July 6, 2026

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 6th day of July, 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 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, Lisa Sarault, Mike Sanders, Mike Brewer, Michelle Sarault

Also present: Clayton Bohlinger, Jake Pool, John Budreau, Brad Lane, Sean Heim, Jamie Cackley, Doug Flynn, Edwin Buswell, Colleen and Andy Hall, Keith and Kate Daily, Macey Happ, Jud Barce, Damien and Anna Mohammed, Kyrsten and Cameron Wilson, Gail Lange, Ron and Angie Glotzbach, Trinity Lape, Brittany Besse, Sara Finley.

Public Hearing

Edwin Buswell of the KIRPC conducted a public hearing regarding the Town's proposed Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Grant through OCRA. The proposed grant amount was $350,000 with a local match of approximately $38,890. Mr. Buswell reviewed eligibility requirements, eligible improvements, income guidelines, and the application process. Following discussion and public comment, Mike Brewer motioned to approve Resolution No. 2026-0706-1 authorizing submission of the grant application. Mike Sanders seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

BIG awards

Jason Fisher recognized the recipients of the Town's 2026 BIG Program. Awards were presented to Daily's Service, Fowler American Legion, Glotzbach Pharmacy, Cackley Real Estate, Game 'N Grub, Trinity's Creations, Molly and Bops Bakery Nook. The Council expressed appreciation for their continued investment in the Fowler community.

Disconnect Hearing

Renee Hanford as present to discuss her account. She had just received a disconnect letter and wanted to pay her bill. Sara took her to the office and Kim Bratton helped her. No one else was present for the disconnects. Mike Brewer 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 June 2nd meeting. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Jud Barce provided updates regarding the unsafe building proceedings for 112 and 114 East Fifth Street. Damien and Anna Mohammad reported continued progress on debris removal, tuckpointing, and cleanup. Following discussion, the Council granted an additional extension and directed that the property be reviewed again at the August meeting with Brad Lane inspecting both buildings and the garage, remove any junk or debris from the garage and confirm there is no more junk or debris in 112 and 114 East Fifth St., continue progress on the tuckpointing. Mike Sanders motioned to approve the extension. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Department Heads

John Budreau stated that Milestone should start sidewalks and paving downtown around July 15. He also mentioned that the street sweeper should be arriving around the same time.

Brad Lane told the Council that June was one of their busiest months with 23 runs.

Sara Finley had Resolution 2026-0706-2 establishing a separate fund for an advance grace and appropriating local match funds. Lisa Sarault motions to approve Resolution 2026-0706-2. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara had Resolution 2026-0706-3 to donate real estate, commonly known as, 107 N Lincoln Ave. Mike Brewer motioned to approve Resolution 2026-0706-3. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried. Sara had the sales disclosure forms and warranty deed for Jason Fisher to sign.

Sara asked the Council about giving Kyle Clark paid leave. His wife will be having their first child in a couple weeks. As this is a case-by-case scenario, the Council discussed his length of service and FMLA. After discussion, Mike Sanders motions to approve 3 weeks paid. Mike Brewer seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara Finley stated that the Fire Dept will be awarded $20,000 grant from the Community Foundation and would like to request the matching funds of $5,000. Michelle motions to approve the matching funds. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara mentioned to the Council that there will be an additional appropriation hearing at our next meeting, Monday, August 3rd and will have Ordinance 2026-0803 for Cumulative Capital Development in the amount of $50,000. This will be for the comprehensive matching grant, the BIG recipient awards and the OOR matching grant.

Laura Fisher gave the Council an update on the July 4th events. She discussed expenses and donations, as well as, vendors, contests and games. She stated that Larry Winger was bringing his hoop shoot trailer to the park but in the process had a flat tire and was unable to come to the event. Laura asked the Council if she could give him $50 for his expense. Laura Fisher requested that the Council approve an additional $200 to be added to Ben Fisher's pay for helping at the July 4th event. Lisa Sarault motions to approve the $50 and $200 amounts. Mike Sanders seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jason asked Gail Lange to pick out the Business Spotlight names. Gail picked out Edward Jones and Stone's Local Public House.

Claims

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

Adjournment

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

Approved:

Jason Fisher, Council President

Attest:

Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer