

July 10, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 10th day of July, 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, Brad Lane, Sean Heim, Nate Besse, Lee Klemme, Gail Lange, Ken Smith.

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 June 5 minutes. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Kristine Muller made the motion to approve the July 6 Work Session. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Linda Brouillette received two unopened bids from Sara Finley for street paving. Linda opened them and handed them to John Budreau. John stated, Reith Riley \$333,757.25 and Milestone \$443,715.00. Ken Smith was present and asked the Council to take the bids under advisement or vote to decide which bid you approve. Pat Claire motioned to accept Reith Riley bid. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business

Laura Fisher discussed with the Council the 4th of July. She stated she was shocked with the turnout of the crowd for the 4th. Food vendors sold out and some booth vendors sold out as well. Laura will update the spreadsheet for the expenses and donations/entry fees, but currently for expenses there was \$27,082.53 spent and \$22,050.00 for donations/entry fees.

Linda Brouillette asked Ken Smith if he had any updates on our Park Grant. He said the grant has been approved, we are waiting to hear when the funding will be released for it.

Ken Smith stated that he will be sending spec's for the Water Grant to Nate by Friday and we can start bidding. Mike Sanders made a motion to start the bidding process for the Water Project. Kristine Muller seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Department Heads

John Budreau stated the Street Dept. has been trimming trees around town to help with visibility of stop signs. Linda Brouillette stated a couple areas that needed trimmed. John said they are working that way and will trim them.

Lee Klemme announced to the Council that Grant started on his own two days ago and is doing good.

Nate Besse announced to the Council that Jacob Pool received his drinking water license.

Sara Finley had the agreement between owner and engineer for professional engineering services for the Water Project. Pat Claire motioned to accept the engineering agreement. Jason Fishers seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Sara Finley had Ordinance 2023-0710 regulating the operation of Side-by-Side Vehicles and Golf Carts and repealing prior Ordinance 2012-6. Linda Brouillette motions to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2023-0710 on its first reading. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor, motion carried. Pat Claire motions to accept Ordinance 2023-0710. Kristine Muller seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Sara Finley had Resolution 2023-0710 declaring Town of Fowler Property Surplus and authorizing its sale. The Water Dept has a 2003 Ford F150 to sale. Linda Brouillette made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2023-0710 on its first reading. Mike Sanders seconds. Mike Sanders made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-0710. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Sara Finley stated that she had emailed the board in regards to the repair or purchasing of a new umbrella for the Monarch Commons. The Council had agreed, through email, to approve purchasing a new umbrella. Pat Claire made the motion to approve the purchase of a new umbrella through the meeting. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor, motion carried. Linda Brouillette made the statement that if anyone would see the umbrella opened at night to please close them. The wind damages the umbrellas.

Sara Finley had two options of planters to show the Council regarding planters for the downtown area. The Council has approved that all the trees downtown will be removed. The Council discussed the options and Mike Sanders motion to approve metal planters. Kristine Muller seconds. All in favor, motion carried. Linda Brouillette asked John Budreau to schedule the trees to be cut down.

Pat Claire stated that the street light on 5th and Madison is still out. Sara Finley said would call Lyle Garrelts and discuss the light. This brought up conversation with the timer and the Monarch Commons. It has been discussed to put the lights at Monarch Commons and the street lights on the light sensors for dusk to dawn. Jason Fisher motioned to put the lights at Monarch Commons and the street lights on 5th St to the light sensors. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor, motion carried. Sara Finley will discuss this again with Lyle Garrelts.

Kristine Muller addressed the Council and the people attending that discussion was held to add Maternity and Paternity leave to the Town Employee Handbook, as well as correcting some things. Sara Finley will finalize the handbook, have Jud look it over, then bring it to the Council for approval.

Kristine also stated that with the Police Dept hiring a new officer, it has been hard for the Police Officers to use there Personal and Vacation Days. Kristine Muller approves the payout of Personal and Vacation time not used. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Mike Sanders suggested to the Council to raise the limit of approval amount of PO's. The Council was in favor of the raise. Mike Sanders made the motion to raise the limit from \$500 to \$2,000. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Kristine Muller informed the Council and attendees that she would be moving out of Town and that August 24th would be her last day on the Council. Thank you for your time on the Council and we wish you the best.

Claims

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

Adjournment

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

Approved:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda Brouillette", written over a horizontal line.

Linda Brouillette, Council President

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sara Finley", written over a horizontal line.

Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer