

**May 2, 2016**

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 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: Kathy Schwartz, Pat Claire, Steve Rettig, Laura Lee, Linda Brouillette**  
**ABSENT: None**

Meeting called to order by Steve Rettig, Council President.

### **Disconnect Hearings**

No one was present for the hearings. A gentleman was in before the meeting started to sign an agreement. Linda Brouillette motioned to move forward with the disconnections. Kathy Schwartz seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

### **Approval of Prior Minutes**

Pat Claire motions to approve the minutes from April 18<sup>th</sup> with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

### **New Business**

Katrina Molter was in attendance regarding her building uptown. She would like to have commercial up front and an apartment in the back for her new tenant. There is an access in the back for the apartment and a window will be installed. After some discussion it was decided that a variance should be filed.

Kathy Schwartz motioned to pass Ordinance 2016-5 with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Pete Lukaczyk was in regarding some ruts that had been made in his yard from the garbage company during the last snow storm. He asked the Council when the issue would be fixed. The Council agreed we should fix it and then bill Advanced Disposal. John will fix it on Wednesday. Linda Brouillette motioned that the Town fix the yard and then bill Advanced Disposal for reimbursement. Laura Lee seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Shannon McLeod and Ryan Whybrew were in attendance to discuss the storm drain project. Shannon said that an extension is going to have to be filed on the bid that was supposed to be done June 30<sup>th</sup>. Shannon asked Ryan if he was comfortable with a 4 month extension. The new bidding date will be October 30<sup>th</sup> if the 4 month extension is accepted. Shannon said she would email the Council, Ryan and Jud on what needs to be done next.

An estimate was given to the Council by Ryan Whybrew regarding sewer being brought to the houses on Main Street. The estimate is \$300,000.00. There was discussion on the options with no decision made at this time.

Kathy Schwartz motioned to accept the mission statement with Linda Brouillette seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Job evaluations were submitted to the Council. The liaisons will meet with the Superintendents.

### **Old Business**

The Council held a work session a few weeks ago regarding the water and sewer rate study. Kathy Schwartz motioned to adopt Version A Proposal for water and sewer with a 2% increase each year after that. Linda Brouillette seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

### **Department Head Updates**

The bid for street paving was opened and read. The bid was from Milestone. Kathy Schwartz motioned to accept the bid with Pat Claire seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

John gave the Council an estimate for plastering the pool. The estimate is \$83,700 and to tile the small pool it is an additional \$2,800.00. The problem is the park won't have all the money to pay for it. Kathy suggested using the pool restoration fund and John said that will be needed for the new pump for the slide. Kathy Schwartz motioned to pay \$45,157.47 to the pool from Riverboat to help pay for the cost with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried. Pat Claire motioned to litigate on the pool for new plastering with Kathy Schwartz seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

The Council was given estimates for the Town portion of the CAP project. It was \$1770.00 for parts, \$1870.00 for meters, 3 guys at 24 hours, 3 days of backhoe, 9 tap water tap fees at \$400.00 each and 9 tap fees for sewer at \$750.00 each.

Brad Lane showed the Council the drawing for the CAP project and a decision was made regarding curbs. Alan Leuck said he would like to dig for sewer lines before NIPSCO comes in.

Alan Leuck said that the sewer plant needs soffit work and he wants to get an estimate because animals are getting into the attic. The Council asked him to get 3 estimates. He also said that the north lift station door is broke.

Nate Besse updated the Emergency Response Plan with names and numbers. Kathy Schwartz motioned to accept the Emergency Response Plan with Linda Brouillette seconding the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Melissa explained to the Council the special allocation of funds that we will be receiving and how it had to be split. 75% to infrastructure and 25% to the Rainy Day Fund. She also asked permission for her and Annette to attend the June school. Laura Lee motioned for Melissa and Annette to attend with Pat Claire seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

**Claims**

Kathy Schwartz motioned to approve the claims with Pat Claire seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried. It was noted that Dennis needed to sign the AT&T bill.

**Adjournment**

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

Approved:

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Steve Rettig, Presiding Officer

Attest:

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Melissa Kidwell, Clerk-Treasurer