

## **December 5, 2016**

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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: Laura Lee, Kathy Schwartz, Pat Claire, Steve Rettig**

**Absent: Linda Brouillette**

### **Disconnect Hearing**

No one was present for the disconnect hearing. Pat Claire motioned to proceed with the disconnects with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

### **Approval of Prior Minutes**

Kathy Schwartz motions to approve the prior minutes from the November 21<sup>st</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

The unsafe building order hearing has been cancelled. The house has been torn down and cleaned up.

The storm water bid motion can't move forward yet because of some land issues that need resolved.

### **New Business**

Jud Barce asked the Council to sign an attorney client waiver for Gene McGowen who Jud will be representing regarding a tax abatement. Pat Claire motions to sign the attorney client waiver for Gene McGowen of American Garden Works with Kathy Schwartz seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Jud presented a Statement of Benefits to the Council. He did it for 3 years instead of the normal 10 years. He is asking for a 100% abatement per year for 10 years. Mr. McGowen discussed with the Council how it would help his company by receiving the abatement at the 100% for 10 years.

Pat Claire motions to accept Resolution 2016-1205, a Resolution Declaring An Economic Revitalization Area, with Kathy Schwartz seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Kathy Schwartz motioned to accept the Sloniger and Grube contracts with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried. Sloniger will close the first week of January.

Hoosier Associates were in attendance regarding the insurance bid. Steve Rettig explained that the Council decided to go with Consolidated Union for the Town insurance.

### **Department Head updates**

Bill Burton submitted a claim for radios that they fire department had upgraded. The invoice is for \$3,625.00 and he would like to pay for it out of the LOIT Safety Fund. Kathy Schwartz motions to pay RACOMM from the LOIT Safety Fund with Pat Claire seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried. Bill also stated that he would like to purchase some new gear and the last time he bought any was in 2003. He would like to purchase 20 sets for \$31,569.00. Kathy Schwartz motioned for Bill to purchase 20 sets of new gear for \$31,569.00 with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Brad Lane talked with Jud about Senesac's deck. Jud will send a letter out to all parties and a BZA meeting will be set.

John Budreau informed the Council that the Park's 5 year plan was approved at the meeting earlier today. They also voted to spend \$12,000.00 for chemicals and pond cleaning.

**Claims**

Kathy Schwartz motioned to approve the claims along with the Point Services claims as long as Alan Leuck approves. Pat Claire seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

**Adjournment**

With no further business Steve Rettig motioned to adjourn with Laura Lee seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Approved:

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Steve Rettig, Council President

Attest:

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Melissa Kidwell, Clerk-Treasurer