January 5, 2026

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 5th day of January, 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, Sean Heim, Brad Lane, Laura Fisher, Bill Burton, Jud Barce, Ken Smith, Gail Lange, Sara Finley.

Sara Finley, Clerk-Treasurer, brought the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Sara stated there needed to be a nomination for a Town Council President. A nomination was made by Lisa Sarault for Jason Fisher to become President. Mike Sanders seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried. A nomination was made by Jason Fisher for Lisa Sarault to be Vice President. Mike Sanders seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Department Liaison were then decided as follows:

Clerk's Office, Building Commissioner, Code Enforcer and Event Coordinator – Jason Fisher

Police Dept. – Lisa Sarault

MVH & Park – Mike Sanders

Utilities Dept. – Mike Brewer

Fire Dept- Michelle Sarault

The Council also needs to make a motion to accept Jud Barce as the Town Attorney. Mike Brewer motions to accept the Department Liaisons and Town Attorney. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Disconnect Hearing

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

Approval of Prior Minutes

Mike Sanders made the motion to approve the Dec 30th minutes. Michelle Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Jud Barce had Resolution 2026-0105 confirming an economic revitalization area and granting abatement. Mike Sanders motions to approve Resolution 2026-0105. Mike Brewer seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jason Fisher asked if the Council would be interested in doing another round of the BIG program. The Council discussed this with the possibility of starting another round in April or May.

New Business

Ken Smith was in attendance. He informed the Council that he will email them a draft of the Comprehensive Plan.

Ken stated that the Council will open the bids at the February 2nd meeting for the Community Crossing grant for paving.

Lisa Sarault mentioned that Tim and Cami Barrett were having issues with the Sewer. Clayton Bohlinger stated the issue was on the Town's side and the bill could be sent to us.

Department Heads

Clatyon Bohlinger stated that Peerless Midwest Company was going to be out Thursday to do their annual well and pump testing.

Clayton said Kyle has started his training with Alliance this week. Alliance will be holding their Spring Conference in March and Clayton would like to go and take Kyle as well. Mike Sanders motions to approve the Spring Conference in March. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

John Budreau told the Council they finally received the new leaf machine.

Laura Fisher had the Christmas stroll update. They had Santa Clause, Carriage rides, Movie, golf cart parade and Photographer. Laura also held a coloring and Christmas Light contest.

Laura stated Easter egg hunt will be on Saturday, April 4th. Lisa motions to approve $1400 for Easter. Mike Brewer seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Laura was discussing July 4th fireworks. Sara Finley stated she usually gets a contract from Pyrotechnico in April. She will reach out and possibly get more quotes for this year.

Jason Fisher addressed the Council and attendees and thanked Bill Burton for all his years as Fire Chief. This year, Brad Lane took over as Fire Chief.

Sara Finley had an ordinance to update the Town Boards for 2026. Boards include the Zoning Appeals, Parks and Recreation, Stormwater and Alcoholic Beverage Commission Appointee. After going over it, we noticed we needed to replace a member that currently is not an employee of the Town. We will update this and have it at the next Council meeting.

Sara Finley had Ordinance 2026-0105 updating reimbursement of mileage for Town of Fowler employees. The new rate of reimbursement according to the Internal Revenue Service will be 72.5 cents effective January 1, 2026. Mike Sanders motions to approve Ordinance 2026-0105. Michelle Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley had the 2026 KIRPC certificate of appointment form. Someone from the Town Council has to be on the board for one year. Lisa Sarault volunteered to do it for a third year. Mike Sanders motioned to approve Lisa for the KIRPC board. Mike Brewer seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

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. Michelle Sarault seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Approved:

Jason Fisher, Council President

Attest:

Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer