

September 7, 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, Mike Sanders.

Also Present: John Budreau, Brad Lane, Sean Heim, Nate Besse, Ken Smith

Adoption Hearing for the 2024 Budget

Linda Brouillette opened the meeting up to hear any public comments regarding the adoption hearing for the 2024 budget. No public comments were made. Linda closed the public comments for the 2024 budget adoption hearing.

Disconnect Hearing

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

Approval of Prior Minutes

Mike Sanders made the motion to approve the August 7th minutes. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Pat Claire motioned to accept the August 29th meeting minutes of opening the bids for the Water Project.

Department Heads

Nate discussed Ordinance 2023-0907-2 Sara had for the Council for water and sewer tap fees. Tap fees would be as the following:

5/8" line- \$1,000

1" line- \$1,500

1-1/2" line- \$2,000

2" line or higher- Time and Materials

Linda Brouillette made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2023-0907-2 amending the services rendered by the water and sewer utilities of the Town of Fowler for water and sewer connection/tap fees on its first reading. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Linda Brouillette motions to approve Ordinance 2023-0907-2. Pat Claire seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nate also discussed Washington/St Rd 55 INDOT project that Milestone is working on. He stated the way Milestone back filled certain areas it would be too hard for the Town employees to repair any problems that may occur. The Town would have to hire it done at a higher expense. Linda Brouillette stated that there were several complaints in regards to this project. Some of these complaints are:

-The Fire Dept. parking lot has been damaged due to Milestone equipment driving and parking on it.

-John Budreau stated that he has photos of the Milestone equipment being parked on several side streets damaging the streets.

-Milestone has poured the curbs at the parking lot of the Fowler Theatre and placed a drain at the entrance of where the public will be driving through to park.

-The Fowler Dentist office has lost business due to the length of time of this project.

Linda has spoken to the Town Attorney on this matter and he suggested to get pictures and documentation of everything. Ken Smith spoke to the Council and asked if they would like him to contact the Crawfordsville office and discuss all the complaints the Town is receiving regarding this project. The Council would like Ken to call and set up a meeting.

John Budreau discussed the Community Crossing Grant for January. He would like to do 13 streets and add some curbs and sidewalks. Total project cost would be estimated \$985,200 with the grant paying an estimated \$738,900 and the Town portion would be an estimated amount of \$246,300. The Council agreed this needs to be done. Ken Smith will be drawing up the plans to show the Council.

Sean Heim was present and had an excel sheet of all the violation letters that have been mailed out in August. 15 letters have been mailed. 8 of them have complied, 3 are currently working on the violation and 4 have not complied as of the meeting.

Sara Finley stated she had received an email from Phil Benner saying he was interested in being on the Park Board. Pat Claire motion to accept the intent. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara had Ordinance 2023-0907-1 to update reimbursement rates for services performed by the Town of Fowler. Pat Claire motions to approve. Jason Fisher seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara told the Council that she had been in touch with insurance over the light pole at the park. They came and looked at the damaged pole and deemed the damage was from old age and the insurance company will not cover the cost.

Linda Brouillette confirmed that a letter had been sent out by Kristine Muller resigning from the Town Council effective Sept. 1. Sara gave the letter to the County Clerk Jennifer Greenburg. Jennifer has been in contact with the Republican Party and they will set a date for a Caucus.

Sara showed the Council an idea for a new Town logo. The Council approves and Sara will be in contact with Ken Smith about putting it on the water tower after it gets painted.

Miscellaneous Business

Ken Smith was present to discuss the Water Project bidding. There are three divisions of bids. Bidding was as follows:

Division A

- Utility Service Company with a bid of \$410,400
- Viking Painting LLC with a bid of \$418,900 with an alternate of + \$43,200
- Classic Protective Coatings, Inc. with a bid of \$453,610 with an alternate of + \$45,490

Division B

- Hamstra Builders, Inc. With a bid of \$572,300 with an alternate of -\$21,210

Division C

- Infrastructure Systems, Inc. with a bid of \$107,200 with an alternate of \$147,700.

After discussion was held on all the bids, Jason Fisher motions to accept the Utility Service Company bid for Division A, and Infrastructure Systems Inc. for Division C, with rebidding for Division B.

Claims

Pat Claire 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:



Linda Brouillette, Council President

Attest:



Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer