

October 2, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 7th day of September, 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, Lisa Sarault.

Electronic: Mike Sanders

Also Present: John Budreau, Nate Besse, Lee Klemme, Laura Burton, Gail Lange.

Budget Adoption for the 2024 Budget

Pat Claire motioned to accept the 2024 Budget. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried. Jason Fisher Abstains.

Disconnect Hearing

No one was present for the disconnect hearing. Pat Claire 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 September 7th minutes. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business

Laura Fisher was present. She stated there were 43 vendors for the Fowler Sidewalk Sales. Laura discussed advertising and may try other options to help with the cost.

Laura then discussed the upcoming Halloween Fright Night. Business Trick or Treat will be held on Friday, Oct. 27 from 3-5:30, followed by 5:30-6:30 a candy walk and games, 6:30 Costume contest at Monarch Commons, as well as, pumpkin decorating contest, bike raffles and hot dogs. At 8:30 there will be a ghost walk hosted by Fowler Theater. Tuesday Oct. 31 will be residential trick or treating from 6-8.

The Christmas Stroll will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2 with more information to follow.

Department Heads

Lee Klemme stated that Grant is a third way through the Academy.

Nate Besse had a quote for a new metal building for the 12th Street lift station. Quote is from NORAA Contracting and is for \$35,500. Pat Claire motioned to accept the quote. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nate also had a 2 quotes for replacing 6 valves on the Razz pumps. One quote was from Utility Supply Company for \$5,868. EJP quote is \$6,588. Pat Claire motion to accept the Utility Supply Company for \$5,868. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nate stated that Wastewater Operator Jacob Pool had passed all his tests and asked if he could be moved to Utility Operator. Jason Fisher motion to move Jacob Pool to Utility Operator. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sean Heim was not present but had given the Town Hall Office his updated spreadsheet of Ordinance violations. The Council looked over the list.

Sara Finley had Ordinance 2023-1002-2 solid waste collection updated fee. Fee will go from \$13 to \$14. Linda Brouillette made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2023-1001-2 Solid Waste collection and disposal rate change. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor. Motion carried. Linda Brouillette motions to approve Ordinance 2023-1002-2. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had Reduction Resolution 2023-1002 from Riverboat Machinery and Equipment for \$30,000. Linda Brouillette made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2023-1002 for the reduction of Riverboat Machinery and Equipment for \$30,000. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried. Linda Brouillette motions to approve Resolution 2023-1002. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley stated that she had received an email from Laura Fisher asking for approval of the Halloween Fright Night. The Council approved this through email but Sara asked for the approval during the meeting. Pat Claire motioned to approve Fright Night and the \$1000 budget. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley also discussed the email that was sent from Nate Besse in regards to the County septic at the recycling center for the new building. Pat Claire motioned to approve a leech bed at the recycling center. Mike Sanders seconds. Jason Fisher abstains. Motion carried.

Sara Finley presented two Right of way permits to the Council. One is for Mainstream to work at the Courthouse and Nipsco at 1105 E 7th St. Pat Claire motions to approve both Right of Way permit. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Linda Brouillette asked about Clark's Cutting Edge Landscaping. This is the company that planted the bushes in planters along 5th St. Sara Finley commented that she had emailed, called and went to the business in regards to the bushes not being planted properly. She stated that Ashley Clark, that works there told her she would come to Fowler on Sept. 13th or 14th to observe the bushes and fix them if needed. They failed to show up. Linda suggested writing a letter and she would sign it to see if this would help resolve the issue.

Claims

Pat Claire motioned to accept the claims. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

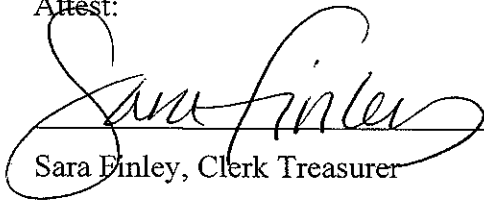
With no further business, Linda Brouillette motions to adjourn. Pat Claire seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Approved:



Linda Brouillette, Council President

Attest:



Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer