December 30, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 30th day of December, 2025 at the hour of 12:00 P.M., for a meeting pursuant to call in accordance with the rules of the Council. The meeting was called to order by Jason Fisher, Council President. On call of the roll of the members of the Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Jason Fisher, Mike Sanders, Mike Brewer, Michelle Sarault

Absent: Lisa Sarault

Also Present: Kim Bratton, Lee Klemme, Brad Lane, Blake Schoen

Approval of Prior Minutes

Mike Brewer made the motion to approve the December 1st & 8th meetings. Michelle Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Kim Bratton had Resolution 2025-1230 authorizing transfer of appropriations. $40,000 in General Police Capital Outlays to Police Salary and $700 Police Professional Services to Police Salary. Mike Sanders makes a motion to suspend the rules and consider Resolution 2025-1230 authorizing transfer of appropriations on its first reading. Mike Brewer seconds. All in favor. Mike Sanders makes a motion to approve Resolution 2025-1230. Michelle Brewer seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kim Bratton had Ordinance 2025-1230 for an additional appropriation. Mike Brewer motions to approve Ordinance 2025-1230 for the additional appropriation. Michelle Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kim Bratton had Ordinance 2025-1230-1 for the sewer rate increase for 2026-2030. Mike Brewer makes a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2025-1230-1 for the sewer rate increase on its first reading. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried. Mike Brewer a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-1230-1. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kim Bratton had the 2026 travel policy for the Council to look over. They Council decided to change the daily food allowance from $35 to up to $50. The Council approved the travel policy for 2026.

Kim Bratton had salary ordinance 2026-001. Mike Brewer makes a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 2026-001 authorizing the salary ordinance on its first reading. Michelle Sarault seconds. All in favor. Mike Brewer makes a motion to approve salary ordinance 2026-001. Michelle Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Blake Schoen was present to discuss insurance from this past year. He discussed changes and things that are not changing. Advised looking into increasing coverage for property damage. Blake will get a quote for the policy change. Also advised to increase Cyber Security policies and have more training. Blake will also get more information and present to Council at a later meeting.

Kim Bratton presented the Council with a quote from ESL/SPECTRUM for parts and replacements for a few street lights down 5th street. The quote was for pole with banner assembly, globes replacement, and some banner assembly for $8,107.73. Mike Brewer makes a motion to except the quote. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Department Heads

Brad Lane stated that he had no new updates at this time. Clayton Bohlinger could not be present, but had reached out to Mike Brewer and wanted to know if Jake Pool could start out were he left off. Council wants the minutes from the prior meeting that his employment status was discussed looked over and discuss it further when they have that information. Clayton also asked if Wednesday the 31st of December could be a half day of work. Council discussed and agreed to let employees have half day off. Mike Sanders made the motion to let employees have half day off Wednesday the 31st of December. Michelle Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Claims

Mike Brewer to accept the claims. Michelle Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further business, Mike Brewer motions to adjourn. Michelle Sarault seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Approved:

Jason Fisher, Council President

Attest:

Kim Bratton, Deputy Clerk Treasurer