# April 3, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023 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 Pat Claire, Council Vice President. On call of the roll of the members of the Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Pat Claire, Jason Fisher, Kristine Muller

Absent: Linda Brouillette

Also Present: John Budreau, Nate Besse, Lee Klemme, Sean Heim, Brad Lane, Bill Burton, Jud Barce, Gail Lange, Stan Rider, Wayde McCutcheon, Kyle Teder with Reling, Teder & Schrier on behalf of 1322 Properties, William and Mary Flook, Brian Shaw

### **Disconnect Hearing**

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

#### **Approval of Prior Minutes**

Kristine Muller made the motion to approve the March 6 minutes. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

### **New Business**

Jud Barce was present for the notice of hearing in regards to Wayde McCutcheon, with 1322 Properties LLC., and the petitioning to vacate some platted alleys and streets at Golf Heights. Wayde McCutcheon was present along with Kyle Teder-Reling, Teder & Schrier, to discuss his plans for the property. His plan starts with building 12 spec homes and one custom home and to vacate several ally's and streets to accommodate this. There was no comment from the Council. Pat Claire asked the public if there were any comments or concerns regarding the proposal of properties. Mary Flook, resident at Golf Heights, spoke of concerns with only one entry/exit in Golf Heights. Brian Shaw, land owner to the North of Golf Heights had concerns of how many mains and pumping stations there are. Nate Besse, Water and Wastewater Superintendent was present and stated that there shouldn't be any pumping stations, it will be all gravity fed and what is there would be sufficient for the houses being built. Chris Ehrlich, who resides in Golf Heights, was present to discuss issues with a tile in the area that needs fixed. There have been

issues with this for a while. Wayde was not aware of this issue. Randy Brouillette was present and had concerns if there is a street easement on the west end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, they would like it to stay there. Brouillette's own the property to the West and South of Golf Heights. After discussion with vacating 2<sup>nd</sup> St. easement, Kristine Muller motioned to accept Ordinance 2023-0403 to vacate all alleys and streets with the exception of the 2<sup>nd</sup> St easement, which is Section A, #5 in Ordinance 2023-0403. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Brad Lane was present to discuss the property at 809 E 5<sup>th</sup> St. The Property Owner, Stan Rider said the weather hasn't been the best, but he hoped to have the car out of the garage this week so the contractor can work on the garage. Brad Lane stated he talked to the Contractor and he can start working on the garage in the next couple of weeks. Pat Claire suggested extending the deadline to May 1. Mike Sanders motions to extend the UBO deadline to May 1. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Jud Barce discussed the concerns on the Blue Bus located on Grant Ave. This bus is sitting on what is considered the street and it is in violation. Jud will be sending out a letter.

#### **Department Heads**

Nate Besse addressed the Council about a purchase of a new Water Dept. truck. He had previously talked to Emerson's in Kentland on ordering a new truck, but Emerson's never ordered it and it would be 2024 before the Town would receive it. Nate called Ford Lincoln in Lafayette and they have a new white Ford Ranger available now. Quote for this truck would be \$43,199. Kristine Muller motions to approve the quote for \$43,199. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nate then discussed needing a truck for the Waste Dept. The trucks for both the Water and Wastewater are over 20 years old. He would like to order a Ford F150 and possibly have it in 3 to 4 months. The quote for this truck is \$44,217. Jason Fisher motions to accept the quote for \$44,217. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

John Budreau was present and stated that there is a need to purchase 3 snow blades. Quote from Barco is for \$944.99. Jason Fisher motions to approve quote for \$944.99. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

John told the Council that the Street Dept was in need of a new trailer. Nate has agreed to split the cost so the Water and Wastewater can use it as well. Quote for the trailer is \$9,075.00 and cost will be split between 4 accounts, MVH, Water, Wastewater and Stormwater. Kristine Muller motions to accept the quote for \$9,075.00. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sean Heim was present and is currently working on 10 real estate violations and 2 animal nuisances. Sara had an email from Rick Gretencord that Linda Brouillette had received. It was a quote for the upkeep of the Monarch Commons for 2023. For all clean up, weeding, mowing and mulching for April through October would be around \$3000.00. Kristine Muller motions to accept the quote from Rich Gretencord up to \$3,000.00. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

### Claims

Jason Fisher motioned to accept the claims. Kristine Muller seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

## Adjournment

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

Approved:

Pat Claire, Council Vice President

Attest:

Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer.