John Budreau were concerned about the utility and stormwater lines that will run close to the fiber optic. The Council plans on having another meeting with them to discuss this further.

New Business

Chrissie McCutcheon talked to the Council about Arbor Day. This year it will be on Thursday, April 25. DNR and Purdue will be helping again this year. Pat Claire motioned to approve $2,000 for Arbor Day. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Misc. Business

Stan Ryder was in attendance do discuss an ordinance violation. He stated that he needs some time to work on the violation. The Council discussed this and told Stan he had until the next meeting, which is Monday, April 1.

Harold Holdeman was present to discuss parking issues. Harold is a member of the board of directors for the Fowler Community Center. He addressed the Council with a letter that he read. In the letter it states, there has been issues of people parking in front of the Community Center that are tenants to the apartment complexes uptown. The Town Council put up a handicap sign in front of the Community Center and will look into the parking issues.

Resident Patti Allen was present to discuss an Ordinance violation at 1009 E 8th St. Sean Heim, Fowler Ordinance Violation Officer, was at the meeting and stated that he had sent a violation letter already. He will make sure the violation is taken care of.

Laura Burton stated that the Singo Bingo she is doing at Stone's Local Public House on Saturday, April 13 is sold out.

Department Heads

Bill Burton discussed with the Council about getting a new fire truck. The one he wants to replace is 25 years old. He stated if we order one, it takes two years to get. Bill called Hoosier Fire and asked about pricing on a new one. They stated it would be around $800,000-850,000. Bill stated he was trying to think of other options and thought maybe the Fire Dept could get a tanker and get a pump put on it. That cost would be $550,000-$600,000. Bill stated that the Town of Fowler and the Center Township would split the cost of a new truck. Bill also asked the Council about using the Town fire truck on any structure. Right now, the Town truck only does Town fires. Pat Claire motions to let the Fowler Fire Dept. use the Town pumper on any structure fire, Town or County. Linda Brouillette seconds. Jason Fisher abstains. Motion carries.

Sara Finley had the 2024 Contract with Fowler Pest Control for the Ordinance Violation mowing. Pat Claire motioned to approve the 2024 mowing contract with Fowler Pest Control. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara stated that she would like her and her Deputy Clerk, Kim Bratton, go to the ILMCT conference. The Council approved.

Claims

Pat Claire motioned to accept the claims. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further business, Linda Brouillette motions to adjourn. Pat Claire seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Approved:

Linda Brouillette

Linda Brouillette, Council President

Attest:

Sara Finley

Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer