

June 20, 2016

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 20th day of June, 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

ABSENT: Linda Brouillette

Meeting called to order by Steve Rettig, Council President.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Pat Claire motions to approve the minutes from June 6th with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Main Street residents were in attendance regarding the sewer issues. 2 residents have some issues with their septic system. It was pointed out that to tie one into the town system then they would all have to be tied in. It would roughly cost \$180,000.00 for the 6 homes. After some discussion one of the residents was given information on who to contact regarding his septic system.

Public Hearing was held regarding the water and sewer rates. The least amount was decided upon per the rate proposal. The public hearing was closed. Kathy Schwartz motioned to accept ordinance 2016-0620A and 2016-0620B with Pat Claire seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Jud Barce informed the Council that he sent a letter to Dave Fisher regarding the Town wanting to repeal the resolution from 1993 that had to do with ditch assessments. He said he would keep the Council informed on what needs to be done next.

New Business

Paul Jackson was in attendance to introduce himself to the Town Council as the new Benton County Economic Developer.

Tish Ringle was in attendance and asked when the street light was going to be put back up down by the movie theatre. The Council explained why it hadn't been put back up yet. She also discussed Arbor Day and gave the Council some thank you notes that were written by Mrs. Thurston's class. She said this was her and Karen Klemme's 17th year volunteering for Arbor Day and they greatly appreciate what the Town has done.

Miscellaneous Business

Steve Rettig asked the Council about hiring Destin Haas to clean up the Fowler sign at 18 and 52 before the 4th. It was also brought up that the lights at both signs needed to be looked at. Melissa will contact 3H Electric to look at the lights. The Council all agreed to have Haas clean up and to have the lights replaced with LED lights.

JR Witt received his license for wastewater operator. Melissa asked about his pay and if it should go up according to the salary ordinance. Kathy Schwartz motioned to change his pay rate up to certified operator effective with the next pay. Laura Lee seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Department Head Updates

Alan received a quote from Interstate Builders. Sam was to get him a new quote so that they would be for the same work. Alan said that he will wait until the next meeting or when he gets the quote from Sam.

John Budreau gave the Council 2 quotes for a new backhoe. One was for \$76,500.00 and the other for \$78,000.00. There was some discussion between department heads. All department heads agreed that a new one is needed. Kathy Schwartz motioned to purchase the new backhoe for \$76,500.00 with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Bill Burton discussed the fire hydrant at the old box factory. Nate Besse said that it needs replaced and when they do that it will be moved outside of the fence.

Claims

Pat Claire 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 Pat Claire seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Steve Rettig, Presiding Officer

Attest:

Melissa Kidwell, Clerk-Treasurer