

## July 20, 2015

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Linda Brouillette, who presided. On call of the roll the members of the Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

**PRESENT: Linda Brouillette, Pat Claire, Steve Rettig, Kathy Schwartz, Laura Lee**  
**ABSENT: None**

Meeting called to order by Linda Brouillette

### **Approval of Prior Minutes**

Kathy Schwartz motioned to accept the minutes from the regular meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup> with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

July 4<sup>th</sup> summary was presented to the Council by Laura Burton. She said that there was a great crowd and beautiful weather. Electric and water will need to be figured out for next year. She said that she had good feedback from the vendors and the Council stated how they liked the set up this year. She also said that the deck worked out really well and it looks really nice. There were a few issues with dogs in the park again this year but in all things went well.

The matter with Jennifer Bennett that was tabled from the last meeting was discussed. Steve Rettig explained to the rest of the Council what she was asking for. The Council didn't approve a refund on the bill for Virginia Taylor's sanitation fees.

### **New Business**

Ty Emilson was in attendance and asked the Council if the American Legion could close off the street again on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August for a band. He said that he would speak to all the neighbors again. The Council approved his request and Steve Rettig said that he would speak to John Budreau and let him know.

The application to cut town pavement submitted by AT&T was signed by the Council.

Bob Rettig and Jim Dwenger were in attendance regarding the veteran's memorial that will be going in at the Court House. Jim said that he would like to put a small drain on it and tap into the catch basin. They are also asking to shut off the street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> when they are having ceremonies. Council gave approval to hook into the catch basin and to shut the street off when needed.

There was discussion on what to do with the 2 spots where the trees won't grow in front of the Bank and the Community Center. The Council would like to purchase 2 new benches and suggested that Melissa fill out a grant from the Benton Community Foundation.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Linda Brouillette received a phone call from Steve Wagner of Ready Mix tonight. Linda asked Melissa to email her a breakdown of what he pays per unit of water. The Council decided that there wasn't much that could be done about it because it is an Ordinance.

Linda was also asked why we don't shop local for insurance. It was discussed and bids are put out every 3 years. The Town needs to be fiscally responsible with tax payer money.

### **Department Head Updates**

Ryan Whybrew said that the punch list is almost done. The final pay application was sent to the Town and didn't go through him. There was some discussion on the storm drain project. He will be getting several quotes from people regarding several issues to help secure the final balance of the loan for the water plant.

Dennis Rice would like to purchase some ammunition and make a rather large purchase so that he won't have to purchase any for a couple of years. The cost would be \$1272.00 plus shipping. The shipping is kind of expensive because of the weight so the total could be around \$1400.00. Kathy Schwartz motioned to make the purchase with Steve Rettig seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried. He informed the Council that he had an offer of \$4500.00 for the old car from the company that is putting in the equipment in the new car. It was decided that the law would need to be looked at first. He said that he is looking at getting new radios because he doesn't know how many more upgrades their radios will handle. Motorola is offering a trade in right now and he would like to replace at least a couple of them. Kathy Schwartz motions to replace all of the radios and to use the LOIT fund for this purchase. Pat Claire seconds the motion. All in favor and motion carries.

Alan Leuck discussed that he would be losing his summer help soon and that he doesn't have the man power to do a lot of the repairs that he needs done. There was also discussion about the lack of money in his budget to make all of the repairs. The Council asked him to get them a list of priorities so that it can be done one at a time. Linda Brouillette explained that the Council would get together for a work session to figure out what to do about the waste water budget.

Steve Rettig said that he was told by John that Otterbein would like to borrow the Town's street sweeper for 3-4 hours for the summer festival. The Council agreed to let them borrow it.

### **Claims**

Kathy Schwartz motioned to approve the claims minus the \$2700.00 that the big pool was charged for sewage and to move \$6000.00 of the firework invoice to from donations to Community Development. Laura Lee seconded the motion with the changes. All in favor and motion carried.

**Adjournment**

With no further business Linda Brouillette motioned to adjourn with Pat Claire seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

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Linda Brouillette, Presiding Officer

Attest:

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Melissa Kidwell, Clerk-Treasurer