

**June 3, 2024**

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 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, Jason Fisher, Pat Claire, Mike Sanders, Lisa Sarault**

**Also Present: John Budreau, Mike Sondgeroth, Harold Holdeman, John Dadacz**

### **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 motioned to approve the May 6 and May 16 minutes. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Department Heads**

John Budreau stated there were two people interested for summer help and he would like to hire them. The Council approved.

Mike Sondgeroth was present to see what the Council decided on funding for a new fire truck. Pat Claire motioned to approve \$150,000 out of Rainy Day funds to help purchase a new fire truck. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lisa Sarault stated that the fire dept had a pulled pork, baked potato fundraiser that went really well. They sold out early.

### **Unfinished Business**

Harold Holdeman came in and discussed parking. He stated that the owner of the apartment complex Kenneth McCammon is purchasing the parking area next to his apartments from the Community Center.

Harold also discussed a possibility of a stop sign at 6<sup>th</sup> and Jackson Ave. He stated that the cars drive down 6<sup>th</sup> street fast and he always has to be careful getting out of his car. He also mentioned he has

concerns of when the kids that are at the Good Sheperd, the old church, cross 6<sup>th</sup> street to go to their playground.

Sara Finley stated that she had been in contact with the traffic safety engineer for LTAP. They plan on coming to Fowler to observe street intersections. She will discuss the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> and Jackson with them.

### **New Business**

Linda Brouillette had an email from Jan Goetz regarding alleys next to the Sacred Heart parking lot. This parking lot is South of the Sacred Heart Church and the alleys are on the East and South side of the lot. Sacred Heart is asking the Town Council if they would consider paving these alleys. After the Council discussed this, the Council stated that the Town would not pave these alleys, but Sacred Heart could if they wished to. Council also noted that there are utilities that may run underneath the alleys and that the Utility Superintendent may be required to dig in these alleys at some point.

### **Misc. Business**

Jason Fisher asked if there has been an unsafe building order on 809 E 5<sup>th</sup> St. Sara stated that she believed Brad Lane had sent a letter in regards to the issues of the house and that the owners had worked on some of the issues. Sara will get in touch with Brad for an update.

Lisa Sarault stated she attended a KIRPC meeting. They discussed that head start needs help with teachers and bus drivers.

Sara Finley had a right of way permit from Mainstream. John Budreau had looked it over and signed the paperwork. Pat Claire motioned to approve the right of way permit. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley stated that the sewer certificate of deposit was going to mature on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Sara had certificate of deposit rates from three different banks. Fowler State has a 5-month rate at 4.56% and a 12-month rate at 1.75%. Alliance Bank has a 5-month rate at 3.95% and a 12-month rate at 1.91%. Farmers and Merchants bank has a 5-month rate at 4% and a 11-month rate at 4.5%. Pat Claire motions to accept the Farmers and Merchants Bank of 11-month rate at 4.5%. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

An Additional Appropriation adoption was called. Sara Finley had Ordinance 2024-0603 Additional Appropriations for the sum of \$469,600. Pat Claire made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2024-0603 for the Additional Appropriation with a total of \$469,600. Lisa Sarault



seconds. All in favor. Motion carried. Pat Claire motions to approve Ordinance 2024-0603. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the water project from Utility Service Company, Inc. and Infrastructure Systems, Inc. Pat Claire motioned to approve the certificates. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried. Linda signed the certificates of completion.

Sara Finley had pay app #2 for the water project from 1Source in the amount of \$90,358.20. Pat Claire motioned to approve the pay app. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had pay app #1 for Infrastructure Systems, In. in the amount of \$107,200.00. Pat Claire motioned to approve. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had a quote from KIRPC for an updated Comprehensive Plan for the Town. The last Comprehensive Plan that was done, was in 1999. For the maximum grant with OCRA of \$50,000 with a local match of \$5,560 for a total of \$55,560. Pat Claire motion to approve the quote. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had a quote from Civic Plus for Archive Social. This will archive and maintain records for the Towns social media. The quote was for \$2,741.00 with an annual expense of \$2,9880.00. Pat Claire motioned to approve the quote from Civic Plus. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley also had a quote from Civic Plus for an updated codes of ordinances for 2014 to current ordinances. Quote was for \$6,343.00. Pat Claire motioned to approve the code of ordinance quote. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had quotes for text my gov. This was an app able to text Town customers for utilities or any information the Town wanted to provide for the customers. Jason Fisher stated the Town does utilize Code Red. Sara stated that she does use Code Red and can continue to utilize its services.

Sara Finley had two different pricing for replacing the Council Chairs. Both prices were from Amazon. One chair was for \$79 and one was for \$99. After looking over both specs, Pat Claire motioned to approve the chair for \$99. Linda Brouillette seconds. All in favor. Motion carried. Sara will order one to see if it will work.

The Council would like to have a special meeting on Monday, June 10, to go over July 4<sup>th</sup> events with Laura Fisher, Mike Cain and John Budreau.

## **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. Jason Fisher seconds the motion.  
All in favor motion carried.

Approved:

  
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Linda Brouillette, Council President

Attest:

  
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Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer