

**December 4, 2023**

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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 Linda Brouillette, 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, Mike Sanders, Lisa Sarault.**

**Also Present: John Budreau, Nate Besse, Lee Klemme, Brad Lane, Sean Heim, Bill Burton, Laura Fisher, Gail Lange.**

### **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**

Mike Sanders made the motion to approve the November 6 minutes and Special Meeting. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Laura Fisher was present and discussed the Christmas Stroll. Laura stated that the Stroll went well, the weather was great, lots of families. 88 families came to the Fire Station to see Santa, 183 children sat on Santa's lap, 150 played the wishing chimney from Tri Kappa, 250 made cookies from Casey's, 85 participants for the Run Run Rudolph 5k, 75 people in the golf cart parade, 50 people went to the Theatre for Purdue Extension and 100 people went to the Theatre for the free movie. The final donation and expense sheet will be updated and given at another meeting. Christmas lighting contest and the coloring contest will be judged soon. A concern Laura has is the lights at Monarch Commons. The lights keep tripping. Lyle needs to get with Laura and discuss the issue.

### **New Business**

Kristina Loveless, the executive director of Mary T Klinker Veterans Center was present to let the Town Council know that they will be coming to the community. They are currently in the process of moving into the Armory at Boswell. This will be the future home of Mary T Klinker Veterans Center

Restoring Hope. It's a Veterans living facility, a place where Veteran's can come to heal. This Center will facilitate around 8 Veterans. They are in beginning stages for this and will return to Council meetings for updates.

### **Department Heads**

Lee Klemme told the Council that Grant Wagner will graduate from the Academy on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sean Heim was present and told the Council that he had received a quote from Dylan Wescott to clean up the property at 306 N Grant Ave. The quote was for \$600. Pat Claire motioned to accept the quote. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

John Budreau stated that the last day for leaf pick-up would be Friday Dec. 22, unless the Employees had a half day off for Christmas Eve. John asked the Council if the Council would consider a half day on Dec. 22 to observe Christmas Eve. The Council approved. Last Day for leaf pick up will still be Friday, Dec. 22.

Sara Finley had a new contract from Local Government Services, which is Janet Alexander and Suzy Bass. The Council looked over the contract. Mike Sanders motion to accept the contract. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had the 2024 Fire Protection contract and the Equipment Lease agreement for the Council to review. Pat Claire motioned to accept. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had the Right of Way Permit for NIPSCO for the Council to review. John Budreau and Nate Besse had looked over the permit and approved of it. Mike Sanders motioned to approve the permit. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had two proposals for redoing the Employee handbook. The first quote was from Lexipol for \$11,632. The other proposal was from New Focus for \$5,000.00 with an annual update fee of \$150.00. Lisa Sarault motions to accept the New Focus proposal. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley gave the Council information on obtaining PERF for the Employees. The Council thought this may be a good idea. Sara stated she would have someone come from the Indiana Public Retirement System to a meeting to discuss this.

Sara Finley stated that the next Meeting will be the last meeting of the year on Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at Noon. The first meeting of the New Year will be Monday, January 8 at 6:00 pm.

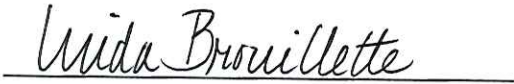
**Claims**

Mike Sanders motioned to accept the claims. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

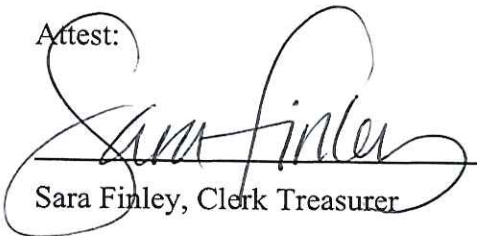
With no further business, Linda Brouillette motions to adjourn. Pat Claire seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Approved:



Linda Brouillette, Council President

Attest:



Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer