March 2, 2026

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met at the Town Hall on the 2nd day of March, 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 Brewer, Michelle Sarault

Electronic: Mike Sanders

Also present: Jud Barce, John Budreau, Clayton Bohlinger, Brad Lane, Sean Heim, Chrissie McCutcheon, Damien and Anna Mohammed, Brandon Williams, Gail Lange, Sara Finley.

Disconnect Hearing

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

Approval of Prior Minutes

Michelle Sarault made the motion to approve the February 2nd minutes. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Gail Lange drew for the business spotlight. The two businesses are Bear's Auto and Cackley Real Estate.

Jud Barce was present to discuss the UBO at 112/114 E. 5th St. Damien and Anna Mohammed stated that they have filled at least 12 dumpsters full and have been in contact with an Auctioneer to come for some things to auction. The Auctioneer would like to wait until it gets warmer. 112- upstairs of the building is clean and the downstairs has improved. Brad Lane stated that they fixed the window after he inspected the property. New goals to work on or finished is to remove the things out back (the pallet jack and metal items), need a date from the Auctioneer and two more dumpsters. Michelle Sarault motions to extend the UBO to the next meeting, on April 6. Mike Brewer seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Brad Lane stated that he had three more unsafe building orders that he is working on.

Brandon Williams was present to discuss fireworks for 2026. He gave the Council information about his fireworks including license, certification, insurance, safety, expectations, responsibilities, display breakdown, timeline and cost. The Council looked this over and will discuss again.

Chrissie McCutcheon from Benton County Soil and Water Conservation was in attendance to discuss the annual Arbor Day, which will be Friday, April 24th. Chrissie stated that Purdue forestry will be there, along with DNR mobile bus to help teach the 2nd graders about forestry and trees. Michelle Sarault motions to approve a $1,500 budget. Mike Brewer seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business

Jason Fisher mentioned that the state chemist would be coming Friday, March 6 to test the pond. DNR had already been there and everything checked out fine. DNR stated that this is happening all over and probably is from drought conditions. John Budreau and the Council discussed the wells and may get a quote to check the pumps and screens.

Department Heads

Clayton told the Council that they inspected and cleaned manholes on 5th St. He stated that he would like Johnson's Sewer Service to come help clean up the rest of the sewer lines, which will be about 1600 feet. Johnson's quoted $450 an hour. Mike Brewer motioned to approve the $450 an hour. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

John said he would get the leaf machine out in April and clean up leaves if needed. He also discussed the road cut permit for 905 E 7th St that was for a gas leak repair for NIPSCO and a road cut permit for Aquila Corp to install two flower pots on Sharon Ave. Michelle Sarault motioned to approve both road cut permits. Mike Brewer seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

John mentioned that there was an issue with NIPSCO not fixing an issue with a past permit, so he will not sign off an anymore permits after these until this is cleared up.

Sean Heim asked the Council who they would want to use for spring clean up and mowing. The Council discussed this and decided to go with McGinnis Lawn Care.

Brad Lane had an estimate for seven new pair of boots for fireman, a fire hook and 5 streamlights. The estimate is for $3,723.00. Lisa Sarault motions to approve the estimate for $3,723.00. Mike Brewer seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Brad also had a quote for 4 new radios for the Fire Dept. from Motorola for $19,885.46. There is lit, public safety funds that can be used for this. Brad did state that he can trade in 4 radios for $600 apiece. Mike Brewer motions to approve the quote. Michelle Sarault seconds. Jason Fisher abstains. Motion carried.

Brad also stated that there were 13 fire runs in February.

Lisa Sarault had an update for Lee Klemme. He emailed the Council the monthly report and stated that the new squad car is at the Outfitters shop. All the parts are ordered and will be starting on it soon.

Sara had the estimate from Gretencord Lawn and Garden for the yearly clean up at the Monarch Commons. The estimate is for $2,445.00. Lisa Sarault motions to approve the estimate. Michelle Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara had a proposal from Municipal Civil for the 2026 CCMG Services for $11,663.00. Michelle Sarault motions to approve the proposal. Mike Brewer seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara stated that Fowler State Bank will be having a 95th Anniversary cook out on June 27 from 11-3 and would like to close the street off from Madison Ave to Van Buren Ave. Mike Brewer motions to approve the street closure. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara asked if the Town could do their annual garage sales on Saturday, June 13th and the townwide trash pick up on Saturday, June 20th. Michelle Sarault motions to approve. Mike Brewer seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara had the 2023 old checks that can be receipted back into Keystone and send to Indiana Unclaimed. The total was for $88.70. Michelle Sarault motions to approve. Lisa Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sara had the hold harmless agreements for the Town if anyone trains or uses the gun range. Mike Brewer motions to approve the agreement. Michelle Sarault seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Council discussed fuel bids and decided to table it until next meeting.

Claims

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

Adjournment

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

Approved:

Jason Fisher, Council President

Attest:

Sara Finley, Clerk Treasurer