

FOWLER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

317 S. Main Street

February 13, 2017 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 Andy Lotrich, Diana Saxon, Randy McKown, Emil Rogge, Nathan Shultz and Lowell White.

Absent: NONE

Staff present: Interim Administrator Dan Hyatt, Chief of Police Jake Freidenberger, Treasurer Terry Martin, Public Works Lucas Boyd, Public Works Brent Bitter, Librarian Stephanie Delaney and Town Clerk Kelly Lotrich.

Public Hearing

Mayor Hitchcock called the public hearing for amendment to the zoning code at 201 E Cranston & 6th St. to allow industrial storage of hemp.

Interim Administrator, Dan Hyatt stated that notice of the public hearing had been published in the Fowler Tribune on January 26, 2017 which meets the 15-day notice.

Mr. Hyatt swore the public in.

The Mayor asked Mr. Rief with 1244 Farms to explain what his plans are.

Mr. Rief informed the board that it would be only a nursery for small plants. There would be no flower or buds on the plant. The plants would not get larger than 2 feet tall and they would be in 1 gallon pots.

1244 Farms is one of the only USDA certified organic hemp grows in Colorado.

Mayor Hitchcock opened the floor to the public.

Jay Smith and Keith Lance opposed the petition and presented their testimony and questions to the Trustee.

Mayor Hitchcock opened the floor to the Trustees.

The Trustees asked questions of Mr. Rief about the process of the hemp nursery and if there were any odors associated with the growing of hemp.

MOTION (7-17) Trustee Lotrich moved to postpone decision until the next board of trustee meeting. Trustee McKown seconded the motion and the motion passed with Trustees White and Saxon voting no.

The hearing closed.

Changes to the Agenda

Move to unfinished business: TTG Invoice No. 114385-Water treatment-\$16,225.55
TTG Invoice No. 114386-Waste Water-\$16,989.35
TTG Invoice No. 1-Water treatment-\$9,996.50

TTG Invoice No. 1-Waste Water-\$13,533.68

Consent Agenda

MOTION (8-17) Trustee Shultz moved to approve all items on the consent agenda which consists of:

- Previous minutes- January 9, 2017
- Mayor to sign documents approved at this meeting

Trustee Lotrich seconded the motion and the motion passed with Trustee Rogge voting no.

Public Comment

Stephen Nielson with Clean Valley Recycling asked for a letter of support from the board to apply for a grant to put a cardboard recycling bin at Tri County housing.

MOTION (9-17) Trustee White moved to have Mayor Hitchcock sign a letter of support for Clean Valley Recycling. Trustee Lotrich seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Sandra Herrell request that the town provide safe drinking water. Mayor Hitchcock informed Ms. Herrell that the water is safe and the town is working on a new water treatment plant.

Myra Fillmore inquired about the ordinance on cross connection and backflow. She is concerned about the cost on the citizens of the town. She asked if there is any grandfathering in of properties? Mayor Hitchcock stated that if you have any new plumbing work done on your property you must install the cross connection and backflow prevention.

Trustee White left at 7:28 p.m.

MOTION (10-17) Trustee Lotrich moved to save the reports until after new business. Trustee Shultz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee White arrived at 7:31 p.m.

Unfinished Business

Purchase of Lawn Mowers

MOTION (11-17) Trustee McKown moved to approve the purchase of two grasshopper mowers with an aerovator for \$30,620.00 from Lamar Auto Parts/Lamar Small Engine. Trustee Lotrich seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

TTG Invoice No. 114385-Water Treatment-\$16,225.55, TTG Invoice No. 114386-Waste Water-\$16,989.35, TTG Invoice No. 1-Water Treatment-\$9,996.50, TTG Invoice No. 1-Waste water-\$13,533.68

MOTION (12-17) Trustee Rogge moved to pay TTG Invoice No. 114385 for water treatment, TTG Invoice TTG Invoice No. 114386 for waste water, TTG

Invoice No. 1. for water treatment and TTG Invoice No.1 for wastewater.
Trustee McKown seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

New Business

Proxy for Colorado Rural Water Association Annual Meeting

MOTION (13-17) Trustee Lotrich moved to have the regional representative serve as the proxy for the Colorado Rural Water Association Annual Meeting. Trustee Shultz seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 731-17: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CROSS CONNECTION AND BACKFLOW PROTECTION PROGRAM

Trustee McKown introduced Ordinance No. 731-17: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CROSS CONNECTION AND BACKFLOW PROTECTION PROGRAM by title only.

MOTION (14-17) Trustee Shultz moved to adopt Ordinance No. 731-17: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CROSS CONNECTION AND BACKFLOW PROTECTION PROGRAM. Trustee Lotrich seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

NONE

Committee/Board Reports

Trustee White informed the board that the cemetery committee has established a friend of the cemetery fund at the Fowler State Bank to fund non-grass or water projects at the cemetery.

No other reports at this time.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Terry Martin informed the board that the budget was submitted to the state. Ms. Martin completed the HUTF report. This report included another 1000 feet of road that was annexed in with the Tamarack and the road behind Cummings.

Ms. Martin presented the board with the written January rough draft financial report.

Library Report

Librarian Stephanie Delaney presented the board with a written library report.

Public Works Report

Brent Bitter informed the board that the public works department is planning on planting grass at the cemetery by the end of March or beginning of April.

The public works department has filled potholes with millings.

Daniel Sotomayor has been hired as the new public works director. He will be starting March 1, 2017.

Police Report

Chief of Police, Jake Freidenberger informed the board that the police department has been busy with high profile cases. The police department is following behind on the everyday items.

Chief Freidenberger showed the board the bullet proof vests and helmets that the police department has purchased.

Administrator Report

Interim Administrator Dan Hyatt informed the board that he is working with Eric Jenkins on the water tower pressure issues that will need to be addressed during the water tank repairs.

Adjournment

MOTION (15-17) Trustee McKown moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Shultz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Hitchcock
Mayor

Kelly Lotrich, CMC
Town Clerk