

Town of Fowler Newsletter February 2016



Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2016

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 19th day of January, 2016 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, Council President. 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, Laura Lee
ABSENT: Kathy Schwartz

Meeting called to order by Steve Rettig, Council President.

Approval of Prior Minutes
Pat Claire motions to approve the minutes from 1/4/2016 with Linda Brouillette seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Unfinished Business
Linda Brouillette inquired if the information was gathered for the Benton County Fact Book, as the information needs to be in by January 28th.

Linda Brouillette gave a little information in regard to the Veterans Memorial Wall coming to Benton County. The next meeting for that is on February 4th at the Oxford Fire Station.

New Business
Fire Contract for 2016 was presented to the Council and with no changes to the previous contract, Linda Brouillette motioned to accept contract with Laura Lee seconding. All in favor and motion carried.

Resolution 2016-1. Outstanding Checks. Pat Claire motioned to accept with Linda Brouillette seconding. All in favor and Resolution passed.

Resolution 2016-2. BZA and Plan Commission appointments. Laura Lee motioned to accept the resolution with Linda Brouillette seconding. All in favor and Resolution passed.

Laura Lee made a motion to have Linda Brouillette re-appointed as the NWSWD representative with Pat Claire seconding. All in favor and motion passed.

Miscellaneous Business
Jud Barce, Town Attorney, was present to talk with the Council about the Storm Water Assessment process. After some discussion of the difference in the two options the board decided that the Title 8 version would be the best option. Jud will get a draft together for the council to approve.

Steve Rettig was asked by a member of the Fowler Little League about getting a trash toter and what the cost would be as they are trying to cut costs and wanting to get rid of their dumpster.

Department Head Updates
Nate Besse informed the council of a couple rusty water complaints. The generator for the water plant is in the process of being fixed. Nate also requested to start working on paperwork for the State to have a backup person trained.

The Council requested to have a copy of the final 2016 Pay Ordinance.

Claims
Linda Brouillette motioned to approve the claims with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Adjournment
With no further business Steve Rettig

motioned to adjourn with Linda Brouillette seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Approved: Steve Rettig, Presiding Officer
Attest: Melissa Kidwell, Clerk-Treasurer

February 1, 2016

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 1st day of February, 2016 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: Linda Brouillette, Pat Claire, Steve Rettig, Kathy Schwartz, Laura Lee
ABSENT: None

Meeting called to order by Steve Rettig, Council President.

Disconnects
Marcia Dorsey and Mitch Dorsey were here regarding a leak at the apartments and at Dave's home. Dave was unable to attend due to being ill. All of the leaks have been fixed and they will be in to pay in the morning. The Council needs more information before they can determine what kind of adjustment if any should be given. No one else was here for the disconnection hearing. Pat Claire motions to move forward with the disconnections except for Dorsey's accounts. Linda Brouillette seconds the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Approval of Prior Minutes
Laura Lee motions to approve the minutes from January 19th with Linda Brouillette seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Unfinished Business
Linda Brouillette motions to approve Ordinance 2016-1 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 of the Town of Fowler Code of Ordinances Relating to Nuisances with Pat Claire seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

New Business
3 members are needed for the storm water drainage board. After some discussion and Jud's explanation of duties, Steve appoints Mike Cain to 2 years, John Budreau to 3 years, and Pat Claire to 4 years. The oath of office was then given to all 3 members by Steve.

Linda Brouillette motions to accept Ordinance 2016-2, An Ordinance to Establish the Town of Fowler as a Special Taxing District for Storm Water Management and Establish a Storm Water Fund. Kathy Schwartz seconds the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

The Council reviewed a letter from Benton Community Foundation regarding the purchase of a bison for bicentennial. After some discussion the Council decided they weren't interested.

Linda Brouillette said that Dave Eberhardt contacted her because Melrose Pyrotechnics contacted him regarding fireworks for the 4th of July. They wanted to know if Fowler was interested in using them again. Kathy Schwartz motioned to use Melrose Pyrotechnics for the fireworks display with Pat Claire seconding the motion. All in favor and

motion carried.
Miscellaneous Business

Shannon McLeod from PPR updated the Council on the water grant. She informed them that the Federal Audit was done on January 13, 2016 and there were no findings. She gave Steve form 2 and 3 to sign so that the project could be closed. She left the Council with the grant agreement for the Storm Drain grant. It needs to be signed and mailed this week. Kathy Schwartz motioned to move forward with the grant agreement with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried. Shannon passed out the project schedule and discussed it.

Tish Ringle asked the Council for a budget for Arbor Day. Kathy Schwartz motioned to approve \$2,500.00 for Arbor Day with Linda Brouillette seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Department Head Updates
Alan Leuck informed the Council that he had to order rebuilt pumps. Nate Besse said that the generator is fixed and it was covered under warranty. John Budreau asked the Council if Colin and Jr. could attend the Vectron Control conference so that they could get some continuing education hours. The cost of the conference is \$120.00 a person and the room would be about \$88. Council agreed to let them go to the conference which will be held March 6, 7, and 8. John also asked if he could work out a deal with Rod Green to do some excavation work in trade for some sand. The Council agreed to it. He also said that Jr's truck is due to be replaced this year and he is working on getting some quotes.

Claims
Linda Brouillette motioned to approve the claims with Pat Claire seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Adjournment
With no further business Steve Rettig motioned to adjourn with Pat Claire seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.
Approved: Steve Rettig, Presiding Officer
Attest: Melissa Kidwell, Clerk-Treasurer

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Garbage Pick-up	3	4	5
6	7 6:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting	8	9 Garbage Pick-up	10 Water Bills Due	11	12
13	14	15	16 Garbage Pick-up	17	18	19
20	21 6:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting	22	23 Garbage Pick-up	24	25 Town Hall Closed	26
27	28	29	30 Garbage Pick-up	31		

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Spring projects reminder!!
Building permits are required for any electrical service upgrade, fences, decks, concrete, and yard barns bigger than 160 square feet.
Demolitions of any kind require a demolition permit. Please keep this in mind while designing your projects or remodels and remember to call before you dig.

DID YOU KNOW?
You can pay your bill online or have it automatically withdrawn from your bank account? To pay your bill online visit our website at: www.townoffowler.com. To have your payment automatically withdrawn you can stop by the Town Hall or give us a call at 765-884-0570.

At A Glance FOWLER GOLF CART ORDINANCE

- All Golf Carts shall display an orange or bright red flag or pennant attached to a pole so that the flag or pennant is at least 6 feet, but no more than 7 feet, above the surface of the street.
- No Golf Cart shall be operated at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour.
- All Golf Carts shall display a triangular slow moving vehicle emblem.
- Golf Carts shall display a rearview mirror in such a manner that the operator has an unobstructed view to the rear of the vehicle while facing forward.
- All vehicles shall obey all the traffic rules and regulations of the State of Indiana and of the Town of Fowler and shall be equipped with headlights and taillights. Lights shall be illuminated 30 minutes prior to sunset through 30 minutes after sunrise.
- All Golf Carts shall be equipped with factory seating and occupancy shall not exceed that to be accommodated by factory seating. The operator and all passengers in the Golf Cart must be seated while the cart is in motion.
- The operator of any Golf Cart needs to be at least 16 years of age and possess a current driver's license properly issued by the State of Indiana or any other state.
- At the time of registration, the owner shall present proof of insurance insuring, not only the vehicle from property damage, but also carrying property damage and personal liability coverage for injury or damage to property of others and of personal injury to others with limits of liability equal to or exceeding the minimum limits as required by Indiana Law.

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