

January 2, 2018

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 2nd day of January, 2018 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 Cindy Gretencord Fowler
Town Clerk. On call of the roll of the members of the Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Steve Rettig, Pat Claire, Linda Brouillette, Steve Sorenson, Laura Lee

New Business

Nominations were made for Town Board President; Pat Claire made the motion to elect Linda Brouillette as board President for the year 2018 Steve Sorenson seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried. Pat Claire made the motion to elect Steve Sorenson as Vice President of the board for the year 2018 Steve Rettig seconds the motion all in favor motion carried.

Pat Claire made the motion to keep the Superintendents of Departments the same for the year 2018. Dennis Rice as Police Chief, John Budreau as Street, Nate Besse as Water, Alan Leuck as Waste Water, and Brad Lane as Building Inspector. Laura Lee seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried.

New Department Liaisons are as follows:

Clerk Office – Linda Brouillette

Police Department – Steve Sorenson

Water/Fire – Steve Rettig

Street/Park/Building Inspector – Pat Claire

Waste Water – Laura Lee

Disconnect Hearing

No one was present for the disconnect hearing. Steve Rettig motioned to proceed with disconnects. Steve Sorenson seconds the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Pat Claire made the motion to accept the minutes from the December 18th meeting, Laura Lee seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Steve Rettig motions to accept the minutes from the December 29th meeting Steve Sorenson seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried

Unfinished Business

A discussion was held briefly by the board on the HSA funds they furnished \$500 per employee for 2017 and the motion was made by Steve Rettig to repeat that for the year 2018 Laura Lee seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried

Linda Brouillette shared an update from the Benton County Community Foundation for the \$50,000.00 to match the grant they are applying for. This will be for the vacant lot by where the Mural has been painted, by the Local.

The quotes for the phone system were also presented to the Board for the next phone contract and it was decided to stay with the existing phone system. More time is needed to research the options out

there for a less expensive phone system that would meet the needs of all the Town Departments. Laura Lee made the motion Pat Claire seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Ryan Whybrew from Point Services was present to discuss the 21 days that Atlas had requested at the previous meeting contingent on Point Services also extending. Point Service is not in agreement with the 21 day extension. They will draft a letter to Atlas stating the end date will remain the 14th of January

New Business

A Quote was reviewed by the board submitted by the Clerk's Office for a Lien Software Package to be added to the Keystone Program currently being used by the Clerk's Office. Quote was \$1500.00 for the software and a full day of training and installation for the software. Steve Sorenson motions to purchase the Lien software at the \$1500.00 Laura Lee seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried

Pat Claire discussed the issue he has had recently with the sewage backing up at his residence. The town is currently checking to see if the problem is the Towns problem or not.

Miscellaneous Business

The board discussed having another workshop on Tuesday the 9th at 5PM to discuss the budget cuts.

The board also discussed the meetings for 2018 will be held the Tuesday after if the Monday is a holiday. Steve Sorenson makes the motion to have the meetings the Tuesday after if the Monday is a Holiday, Laura Lee seconds the motion. Steve Rettig voted Nay, All others voted Yay motion carried.

Department Heads

Brad Lane discussed the issues with the Local Bar Building, he said that the owner has people coming to look at it and see what can be done.

Claims

Being the first meeting of the year there were no claims to approve.

Adjournment

With no further business Steve Rettig motions to adjourn, Pat Claire seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Approved:

Linda Brouillette President

Attest:

Cindy Gretencord Clerk Treasurer