

May 1, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 1st day of May, 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, Jason Fisher, Mike Sanders, Kristine Muller

Absent: Pat Claire

Also Present: John Budreau, Nate Besse, Lee Klemme, Sean Heim, Brad Lane, Jud Barce, Dustin Terrell, Stan Rider, Shawn Cain, Gail Lange, Laura Fisher.

Kristine Muller motions to start the meeting, Jason Fisher seconds.

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

Jason Fisher made the motion to approve the April 3 minutes. Kristine Muller seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Jud Barce was present and stated that the Planning Commission met and considered the petition to rezone 601 S Grant Ave., Budreau Investments LLC. It is currently zoned local business. They are going to be building a new building behind their current building, then take down the current building and replace it with a new one. Set backs will be the same. The Planning Commission gave it a favorable recommendation from local business to general business. Jud presented the Ordinance 2023-0501 amending the Town of Fowler's Zone Map to change Budreau Investments LLC property at 601 S Grant Ave from local business to general business. Mike Sanders motioned to accept Ordinance 2023-0501. Kristine Muller seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jud Barce mentioned that Tim Keating is interested in buying the lots on 8th St. He was asking if he had to replat the property. Jud stated he didn't have to do a replat as long as he used the same lot

numbers and will not be subdividing the lots into further lots. The lots will have access to 8th St. They will be recording a survey that will show the dimensions of his actual lots. It will also be assessed into one parcel number so there will only be one stormwater fee.

Jud Barce also had the UBO on the property at 910 E 3rd St. Stan Rider was in attendance to give an update. Stan stated he has a container at the property and some people to help clean out the garage. The Council decided to give Stan until the June 5 meeting to show some progress and there will be a deadline decided at the June 5 meeting to finish the garage.

Shawn Cain with KIRPC was present to discuss that Water Grant. Shawn had the Grant Agreement that the Council can sign at the June 5 meeting.

New Business

Dustin Terrell spoke to the Council in regards to the tree that is located in front of the Fowler Bowling Alley. He stated it seemed to be an obstruction and a liability and he would like for it to be removed. Dustin stated that he scratched his eye on one of the limbs. Discussion was held with the Council. Kristine motioned for the Town to remove all of the trees downtown, from the Bowling Alley down to Washington Ave. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business

Laura Burton discussed the Easter Egg Hunt. Laura stated she asked for donations this year and raised \$755. Expenses were \$1,285.59. Laura said it was probably the biggest crowd that we have had. Laura ordered more raffle tickets for the 4th of July for \$306.00.

Department Heads

Lee Klemme told the Council he hired a new policeman. He starts May 15 and will have to go to the Academy toward the end of August. Lee said that he currently lives on the South side of Lafayette. He said he didn't know if there was anything that stated how long an employee has to move. He is currently looking for a place to buy.

Lee also stated to the Council that he had sent an email out to them wanting to know about receiving overtime or comp time during time of hiring a new officer and the time he is away at the Academy. The Council discussed this and decided to pay Lee overtime.

John Budreau said he would like to hire two summer help employees again this year. The Council approves the summer help.

Sara Finley told the Council that the Town will be awarded \$318,855.75 for the Community Crossing Grant. She had Resolution 2023-0501-1 for authorization of execution of INDOT Agreements. Jason Fisher motions to accept Resolution 2023-0501-1. Kristine Muller seconds. Mike Sanders abstains from voting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley presented the Abatements for American GardenWorks, Inc. and Millennium Real Estate LLC. The Council approved this and Linda Brouillette signed.

Sara Finley had Resolution 2023-0501-2 declaring Town of Fowler property surplus and authorizing its sale. Mike Sanders motions to accept Resolution 2023-0501-2. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had Ordinance 2023-0501-2 Amending the Summer Sprinkling. The summer sewer relief will be the months of May-August. Jason Fisher motions to accept Ordinance 2023-0501-2. Mike Sander seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had the CD renewal from Fowler State Bank. Linda suggested calling banks to see what the better rate is. It is up for renewal on May 16.

Sara Finley had an Additional Appropriation to show the Council. This will be advertised and up for approval at the June 5 meeting.

Jason Fisher discussed having Everside Wellness Clinic for the employees. This has been discussed last year with the Council and would be a benefit for the employees. Jason Fisher motioned to approve having the Part time and Full time employees, as well as the Council Members, be able to use the Everside Wellness Clinic here in Fowler. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had emailed the Council in regards to the application for permit to excavate for the right of way for NIPSCO. The Council came in and signed the application for permit to cut at the location of 809 N Washington Ave.

Claims

Kristine Muller motioned to accept the claims. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

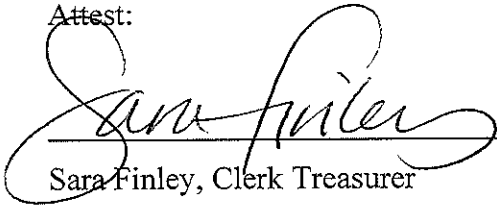
With no further business, Jason Fisher motions to adjourn. Mike Sanders seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat Claire", written over a horizontal line.

Pat Claire, Council Vice President

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sara Finley", written over a horizontal line.

Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer