

November 6, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 6th day of November, 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, Mike Sanders, Lisa Sarault.

Also Present: John Budreau, Nate Besse, Lee Klemme, Brad Lane, Bill Burton, Laura Burton, Gail Lange, Blake Schoen.

Disconnect Hearing

No one was present for the disconnect hearing. Mike Sanders 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 October 2 and Special Meeting, October 10 minutes. Pat Claire seconds. Mike Sanders abstains from October 10 meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business

Laura Fisher was present to discuss Fright Night. There were 161 that participated in the Costume contest. 47 Businesses participated in the Business trick or treat handing out candy. There were around 672 candy bars handed out from the Fowler Theater.

Laura then discussed the Christmas Stroll. The Christmas Stroll will be on Saturday, Dec. 2. with the events being Run Run Rudolph, Golf Cart Parade, Carriage Rides, Visit with Santa and the free movie at the Theater.

Chrissie McCutcheon addressed the Council in regards to the Construction at Golf Heights. She gave the Council an update that three homes have been built with one being sold in the next couple of weeks. There will be a total of 15 homes built. She inquired about the tap fees for each of the homes being built. The Council discussed this with her and stated that there is an expense to the Town as well.

Blake Schoen from Hoosier Associates was present and discussed 2024 insurance coverage for the Town.

Department Heads

John Budreau stated that he would like to have two truck loads of salt. Two truckloads will cost around \$4,000. Pat Claire motion to approve the purchase of two truckloads of salt. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

John Budreau also discussed the Mainstream right of way permit we received. He stated that he did not approve the permit since Mainstream has neglected the agreement, they have with the Town pertaining to the last permit. In the agreement, Mainstream was to put asphalt in all the holes in the streets. Instead, Mainstream used a cold mix. John has talked to Mainstream and they have not fixed the issue yet. The Council agreed with John and will not approve any more permits until the issues are fixed.

Nate Besse was present and discussed the vac trailer he would like to purchase. He had one on location the past week for him and the Council to look at. He got a bid from Best Electric for \$149,685. Jason Fisher motioned to approve the vac trailer and bid from Best Electric. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bill Burton addressed the Council and told them he had given Sara Finley an invoice for two radios that he would like to purchase for the Fire Dept. Sara Finley stated that she could encumber the money for next year. Mike Sanders made the motion to approve the two radios and to encumber the funds for next year. Lisa Sarault seconds. Jason Fisher abstains. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had an agreement between the owner "Town of Fowler" and Engineer for Professional Engineering Services for the Water Project. Pat Claire motioned to accept the agreement. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had the Oct spreadsheet from Sean Heim that showed the violations and updates.

Sara Finley had contracts from Mainstream. These contracts would be for internet services for the Town Hall, Police Dept., Fire Dept and Water Dept. After discussion, the Council decided to combine the Town Hall and Police, and also get services for the Fire and Water Dept. Mike Sanders motioned to approve. Lisa Sarault seconds.

Sara Finley had a letter typed up to give to Ken Smith regarding the extra funds needed for the Water Project. The letter stated that the Town Council approves \$21,600 with \$10,800 to be taken out of the Water Depreciation Fund and \$10,800 to be taken out of the Water Operating Fund. Linda Brouillette signed the letter.

The Council discussed the bids for the Water Project and decided on Division A is Utility Service Company with the bid of \$410,400, Division B is 1 Source with a bid of \$495,000 and Division C is Infrastructure Systems, Inc. with a bid of \$147,700. Pat Claire motioned to accept the three Division Company and their bids. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had the illumination agreement for Stone's Local Public House. Stone's Local Public House permits the illumination of the mural of it's exterior wall by supplying the electricity for LED lights to the Town, in exchange for a annual payment. Linda Brouillette signed this agreement and Sara Finley will have Justin Stone, Owner of Stone's Local Public House, sign.

Claims

Mike Sanders motioned to accept the claims. Pat Claire 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

