

TOWN OF FOWLER NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2015

MEETING MINUTES

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 from 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.

July 20, 2015

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 20th 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 6th with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Unfinished Business

July 4th 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 29th 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

5th and 6th 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.



PLEASE NOTE:



The County has made some changes with the recycling pick up. You must have all recycling in a white or clear bag and it must be in the blue tote that was delivered. If you don't have a blue tote you can call either the Town Hall at 884-0570 or the County at 884-0420 and one will be delivered to you. You may also pick one up at the recycling center located on the Aaway. They will no longer pick up recycling if it is in a black bag. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

ORDINANCES

Effective immediately, the Town Council will be strictly enforcing ordinances. There are some ordinances that include fines so if you receive a letter from the Town of Fowler, **PLEASE DON'T DISREGARD IT.**

You can view the Town's code of ordinances at the following link: https://www.municode.com/library/in/fowler/codes/code_of_ordinances or simply go to municode.com and select the state and city that you want to view.

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20	21 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting	22	23 Trash Pick-up	24 Recycle Pick-up	25	26
27	28	29	30 Trash Pick-up			

School is back in session! Please be on the lookout for children and stop for buses! Help keep our community safe!