

**November 4, 2024**

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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, Pat Claire, Jason Fisher, Mike Sanders, Lisa Sarault**

**Also Present: Lee Klemme, Brad Lane, John Budreau, Ken Smith, Emily Albaugh, Latisha Provo, Laura Fisher**

### **Disconnect Hearing**

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

### **Approval of Prior Minutes**

Lisa Sarault motions to approve the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Pat Claire seconds. Lisa Sarault motions to approve the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes, Pat Claire seconds. Lisa Sarault motions to approve the October 31<sup>st</sup> meeting. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor of all three meetings minutes. Motions carried.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Laura Fisher gave an update on Fright Night. Laura stated it was a good turn out with around 400 kids went through business trick or treat. Donations were \$1,330 and expenses were \$1,287.24. 150 hot dogs were served.

Laura had the flyer for the Christmas Stroll. She told the Council the events planned are Run Run Rudolph by the Fowler Community Center, Santa, Grinch, Golf Cart parade, carriage rides, visit Grinch and free movie at the theatre.

Laura also asked the Council if it would be ok to have a nativity at the Monarch Commons. The Council approved. Laura stated there is still issues with the plug ins at Monarch Commons. It will be looked into.

Emily Albaugh with KIRPC was present for a public hearing to discuss the planning grant the Town is trying to get for a Comprehensive Plan. Emily stated the Town has already gone through the procurement process and the Town selected Municipal Civil to do the comprehensive plan. Next, the



application is due Nov. 15. This grant is for \$50,000 with a local match of \$5,600. Ken Smith from Municipal Civil helped with a survey that the Town sent out over social media to get input from residents. So far, we have received 50 surveys. Letters from residents are also beneficial. Lisa asked Emily about existing buildings downtown. Emily stated there is over 20 components to a comprehensive plan you can choose and blight and redevelopment is part of that.

Emily had forms for Linda Brouillette to sign that included: the authorization to submit, the 4 factor analysis, the form to sign once at the beginning and at the end of the project with all fees, and the Environmental review exemption form. Emily also had Resolution 2024-1104 authorizing the application submission and local match commitment. Pat Claire motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2024-1104. Lisa Sarault seconds. Pat Claire motion to approve Resolution 2024-1104. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

Gordon Sheffield was present and stated to the Council that he had trimmed weeds and vegetation around the house. There are still things that he is working on and currently working on a buyer. After discussion from the Council and with Brad Lane, Gordon will call Brad Lane on Friday November 8 to discuss the house. Pat Claire motion to extend the unsafe building order 30 days. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ken Smith was present and discussed the Park project. The contractors are putting in a railing on the restrooms. He stated he wants to put in a 42" top rail every six inches. Ken will send information to Council.

Ken also stated that they have been waiting on NIPSCO for about 10 weeks to move gas line out at the water plant. Quote is for about \$2,000. The Council agreed to have the gas line moved.

Emily also stated that the Council could do a ribbon cutting at the park after the project is complete. Ken stated they should be done by Dec. 1. We will get back with Ken and Emily on the date the Council would like to do this.

Linda had a purchase agreement with Kibo that has been signed for property the Town of Fowler owns on 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Department Heads**

Sara Finley asked the Council if we could use Sierra's Sweet Shop to cater the Town Christmas Party. The Council approved.



## Claims

Jason Fisher motioned to accept the claims. Mike Sanders 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:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda Brouillette", written over a horizontal line.

Linda Brouillette, Council President

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sara Pinley", written over a horizontal line.

Sara Pinley, Clerk Treasurer

