

March 6, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 6th day of March, 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, Kristine Muller

Absent: Mike Sanders

Also Present: John Budreau, Nate Besse, Lee Klemme, Sean Heim, Brad Lane, Bill Burton, Kim Bratton

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 made the motion to approve the Jan.17 minutes. Kristine Muller seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Department Heads

Brad Lane stated that we have an unsafe at 809 E 5th St. We have sent a letter out regarding the issues. Linda had asked if there was an update on the current unsafe building at 910 E 3rd St. We moved the date to the April 6 meeting for the owner to come discuss updates on the property.

Sean Heim stated that he had made out a couple of citations and have sent out the letters.

Nate Besse told the Council that OCRA announced that they approved the Towns application for the Water Grant and will be awarded \$513,500. The project will focus on making improvements to current infrastructure, including well house demolition and reconstruction, detention tank rehabilitation, water garage, chemical storage building demolition and reconstruction, water tower rehabilitation, new fire hydrants, new fire hydrant isolation valves and new water main valves.

Lee Klemme addressed the Council and informed them that today was Paden Clements last day. We have advertised and have several applications and March 10 is the last day to accept applications.

Sara Finley asked the Council if they would approve half of the payment to Pyrotecnico for the July 4 fireworks. Jason Fisher motion to approve \$9,485.00 for half of the cost of the July 4 fireworks. Kristine Muller seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had an email from Chrissie McCutcheon in regards to this year's Arbor Day. Arbor Day will be on April 28. It will be held at the Fowler Town Park from 8-1:30. Chrissie works with the Purdue Forestry and the Indiana Solid Waste again this year, along with other educators to host all of the second grade classes in Benton County. The Town usually budgets \$4,000 for this event. Pat Claire motions to accept a budget of \$4,000 for Arbor Day. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had talked to Waste Management about the townwide trash pickup. She asked the Council if they would consider approving June 10 for the townwide garage sales and June 17 for the townwide trash pick up date. Kristine Muller motion to accept June 10 for townwide garage sales and June 17 for the townwide trash pickup. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had a quote from Haley's Lock, Safe & Key for security cameras for the Town Hall. The quote was for \$3,630.00. Pat Claire motion to approve the quote for \$3,630.00. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had an invoice from B.L. Anderson for the removal of old effluent flow meter and a new siemens transducer. Invoice was for \$1,321.00. Jason Fisher motion to accept the invoice for \$1,321.00. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley asked the Council if she could do a pro rated stipend for the new hire Logan Szwarc. After a discussion, the Council agreed to a pro rated stipend after his 3 month probationary period.

Sara Finley discussed the Towns Capital Assets and had two quotes for the Council to look over. This would be to help the Clerk Treasure make sure that all the Capital Assets are correct. One quote was from Peterson Consulting for \$4,750 and the other quote was from LWG CPA & Advisors for \$3,000-\$6,000. Kristine Muller motions to accept the quote from LWG CPA & Advisors for the quote \$3,000-\$6,000. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley stated that she had emailed the Council previous to the meeting in regards to an application for permit to excavate for Fowler right of way for NIPSCO on Anstett Dr. The Council had approved the permit through email, but the Clerk would like it approved in the meeting as well. Jason Fisher motioned that the Council approved this permit in a prior email. Kristine Muller seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Kim Bratton was in attendance as Park Board President to discuss quotes for a new roof on the guard and concession building as well as the shelter house. Kim had three quotes: Sullivan & Fortner, Knox and Bryan Flook Construction. After discussion, Pat Claire motion to accept the bid from Bryan Flook in the amount of \$22,500. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Bill Burton addressed the Council that he would like to update some of the Fire Dept rescue tools. What the Fire Dept. has now are hydraulic and they sometimes have trouble with the pump. Bill would like to get battery operated tools. He would like to get a set of spreaders and a battery-operated Ram. Bill priced the tools and the Spreader would be around \$13,000 and the Ram would be around \$11,000. Total cost would be around \$24,000. Bill stated that he would be attending the Commissioners meeting to ask for help as well.

Jason Fisher asks the Council to help up to \$24,000, if needed for the Fire Dept tools Bill is requesting. Pat Claire motions to accept up to \$24,000. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Claims

Pat Claire motioned to accept the claims. Jason Fisher 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