

December 21, 2015

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 21st day of December, 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

ABSENT: Laura Lee

Meeting called to order by Linda Brouillette

Approval of Prior Minutes

Pat Claire motions to approve the minutes with Steve Rettig seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Unfinished Business

The 2016 Salary Ordinance will be table until the final meeting of the year.

New Business

Shirley Barker was in attendance regarding the traveling memorial wall. Boswell Alumni is trying to get the traveling wall in Boswell to honor veterans. It will be there April 28th to May 2nd. They are having a meeting on January 6th and they would like a representative from the Town Council to be there. A fund has been set up with the Benton Community Foundation if anyone would like to donate. She asked if anyone had any questions. Linda Brouillette and Pat Claire volunteered to be at the meeting on the 6th.

Miscellaneous Business

Bill and Kathy Burton's water softener had a leak and were asking for an adjustment. Pat Claire motioned that they pay the water and 2 units above the average waste water usage with Kathy Schwartz seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

A termination letter was sent to the Benton County Commissioner's regarding the recycling contract. The letter stated it would terminate on January 31st but per a phone call from Patty Clouse, Brian Berry said they would like to terminate it on December 31st. The Council was in agreement. Linda will email the Benton Review and ask them to put something in the paper. She also said she will have something in there making sure that people can still and are encouraged to continue recycling.

Pat Claire motioned to change the 2016 salary ordinance for the water superintendent pay to be \$23.31 an hour. Steve Rettig seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

The Benton County EMS director asked the Council to purchase 2 new radios for EMS from Motorola in the amount of \$4,922.71. Kathy Schwartz motioned to purchase the radios with the exception that we receive an invoice from Motorola. Steve Rettig seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Steve Rettig said that the park board met today for their yearend meeting. He said that they would like to encumber \$7,367.86 for the fencing around the ball park. It is part of the 5 year plan. He also said that the only thing not accomplished on the plan was the Frisbee golf course. Steve Rettig motioned to encumber \$7,367.86 for the ball park fence. Pat Claire seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Department Head Updates

Brad Lane would like to make some changes to the fines in the ordinances. The Council would like him to bring the changes to them first.

Nate Besse sad the plant has had a few small issues but he is getting them resolved.

Ryan Whybrew said that he should have the new quotes to the state engineer tomorrow. He gave the Council a quote for an aerial survey. Kathy Schwartz motioned to move forward with the aerial survey and to pay for it out of Economic Development Fund. Pat Claire seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Melissa gave the Council a quote on the umbrella insurance. Bob Kirkwood said that we have been at 2 million for the last 15 years and suggested that we increase it. Linda Brouillette motioned that we increase it to 3 million with Kathy Schwartz seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

It was brought up that the Prairie Preservation Guild is doing the final phase of the theater and they asked if the Town could donate. The Council agreed that tax payer money can't be used to donate.

Claims

Pat Claire motioned to approve the claims with Steve Rettig seconding the motion. 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:

Linda Brouillette, Presiding Officer

Attest:

Melissa Kidwell, Clerk-Treasurer