February 2, 2026

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 2nd day of February, 2026 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 Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer. On call of the roll of the members of the Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

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

Also Present: Lee Klemme, John Budreau, Clayton Bohlinger, Brad Lane, Laura Fisher, Jud Barce, Ken Smith, Gail Lange, Sara Finley, Damien Mohammed, Anna Mohammed, Brad Budreau, Kevin Wendt, Scott Gobel.

Disconnect Hearing

No one was present for the disconnect hearing. Mike Brewer motioned to proceed with disconnects. Michelle Sarault seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Michelle Sarault made the motion to approve the January 5 minutes. Mike Brewer seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Jud Barce was present to discuss the UBO at 112/114 E. 5th St. Jud stated the corner siding had been addressed by filling the cavity with foam insulation, installing new insulation, installing new wood plywood underneath and sealing the area with sheet siding. The same approach was applied to the garage door area. Damien Mohammed did try to treat an area of the ceiling but has decided to remove all the ceiling tiles. The top and bottom of the building at 112 has been cleared out. The bottom part of 114 still needs cleaned out and the top of 114 has construction material. They have an auction company coming on Thursday. They plan on removing and replacing the drywall at the main level at 114. They will have 2 more dumpsters to clean out the rest by the March 2 meeting. Brad Lane will inspect the buildings before the March 2 meeting. Mike Brewer motions to extend the UBO to the next meeting, on March 2. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Brad Budreau and Kevin Wendt with Heritage FS was on the agenda. Brad has switched fuel companies and would like to opportunity to serve the Town with the new company. He previously served the Town fuel for about 14 years. He would like to opportunity to continue serving the Town. Heritage is competitive with the cost and there is no cost for new equipment. Brad asked if there were any questions. John Budreau asked how long it would take to switch tanks, Brad stated he would make it as seamless as possible. Brad and John discussed wiring the tanks. Brad stated they could find someone to wire them. No yearly fees for the equipment and no contracts unless the Town wanted to.

Scott Gobel was present for Keystone. He stated he has had 30 years' experience. He believes the equipment the Town has now is Keystone. Keystone does have 3 locations in Benton County. He believes the cost would be competitive with Heritage. Jason asked if there were any contracts now and Scott stated no, but there are contracts available if the Town is interested.

Mike Brewer and Mike Sanders opened the two paving bids the Town received. Mike Brewer opened a bid from Rieth Riley with the bid amount of $584,713. Mike Sanders opened a bid from Milestone with a bid of $583,150.00. Lisa Sarault motion to approve Milestone for $583,150.00 Mike Brewer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ken Smith mentioned that he is working with Clayton on a cyber security and asset management plan.

Lee Klemme sat with the Council and discussed trading in 4 pistols the police officers have and buying 4 Glocks with red dot optic. Lee had a quote from Ray O'Herron's for $2,102.52. Lee can get a trade in of $275 for each gun. Lee also noted he could get 3 holsters for $521.91. Mike Brewer motion to approve the quote for 4 new guns and 4 holsters. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business

Lisa Sarault had attended the KIRPC meeting and mentioned that they will be holding several meetings if any of the Dept Heads or Council members would like to go. A couple of the meetings were cyber security and invest in community identity. You can either attend in person or they will have the option to zoom. Lisa will get more information if anyone is interested.

Department Heads

Brad Lane stated that the Fire Dept. had 13 calls for the month of January and last year the call volume went up 157%.

Laura Fisher gave the Council information on the movie bingo fundraiser she held at the Fowler Theater on Friday, January 30th. There were 35 in attendance. She had several businesses donate for the winners.

Laura gave the Council the Easter egg hunt flyer for this year. The Easter egg hunt will be on Saturday, April 4th with a rain date of Sunday, April 5th.

Sara Finley stated that the Fowler Grand Prix will be held on October 2-4 this year.

Sara Finley had two right of way applications from NIPSCO for an 8th Street project. John Budreau, Clayton Bohlinger and the Council looked at both them. Mike Brewer motioned to approve both applications. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had the fire protection agreement and the firefighting equipment lease. Michelle Sarault motions to approve both fire protection agreement and the firefighting equipment lease. Mike Brewer seconds. Jason abstains. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had the Town attorney agreement for 2026 from Jud Barce. Mike Brewer motions to approve the agreement. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara had Resolution 2026-0202 confirming the organization of the Fowler advisory plan commission, the board of zoning appeals, the board of parks and recreation, the Fowler stormwater board and the alcoholic beverage commission appointee. Mike Sanders motions to approve Resolution 2026-0202. Michelle Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara had 3 quotes for the 4th of July. The Council looked over all 3 quotes and decided to table it until the next meeting.

Claims

Mike Brewer motioned to accept the claims. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Approved:

Jason Fisher, Council President

Attest:

Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer