

May 4, 2015

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 4th day of May, 2015 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 Linda Brouillette, who presided. On call of the roll the members of the Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

PRESENT: Linda Brouillette, Pat Claire, Steve Rettig, Kathy Schwartz, Laura Lee
ABSENT: None

Meeting called to order by Linda Brouillette.

Disconnect Hearing – No one present for disconnects. Steve Rettig motioned to move forward with the disconnects and Pat Claire seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Laura Lee motioned to accept the minutes from April 20th with Pat Claire seconding the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

Jeff and Patty Windler were present to discuss the survey done to their property to find out exactly where their property lines sit. After much discussion, it was decided that they should call 811 to have the lines marked by them.

The tax abatement for Holscher Products was presented. Pat Claire motioned to accept with changes done to dates and amounts to reflect correct amounts and Steve Rettig seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Attendance for Melissa and Annette to Annual Clerk-Treasurer conference in Indianapolis in June was approved. Laura Lee motioned to allow and Pat Claire seconded. Motion carried.

Melissa requested to proceed with filing of small claims against Madison Cottages for unpaid utility bills for past tenants. Kathy Schwartz motioned to have Jud Barce Town Attorney proceed with the filing. Pat Claire seconded. All in favor and motion carried.

Since the Park Board was unable to meet the Council voted to leave all pool admission amounts the same as last year. Pat Claire motioned and Steve Rettig Seconded. All in favor and motion carried.

Linda informed the Council that the CAP match commitment letter had been finalized. She read the letter to the Council which included the following items: the property was appraised at \$28,000, the Town additionally pledges further financial support in the amount of \$20,000 for the installation of sewer systems and sidewalks to serve the two triplexes, \$350 for the cost of the property appraisal, \$10,900 for cash in-kind for the expense of connecting utilities and waiving all tap fees for a total financial commitment in support of this development of \$59,250.00. The Town of Fowler is doing an additional \$40,000 in sewer line expansion to the surrounding property for future development of additional senior housing.

With a motion made by Kathy Schwartz and seconded by Laura Lee the Council voted to proceed with a pledge of \$50,000 for the Economic Development Project. All in favor and motion carried.

Department Head Updates

John requested permission to hire Matthieu Hoaks and Jordan Guimond again this year for summer help. John informed the Council that they fired up the water to the slide at the pool and discovered a major leak. They are going to have to break up the concrete on the pool decking to fix the problem.

Alan requested permission to hire Jacob Williams for his summer help. Alan mentioned that the new water plant discharge was overloading the sewer plant system and lift stations. Linda will setup a meeting with Dave Whybrew to discuss the problems and what can be done to alleviate them. Alan also mentioned that while they were trying to switch the North lift station they were having problems with the generator.

Claims

Steve Rettig motioned to approve the claims. Kathy Schwartz seconded the motion with change on the visa bill. The interest and late fees need to be taken off. All in favor and motion carried. Sign off sheet for reports signed by the Council.

Adjournment

With no further business Linda Brouillette motioned to adjourn with Steve Rettig seconding. Meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Linda Brouillette, Presiding Officer

Attest:

Melissa Kidwell, Clerk-Treasurer