

FOWLER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

317 S. Main Street

January 25, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Chuck Hitchcock called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Chuck Hitchcock; Trustees Randy McKown, Nathan Shultz, Pat Christensen and Emil Rogge.

Absent: none

Staff present: Interim Administrator Dan Hyatt, Public Works Director Rich Spaccamonti, Chief of Police Jake Freidenberger, Librarian Stephanie Delaney and Town Treasurer Terry Martin

Consent Agenda

MOTION (17-16) Trustee Schultz moved to approve all items on the consent agenda which consists of:

- Previous minutes- January 11, 2016
- Mayor to sign documents approved at this meeting

Trustee Rogge seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Diane Saxton address the council regarding her water usage. She stated that it is 3 times higher than it should be. She also stated that she has asked several employees about this issue. She asked if there is nothing running how the the meter is racking up more usages that what she uses. Ms. Saxton asked if the Town can check to see when it was checked. Mr. Hyatt stated that a resident can ask for the meter to be changed out. Ms. Saxton would like for us to change her meter out. Rich Spaccamonti will change the meter out.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hitchcock stated he has nothing to report. He stated that he attended a water meeting but he has already reported on that meeting. He stated that Rich Spaccamonti was out this morning fixing the portable water problem that had occurred earlier this morning. He thanked Rich for getting on this as fast as he did.

Committee Reports

Trustee McKown stated that he attended a OCLI meeting and there were no major problems at this time. Trustee McKown also stated that he went to a meeting in Manzanola with Colorado Trust. Mr. Hyatt stated that Colorado Trust gives out grants to health departments. Council discussed having Colorado Trust come to a Fowler Board Meeting and discuss the new program with our residents.

Treasurer' Report

Treasurer Martin stated that the budget was submitted to the State. She also stated that the quarterly and yearly reports have been completed. Martin stated that the W-2 has been mail our or hand delivered to all employees. Martin stated that she will start to work on getting things ready for the annual audit.

Public Works Report

Public works foreman, Rich Spaccamonti, stated that the meters were read, they have been cleaning up the Town, filling pot holes. He stated that the work at the cemetery has started. Will start to work on the cemetery. He explained the problem with the potable water issue that had occurred this morning. He stated that it was two fuses that was blown and they had to get the fuses from Pueblo and everything is working now.

Library Report

Librarian, Stephanie Delaney report that there was a decreased last month due to the weather. She discussed the e-books, the new system and the new e-audio books that has over 200 titles to choose from. Delaney stated that the tax program will start in February and will be only by appointments on Mondays.

Police Report

Police Chief Jake Freidenberger presented the board with a written police report. He informed the board that he hired a new police officer. Chief introduced Patrolman Kevin Douglas to the council. He also stated that he applied for a grant and was approved for the grant for DUI enforcement for the patrolmans overtime. Hyatt asked about the reporting time.

Administrator Report

Interim administrator, Dan Hyatt everything is on the agenda that needs to be disussed. He recommends that the next agenda item should be turned over to Mayor Pro-tem Pat Christenson as Mayor Hitchcock has a conflict of interest.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Pro-tem Christensen stated that we have received quotes for the new sign for the Town of Fowler.

MOTION (17-16) Trustee McKown moved to accept the bids by Signs by Scott for the west side of Fowler for \$9,279.60. Council discussed the insurance money that the Town had received \$4,760.00. Trustee Rogge seconded the motion.

MOTION (18-16) Trustee McKown made a motion to take off "Great Place to Grow" which will drop the price \$764.15. Trustee Rogge seconded the motion to take out "Great Place to Grow". The motion passed with Mayor Hitchcock abstaining.

Ms. Saxton asked what the conflict of interest was with Mayor Hitchcock. Mayor stated that his brother owns Signs by Scott and he is also employed by Signs by Scott.

New Business

Police Vehicle

Purchase Mayor Hitchcock stated that Fowler budget was for \$30,000.00 for a new pick up for the Police Department. He stated that the lowest bid was \$43,000.00. Mayor stated that the program to purchase new vehicles for the Police Department and then move the vehicle to the maintenance department after three (3) years. Mayor Hitchcock would like to continue with this program. Council also discussed "unmarked" police vehicles. Unmarked vehicles will be discussed at a later meeting.

MOTION (19-16) Mayor Pro-tem Christensen moved to purchase a new pickup for the Police Department and continue with the plan set forth. Trustee McKown seconded the motion to purchase a new pickup for the Police Department and the motion passed unanimously.

TTG Invoice No.105499 -\$3,710.00-Augmentation Waterline

MOTION (20-16) Mayor Pro-tem Christensen moved to approve paying TTG Invoice No. 105499 for \$3,710.00. Trustee Schultz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

TTG Invoice No.105498- \$5,888.75 - WWTP

MOTION (21-16) Mayor Pro-tem Christensen moved to approve paying TTG Invoice No. 105498 for \$5,888.75. Trustee Schultz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 954-16: A resolution setting new full time partolman salary for the Town of Fowler

MOTION (21-16) Mayor Pro-tem Christensen moved to adopt Resolution No. 854-16. Trustee Schultz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 726-16 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AND THE INTERNAITONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.

An ordinance adopting by reference the international building code and the international property maintenace code was introduced by Trustee McKown. Hyatt discussed the ordinance and what the Town can and can't do. Hyatt discussed graffiti on houses and the 1st amendment and going inside a home.

MOTION (22-16) Trustee McKown moved to adopt Ordinance No. 726-16: An ordinance adopting by reference the international buidling code and the internaitonal poperty maintenance code by title only. Trustee Schultz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The ordinance will have to be published two times and then will come back to the board for approval.

Executive Session

MOTION (23-16) Trustee McKown moved to go into executive session for a personnel matter under C.R. S. Section 24-6-402 (2)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested disucssion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies ta do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees. Trustee Shultz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Hitchcock announced that the time is now 7:51 p.m. and the executive session in now concluded. The participants of the executive session were Chuck Hitchcock, Randy McKown, Nathan Shultz, Emil Rogge, Chief Jake Freidenberger and Public works foreman Rich Spaccamonti, and Dan Hyatt. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record. Seeing none the next item on the agenda is the regular council meeting.

Adjournment

MOTION (24-16) Trustee McKown moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Shultz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Hitchcock
Mayor

Terry Martin
Assistant Town Clerk