

**October 17, 2022**

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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, Pat Claire, Mike Sanders**

**Absent: Jason Fisher**

**Also Present: John Budreau, Nate Besse, Jud Barce, Gail Lange**

### **Approval of Prior Minutes**

Mike Sanders made the motion to approve the October 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

Jud Barce was present for the Unsafe Building hearing. No one was present to give an update on the property at 706 S. Park Place. This hearing was an extension on the unsafe building order to allow 28 days to either find a buyer, list the property, or start fixing the required renovations needed from the ubo. Since no one was present to give an update, Mike Sanders made the motion to accept the bid of \$9,500 for the demolition of the house located on 706 S Park Place. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Linda Brouillette opened the meeting up for public comment at 6:10. The Town of Fowler intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Wastewater Drinking Water Program. This Program is funded by Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following: water system improvements. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$700,000. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low-and moderate-income persons is \$360,710. The Applicant also proposes to expend an estimated \$337,950 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from the following sources: Town of Fowler ARPA funds. There was no public comment. Time at 6:12.

### **Misc. Business**

Ann Molter was present in regards to the Benton County Country Club utility bill. She had stated that there had been a leak for quite a while. They had replaced the toilet and there were issues with the new toilet. The Council looked over reports and work orders for the office and discussed the issue. The Council stated that with it being a toilet issue, and the water did go down the pipes and the Wastewater had to treat it, that we could not adjust any of the utility bill. We decided to run another report to check if the leak has been corrected and be in touch with Ann. Ann thanked the Council for the consideration.

John Budreau addressed the Council to discuss the 2023 paving. John had met with Ken Smith to go over which streets needed paving. The Council and John discussed all the roads listed and decided that for the first round of the Community Crossing Grant, they would include all of the 15 streets except 1 street on Grant from 10<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be included in the next round of Community Crossing Grant.

John also had a quote from Morton Salt for 50 ton at \$89.98 per ton. Pat Claire motioned to accept the quote from Morton Salt. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had a letter for the Water Grant for KIRPC to conduct and transcribe minutes for the public hearing held for the Town of Fowler's Application for the WDW Program for a water system improvement project. Linda Brouillette signed this for Edwin Buswell.

Sara Finley had the Community Crossing Matching Grant (CCMG) Close Out letter for INDOT. This stated all the information received from the CCMG. It also stated that with the change in the paving agreement for Reith Riley, the Town of Fowler will reimburse \$8,868.86 back to INDOT. Linda Brouillette signed this for Ken Smith.

Sara Finley had received a resignation letter from Marge Wood from the Park Board effective immediately. Sara Finley also had an email of interest from Kimberly Bratton to sit on the Park Board. Pat Claire motioned to accept the resignation letter from Marge Wood. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried. Pat Claire motioned to accept the email from Kimberly Bratton to sit on the Park Board. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had Ordinance 2022-1017 A- Establishing Opioid Fund-Unrestricted and Ordinance 2022-1017 B- Opioid Fund-Restricted. These funds are a participation political subdivision from a national settlement with Johnson & Johnson, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson relating to opioid prescription and addiction. Pat Claire motioned to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2022-1017 A and Ordinance 2022-1017 B on its first reading. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried. Pat Claire motioned to accept Ordinance 2022-1017 A and 2022-1017 B. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley discussed the Town Christmas Party asked the Council if we could choose between the Fire Dept and the Benton County Country Club. The Council suggested asking all of the employees which they would prefer.

Sara Finley had an amendment to Salary Ordinance 2022-0001 as Salary Ordinance 2022-1017 to add lifeguard certification reimbursement of \$135 and the Pro-Rated stipend for Jacob Pool of \$600. Pat Claire motioned to accept Ordinance 2022-1017. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Claims**

Mike Sanders made the motion to approve and pay all claims. Pat Claire seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

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



Approved:

Linda Brouillette

Linda Brouillette, Town Council President

Attest:

Sara Finley

Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer