

February 6, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 6th day of February, 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, Kristine Muller

Also Present: John Budreau, Nate Besse, Brad Lane, Bill Burton

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

Jason Fisher made the motion to approve the Jan.17 minutes. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Laura Burton was present to update the Council on the Christmas Stroll and information for Easter. Laura stated that the Christmas Stroll was back at the Fire Station. 100 kids came out to the Golf Cart parade, with 10 Golf Cart entries. 172 children sat on Santa's lap with about 80 families. 90 attended the free movie. 62 kids entered the coloring contest. It was a good turnout.

Easter this year will be on April 8 and she asked the Council for \$1500 budget. Pat Claire motioned to accept the \$1500 budget. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

July 4th fireworks will be held the night of the 4th with a rain date of July 8th. Bill Burton asked how long the permit would be good for if we have a rain date. He was going to call and check.

New Business

Jason Fisher made the comment he saw the trees were marked on Washington/St Rd 55. John Budreau stated that INDOT was probably preparing for the project and will be cutting the trees down. Milestone will be doing the job.

Department Heads

Nate Besse stated that Clayton passed his Class II Wastewater test. He now has his license.

Bill Burton turned in an invoice for a pair of boots, hoods and suspenders. The invoice was split between the Town and the Township.

John Budreau had a list of the streets he would like to do this year with the Community Crossing Grant. There are 11 streets with a total cost of \$425,141.00. If the Town receives the Grant, it would cover \$318,855.75 with a cost for the town of \$106,285.25. Mike Sanders made the motion to approve the 11 streets. Kristine Muller seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had Ordinance 2023-0206 for reimbursement for mileage. Linda Brouillette motions to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2023-0206 on its first reading. Mike Sanders seconds. Pat Claire motioned to accept the Amended Ordinance 2022-0206. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley stated that the ILMCT Conference will be held March 19-23. She would like to attend, as well as Kim Bratton. Total cost for both to attend will be around \$1800. Jason Fisher motions to approve the Conference. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had the 2023 agreement from Barce & Redlin, P.C. for standard fee and office policy. Kristine Muller motion to accept the agreement. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had the 2020 checks that were available to receipt back into Keystone that were never cashed.

Sara Finley discussed with the Council that she spoke to Mainstream about having service at the Town Hall, Fire Dept. and Water plant. Mainstream is supposed to get back with her.

Sara Finley stated that she is switching out the phone service from the Town Hall, Fire Dept., Street Dept., Water Plant and Wastewater Plant from Vonage to Gigtel.

Sara Finley had been in touch with Waste Management about information on an extra trash pickup date and pricing for the Town. The extra service would cost \$148.56 per hour per truck and \$50.70 disposal rate per ton, but was waiting on how many hours it would take and how much trash was previously picked up.

The Council had previously discussed going to one Council meeting a month. Sara Finley had Resolution 2023-1 for the Council that the Clerk Treasurer be authorized to pay all expensed incurred for the day to day operation and conduct of the affairs of the Town including, but not limited to, the payment of such things as rent, utilities, purchase of office supplies, and other similar expenditures which are incurred on a regular basis, the usual frequency of which is monthly, without continue for each month from and after Jan 1, 2023 through Dec 31, 2023, or until further resolution addressing the situation has been passed by the Fowler Town Council. Linda Brouillette motions to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2023-1 on its first reading. Jason Fisher seconds. Mike Sanders motioned to accept Resolution 2023-1. Jason Fisher seconds. 4 Yea-with 1 Na being Pat Claire. Motion carried.

Jason Fisher mentioned that the Fowler Fire Dept. did a great job with the truck/bus accident that happened last week.

Claims

Pat Claire motioned to accept the claims. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

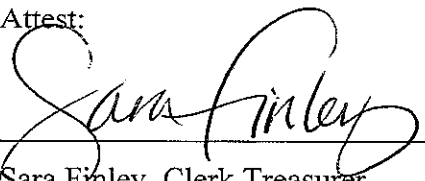
Adjournment

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

