

June 6, 2022

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 6th 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

Electronic Meeting: Mike Sanders

Also Present: Nate Besse, Lee Klemme, John Budreau, Brad Lane, Bill Burton, Brittany Besse, Glenda Wallpe, Ken Smith, Gail Lange.

Disconnect Hearing

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

Approval of Prior Minutes

Steve Sorenson made the motion to approve the Special meeting May 16th minutes. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Sara Finley called Ingrid Barce to discuss the repeal of the URT tax. On March 16, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb signed House Enrolled Act No. 1002 into law, which among other things, repeals the Indiana Utility Receipts Tax ("IURT"), currently codified in Ind. Code 6-2.3, with an effective date of July 1, 2022 and to be in compliance with the IURT repeal, the Water Utility rates shall be reduced by 1.4% for each rate class. Mike Sanders motioned to accept Ordinance 2022-0606 to adopt a new schedule of rates and charges to reflect repeal of the utility receipt tax. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

John Budreau was present and opened the paving bids. We had three companies bid. Rieth Riley, Milestone, and Fox. Rieth Riley bid \$212,705.26. Milestone bid \$213,195.00. John opened Fox's bid and realized the roads listed was not the Town of Fowler's. Fox had put in the wrong town. Pat Claire motioned to accept Rieth Riley bid. Steve Sorenson seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Misc. Business

Glenda Wallpe was present to discuss her Mother's water bill account. Glenda explained that they had Brouillettes come look for a leak. Brouillette's found that her Mother, Linda Butler's, water softener was stuck on backwash and was going down her drain. Sara Finley had Linda Butler's account history and explained to the Council that the summer sprinkling credit had already adjusted her account. Although, her bill was still higher than normal, she can call or come into the office and we would help her with a payment agreement.

Nathan Riggle was present to ask the Council if they would consider waiving rental fees for the use of the Pavilion at the Park. Fowler Christian Church usually holds kids' group on Wednesdays at the Office of Madison Cottages. However, there was a fire at the Madison Cottage office and are currently repairing it. They would like to hold the kids' group at the park every Wednesday in the month of June. Sara Finley suggested the Council could approve this with a stipulation that they pay the refundable deposit. If there are any issues with the renting of the Pavilion, the Town would keep the deposit and they would have to pay regular rental fees. The Council approved this and FCC kids' group can meet at the Pavilion every Wednesday in June.

Sara Finley stated that Brittany Besse had emailed interest in being on the Fowler Park Board. Mike Sanders motioned to accept her email and interest. Steve Sorenson seconds. All in favor. Motion passed. The Council welcomed Brittany to the Park Board.

Department Head

Brad Lane told the Council that him and Sean Heim had done around 20 ordinance violations. Tall Grass and nuisances were common. The Town is holding a work session on Thursday, June 16, for ordinance penalties. Brad and Sean are working on a spreadsheet for all the violations.

Nate Besse was present and asked the Council about purchasing a new truck. This will cost around \$40,000 and will be split between water and wastewater departments. Jason Fisher motions to accept a purchase of a new truck. Steve Sorenson seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Lee Klemme was present and stated that there is a bill date this month for the purchase of a new police vehicle. Lee has been working on this since 2021, having delayed issues with the dealership.

The Council had general discussion regarding HR issues.

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, Steve Sorenson motions to adjourn, Pat Claire seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Approved:



Linda Brouillette, Council President

Attest:



Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer