

May 16, 2022

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 16th day of May, 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 call: Mike Sanders

Also Present: Jud Barce, Ingrid Barce, Brad Lane, Bill Burton, Gail Lange, Marge Wood, Michel Roberts, Edwin Buswell, Ken Smith.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Jason Fisher made the motion to approve the May 2nd minutes. Steve Sorenson seconds. All in favor motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Linda Brouillette opened up the meeting for public comment for the Park Grant the Town of Fowler is working on. Edwin Buswell stated the Park Board will be submitting the application by June 1. These are Federal funds from the U.S. Department of Interior Land and Water Conservation and are administered through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Project cost is estimated to be \$600,000 and is a 50% grant and the Local share would be \$300,000. Michel Roberts, Park Board member, made a comment that there was a new pavilion on the list for the grant but maybe there could be something better to use for the space at the park. The Park Board had discussed adding another basketball court with possible solar lights. Michel also discussed having a pier for the pond. Marge wood, Park Board member, made a comment that the grant included a pre-built restroom that would replace the current restroom in the same location. Linda Brouillette closed the public comment for the park grant.

Jud Barce was present to discuss Unsafe Building Orders. First Unsafe was for 706 S Park Place. The owners have not done anything to improve the property. After a lengthy discussion, the Town Council decided to open an estate for this property. Pat Claire motions to open an estate for 706 S Park Place. Steve Sorenson seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

The next Unsafe Building Order for 107 N Lincoln Ave. Jud stated he talked to the owner and nothing is going to get done so this property will be going to court.

The other Unsafe Building Order is at 122 E 5th St. They had been working on this and Jud is going to reach out to them and see if the owners can give the Town Council an update on the property.

Misc. Business

Jud stated that the Town Council needs to hold another meeting to go over penalties for the ordinance violations. The Council set the date for June 9 from 6-8.

Ingrid Barce was present and had Ordinance 2022-0516 to re-establish the Cumulative Capital Fund. Linda Brouillette made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2022-0516 on its first reading. All in favor. Motion carried. Linda Brouillette then asked if there was any public comment for Ordianace 2022-0516 to reestablish the Cumulative Capital Development fund. No comment from the

public. Pat Claire made a motion to reestablish the Cumulative Capital Development fund. Steve Sorenson seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ingrid stated that the legislature appealed the Indiana Utility Receipt Tax. The Town needs to do a rate hearing and pass an ordinance and provide notice to all the utility customers by July 1. The water rates will go down approximately 1.4% for all utility customers.

Sara Finley had the abatement CF-1 for American Gardenworks real and personal property. Pat Claire motion to accept the abatement. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Sara Finley had Resolution 2022-0516 to Confirm the Organization of Fowler Advisory Plan Commission, the Fowler Board of Zoning Appeals, the Fowler Board of Parks and Recreation, the Fowler Stormwater Board and the Alcoholic Beverage Commission Appointee. Pat Claire motion to accept Resolution 2022-0516. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Sara Finley had Nationwide 401(a) Plan adoption agreement that states the Town is not changing any of the information. Steve Sorenson motions to accept the agreement. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Sara Finley stated that the annual ILMCT Conference will be held on June 12-16 and that she would like to attend, as well as, Kim Bratton. Steve Sorenson motion to accept the Conference. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Bill Burton was present and let the Council know that the Fire dept had a major fire at Madison Cottages. He also stated there were several lift assists and a gas leak.

Brad Lane stated that him and Sean Heim have done roughly 12-15 ordinance violations.

Claims

Pat Claire made the motion to approve and pay all claims. Steve Sorenson 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