

July 6, 2015

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 6th day of July, 2015 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 Steve Rettig, who presided. On call of the roll the members of the Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

PRESENT: Steve Rettig, Kathy Schwartz, Laura Lee

ABSENT: Linda Brouillette, Pat Claire

Meeting called to order by Steve Rettig.

Disconnect Hearing – No one present for disconnects. Kathy Schwartz motioned to move forward with the disconnect list and Laura Lee seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Kathy Schwartz motioned to accept the minutes from the regular meeting on June 15th with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

New Business

Chris Cartwright and Steve Powell both with AT&T were here to ask the Council to consider waiving the permit fee for boring into the road. AT&T would like to bury fiber optic for approximately 1700 feet at the cost of \$3.50 per foot. Steve Rettig asked what Fowler would be gaining from waiving the fees and Steve Powell pointed out that we would be gaining infrastructure and it would be an investment. John Budreau and Alan Leuck were asked if they had any opinions. John explained that the fees were to help defray any future costs of having to relocate other infrastructure. Steve and Chris explained that if they were asked to relocate it in the future that they would. Kathy Schwartz motioned to waive the fee for the permit with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Jennifer Bennett was here to discuss her mother's bill for sanitation. She explained to the Council that her mother never received a garbage tote when they were originally delivered. She said that after talking to the Clerk's Office she finally got one but she didn't realize that it was for garbage because it was a different color and it said recycling on it so she didn't use it. She was asking the Council to waive garbage fees for her mother because she wasn't provided with the garbage tote and when she was she didn't use it. Steve Rettig tabled the matter until the next meeting so that they could get some more information.

Department Head Updates

Bill Burton had a radio go bad and it will cost \$1500.00 to repair it or \$2345.52 to replace it. Kathy Schwartz motioned to buy a new radio for \$2345.52 with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Alan Leuck presented the Council with a quote from Ferguson for storm drain work at the new water plant. The labor will be around \$6,000.00 and the materials are \$3,668.00. Kathy Schwartz motioned to purchase the materials and move forward. Laura Lee seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried. He also showed them a picture of a problem that he is having at the plant. He explained why he thinks he is having this issue. There are a couple options to fix the problem but his long term option would be to clean the ditches.

John Budreau informed the Council that the little pool was closed today because plaster started coming off. He asked what his priority should be for tomorrow, fix the pool or be at the meeting they had scheduled. Kathy told him to fix the pool. He handed the Council a quote from Edwards for the roof on his building that has been leaking. There is a 20 year guarantee and the cost would be \$14,675.74. Kathy Schwartz motioned to have the rood repaired with Laura Lee seconding the motion. John also gave the Council the cost for repairing the streets and alleys which are \$33,855.00 for streets, \$59,830.00 for alleys, and \$51,335.00 for chip and seal. Laura Lee motioned that John have it all done and to pay \$21,000.00 of it out of Local Roads and Streets Fund and the rest out of MVH. Kathy Schwartz seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Ryan Whybrew gave the Council Pay Application #9 in the amount of \$78,876.32. He also said that well #9 is online and running and there are still punch list items being worked on. Laura Lee motioned to pay the Pay Application #9 with Kathy Schwartz seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Claims

Steve Rettig asked about the penalties for the IRS payment. Melissa explained that she needed some help going over the 941's because in the same quarter they gave us a refund and said there was an amount due. Kathy Schwartz agreed that it would benefit us to have someone else look over them. Kathy Schwartz motions to pay the claims with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further business Laura Lee motioned to adjourn with Kathy Schwartz seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Steve Rettig, Presiding Officer

Attest:

Melissa Kidwell, Clerk-Treasurer