

Town of Fowler Newsletter

July 2016

Meeting Minutes

August 2016

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	1 Town Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	2	3 Garbage pick up	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Garbage pick up	11	12	13 Last day for pool season
14	15 Town Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. First day of school	16	17 Garbage pick up	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Garbage pick up	25	26 Yard waste at street garage 8:00 am to 4:00 pm	27 Yard waste at street garage 9:00 am to noon
28	29	30	31 Garbage pick up			

May 16, 2016

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 16th 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.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Pat Claire motions to approve the minutes from May 2nd with Kathy Schwartz seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Schroeders appeared for the unsafe building order hearing. They made arrangements to get a new roof and take the chimney down by the end of June. Kathy Schwartz motions to continue the hearing with Linda Brouillette seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

A complaint was filed by the Jarding family. A copy of the complaint was given to the Council and Dennis has filed a supplemental report with Jud and the Council. Jud asked the Councils permission to send a letter that he has drafted. Council reviewed the letter and were in agreement to send the letter along with the supplemental report.

Ditch assessments were discussed with Jud. Options were discussed for future payments. Pat Claire motioned to set aside the resolution from 1993 and cause the County to reevaluate how that money is collected. Kathy Schwartz seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

New Business

Bids for curbs at the CAP project were given to the Council. Milestone and Noraa Contracting submitted them. After some discussion Kathy Schwartz motioned to do a \$200,000.00 match to CAP for the new grant being submitted with Linda Brouillette seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business

The thank you card sent to the Town from the Arbor Day Committee was read aloud.

Benton County Country Club has a leak and the Council was asked about an adjustment to their water bill. Kathy Schwartz motion to approve the adjustment at the summer sprinkling rate with Linda Brouillette seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Holscher Products submitted their tax abatement. Kathy Schwartz motioned to approve the abatement with Pat Claire seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Kathy Schwartz wanted to commend all the superintendents for spending less than half of their budgets for the year.

Department Head Updates

Bill Burton said he has received the carbon monoxide tester. He also got prices on spare SBCAs and can save \$500.00 by ordering along with another department. Kathy Schwartz motioned to approve the purchase of 8 spares with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Brad Lane said that he felt the town wide clean up went well and that tall grass letter have been going out and mowing is getting done.

Alan Leuck tried getting quotes for siding and soffit. Sam Donaldson is the only one that has turned one in. The Council suggested he try and get a couple more.

Claims

Linda Brouillette motioned to approve the claims with Kathy Schwartz 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: Steve Rettig, Presiding Officer
Attest: Melissa Kidwell, Clerk-Treasurer

June 6, 2016

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 6th 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, Linda Brouillette

ABSENT: None

Meeting called to order by Steve Rettig, Council President.

Disconnect Hearings

No one was present for the hearings. Linda Brouillette motioned to move forward with the disconnections. Laura Lee seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Linda Brouillette motions to approve the minutes from May 16th with Kathy Schwartz seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

New Business

Kevin Puetz was in to ask for an adjustment on his water bill for Fowler Pest Control. He said that the water he uses doesn't go into the sewer it is used to spray on lawns. There was discussion regarding businesses getting the summer sprinkling credit and it was decided that it should be a case by case basis with yearly approval. Kathy Schwartz motioned for Fowler Pest Control and Angel Pest Control to receive summer sprinkling credit. Linda Brouillette seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Ordinance 2016-6, Special LOIT Fund, there was discussion on how much it was and if it was a onetime distribution. The Council decided to put the 25% into the Rainy Day Fund. Kathy Schwartz motioned to create the fund with 75% of the funds to go into the Special LOIT Fund and 25% to the Rainy Day Fund. Pat Claire seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Resolution 2016-5 (Resolution for Retirement), Kathy Schwartz motioned to accept with Linda Brouillette seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Rate Hearing

Hearing was opened to the public. The rate ordinances were introduced and copies were offered to the public. No one present had any comments. Motion to close was made by Kathy Schwartz with Linda Brouillette seconding the motion.

Miscellaneous Business

Linda Brouillette motioned to authorize Laura Burton to use the credit card for the permit for the 4th with Pat Claire seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the budget for the 4th of July. Kathy Schwartz motioned for \$7500.00 with Linda Brouillette seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Department Head Updates

Dennis asked if he could replace some body armor that is about 5 years old. The cost would be \$900.00 to \$1,000.00. The Council approved the purchase.

JR Witt informed the Council that he passed his test and is now a wastewater operator class II.

Alan Leuck received estimates for his building repairs. There was some discussion on them. Pat Claire said he would call Interstate and get some more information.

There was some discussion about the sewer hook ups on Main Street. It was decided that they would be invited to the next Council meeting on June 20th.

Claims

Kathy Schwartz motioned to approve the claims along with the Point Services invoices with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Adjournment

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

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

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

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