

June 21, 2022

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 21st day of June, 2022 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, Steve Sorenson, Pat Claire, Jason Fisher

Absent: Mike Sanders

Also Present: Nate Besse, Brittany Besse, Laura Burton, Ken Smith, Edwin Buswell, Rosie Cochran

Approval of Prior Minutes

Pat Claire made the motion to approve the June 6 minutes. Steve Sorenson seconds. All in favor motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Laura Burton was present to give an update on July 4th. She has had several donations come in and gave the Council the flyer that she is handing out to business and putting online. She is still in need of volunteers.

Rosie Cochran was in attendance to discuss her water bill. She has an agreement with the Town Hall but would like it reduced. After discussion, the Council agreed to let her pay her regular normal monthly bill plus \$25 extra a month.

Edwin Buswell was present and stated that DNR had a site visit for the Park Grant. DNR made some recommendations to add ADA access to the new basketball court. Also discussed was adding aeration to the pond. Ken Smith had examples of different types of aeration. Pat Claire motioned to agree to raise the Grant amount to include ADA access and aeration. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion passed. In discussing the park grant, the Council discussed doing a new survey for the park.

Edwin also had a Resolution authorizing the submittal of the wastewater drinking water program application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Steve Sorenson motion to accept the Resolution. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

The Town of Fowler had received an application for the open position of Certified Wastewater Operator. The Town Council looked over the application for Jacob Pool. Linda Brouillette recommends hiring Jacob Pool for the Certified Wastewater Operator position. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. All in favor. Jacob's first day will be July 4.

Misc. Business

Sara Finley had a resolution from 2019 for the property at 104 E 5th St. to authorizing the assignment of certain tax sale certificates to the Town of Fowler. However, this process did not get complete, and now there are penalties and taxes against the Tax Deed Property. Sara discussed completing this with Town Attorney Jud Barce. He gave Sara a Petition to cancel property tax debt for property owned by the Town of Fowler. The Council signed this Petition. Jason Fisher had discussed this at a Benton County Commissioners meeting and the Commissioners approved waiving the penalties.

The Highland Park Property was brought up by Steve Sorenson. Sara had discussed this property with Andrea Bowman at the Benton Community Foundation. The BCF Board had discussed possibly gifting this property to the Town. After Council discussion, the Council decided they would like this property. Sara will talk to Andrea and let her know.

Chrissie McCutcheon had come into the Town Hall and dropped off a Thank you Letter from her and the Soil and Water Conservation District for the Town Council for the support of Arbor Day at the Park.

Sara Finley had a quote for Gretencord Lawn and Garden for the Maintenance of the two Town of Fowler signs coming into Town. The quote was for \$720 pulling weeds, trim shrubs, install mulch and \$270 for 6 yards of mulch. The Council approved this quote.

Juneteenth Holiday was discussed. The Council would like to revisit this closer to the end of the Year when we do budgets.

Claims

Steve Sorenson made the motion to approve and pay all claims. Pat Claire seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Approved:



Linda Brouillette, Council President

Attest:



Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer