

July 1, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 1st day of July, 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, Mike Sanders, Lisa Sarault

Absent: Jason Fisher

Also Present: John Budreau, Nate Besse, Brad Lane, Sean Heim, Ken Smith, Bill Burton, Laura Fisher, Gail Lange.

Disconnect Hearing

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

Approval of Prior Minutes

Lisa Sarault motion to approve the June 3 meeting minutes. Mike Sanders seconds. Mike Sanders motion to approve the June 10 meeting minutes, Pat Claire seconds. Pat Claire motions to approve the June 20 meeting minutes, Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor of all three meeting minutes. Motions carried.

Department Heads

Bill Burton stated that the Township Trustee was doing bids and sent information in to the State Board of Accounts for approval to start the process of getting a new fire truck. Bill thanked the Council for the approval of \$150,000 toward purchasing a new fire truck.

Bill asked the Council about getting two sets of fire gear for two new firemen. Cost is \$3800 each. He mentioned it will take 4 months to receive. Bill stated that fire gear should last around 10 years. Pat Claire motions to approve two sets of gear with the total cost of around \$7,600. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

John Budreau discussed with the Council that there was a tree at Highland Park in bad shape. It would be around \$800 to take a limb out or \$2200 to take all the tree down. Pat Claire motions to take the whole tree down for \$2200. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

John mentioned that Reith Riley will be paving the streets starting August 1. The Pre-Construction meeting will be held July 29th at the Town Hall.

John mentioned to the Council that he would be on vacation the week of July 15th.

John had two quotes for a leaf machine. Quotes from Best Electric is \$59,997.20 and Hoosier Equipment is \$70,250.00. The Hoosier Equipment quote leaf machine would do both sides of the street and be more beneficial long term. Pat Claire motioned to approve the leaf machine from Hoosier Equipment for \$70,250.00 with the funds being included in the 2025 budget. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

John also had two quotes for a new street truck and a quote from Clark trucking for a plow. Quotes were from Watseka Ford. First quote is for \$52,020. This quote, the truck is at the dealership now and has more options on it. The second quote is \$47,600. They would have to order this truck and it would take a while before it became available. Quote for the plow from Clark is \$10,479. Mike Sanders motions to approve the truck for \$52,020 and the plow for \$10,479. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Laura Fisher was present and discussed July 4th. She was concerned with the weather and is hoping it will not rain. Rain date is scheduled for Saturday, July 6th if needed. Laura is still looking for someone to work at the park, to pick up trash and check the restrooms.

Sara Finley had the amended salary ordinance 2024-0701 that created a Police Captain pay of \$31.25, take out Probation Patrol Officer 3rd Class out of the Salary Ordinance, and raise 3rd Class Officers from \$23.08 to \$24 and 2nd Class Officers from \$24.52 to \$25. Mike Sanders made the motion to suspend the rules and consider amended Salary Ordinance 2024-0701. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Mike Sanders made the motion to approve amended Salary Ordinance 2024-0701. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara had Pay App 1 and Pay App 2 for USG for the project on the water tower. Pay App 1 is for the amount of \$373,160.00 Pay App 2 is for \$21,440.00 with a change order credit of \$15,800 for deletion of VFD chemical metering pump and electrical. Mike Sanders motion to approve Pay App 1 of \$373,160.00, Pay App 2 of \$12,440.00 and the change order credit of \$15,800.00. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had 1Source Pay App 3 for \$119,505.00 and a change order increase for Water Plant Detention tank material change of \$7,500.00. Pat Claire motion to pay 1Source Pay App 3 for \$119,505.00 and a change order increase for Water Plant Detention tank material change of \$7,500.00. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had Hamstra Pay App 1 for \$30,600.00, Pay App 2 for \$30,394.80. Mike Sanders motions to approve Hamstra Pay App 1 for \$30,600.00, Pay App 2 for \$30,394.80. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had change order from Hamstra for an additional \$10,772.00 for an alternate foundation design. Sara also had a change order from Hamstra for a credit of \$3,595.00 for a change in the hot water heater at the park restrooms. Hamstra also included a letter for a possible project completion delay. Pat Claire motion to approve the change orders and the possible project completion delay. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ken Smith was present and had the application of design release for the park restrooms. Linda Brouillette signed and Ken will send into the State for approval.

Sara Finley had a quote from Cardinal Copier for a new office printer. New printer will be \$2,400. Mike Sanders motions to approve the printer. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Sara Finley had the draft of the new town employee handbook. She stated she will email everyone a copy to look over once the handbook has been updated.

Sara Finley had an invoice from Tom Anderson for \$825.73 for work done for the water project. Pat Claire motions to approve the invoice. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bill Burton asked about the pressure washing for the Monarch Commons stage. Sara told him that we had one quote and was waiting for the other one.

Unfinished Business

Linda Brouillette has been corresponding with Jud in regards to Kibo business that would like to come to Fowler. Kibo had information for a possible grant for the charging station they would like to have at their business. Kibo would like the Town of Fowler to provide 20% of the cost but needed to know as the town only had one day to decide. After discussion from the Council, Mike Sanders motion to not agree to the charging station grant. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Linda Brouillette stated that Jud had sent Kibo a questionnaire. Jud told Kibo that the town needed the schematics of the building layout. Then, there will need to be a survey done on the property. The property is next to the Demeter building located next to St. Rd 52. The town would need two appraisals to purchase this property. It takes about 8 weeks for the appraisals. Jud would like approval to order appraisals from Paul Midday at KMPM appraisal in Lafayette and Robert Davis of Lafayette. Both are licensed appraisers. Pat Claire motions to approve getting the appraisals of the property for the town to purchase for the Quantum Corridor project. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Claims

Mike Sanders 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, Council President

Attest:


Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer