

FOWLER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

317 S. Main Street

April 11, 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, Pat Christensen, Nathan Shultz, Emil Rogge, Andy Lotrich, Diana Saxon and Lowell White.

Absent: NONE

Staff present: Interim Administrator Dan Hyatt, Public Works Foreman Richard Spaccamonti, Town Clerk Kelly Lotrich, Treasurer Terry Martin, Chief of Police Jake Freidenberger, Patrolman Kevin Douglas, Patrolman David Weldon, Public Works employee Lucas Boyd and Public Works employee Brent Bitter

Consent Agenda

MOTION (63-16) Trustee Shultz moved to approve all items on the consent agenda which consists of:

- Previous minutes- March 28, 2016
- Liquor License Renewal-Phat Willy's
- Mayor to sign documents approved at this meeting

Trustee McKown seconded the motion and the motion passed with Trustee Christensen voting no.

Public Comment

NONE

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hitchcock wanted thank the employees, citizens and trustees for a great eighteen months as he has served as Mayor.

Mayor Hitchcock presented Trustee Christensen with a plaque thanking him for his service as a Mayor and Trustee for the Town of Fowler.

Committee Reports

Trustee Christensen wanted to thank the citizens for supporting him the past eight years. He has enjoyed his time serving the town.

Public Works Report

Public works foreman, Rich Spaccamonti, informed the board that the yearly water tests are completed.

Public works has started discharging at the sewer lagoons as they are almost overflowing.

Mr. Spaccamonti informed the board that the new sprinkler system has been tested. They found one leak in the main. Tom's landscaping will get that repaired. The paper for the mulch has been ordered and Mr. Spaccamonti would like to start planting the grass starting April 21st.

Lucas and Brent will be attending a class to work on their certification at the end of the month.

Police Report

Police Chief Jake Freidenberger informed the board that the police department has seen 230 cases this year so far.

Officer Douglas and Officer Weldon are still on FTO but are nearing completion.

In the last 30 days Otero County Sheriff has responded to 4 calls that the Fowler Police Department has not been able to attend to.

Chief Freidenberger is still waiting to hear if the new truck is finished.

Administrator Report

Interim Administrator Dan Hyatt informed the board that he received the Small Communities Grant Contract today.

MOTION (64-16) Trustee McKown moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Small Communities Grant contract. Trustee Shultz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hyatt spoke with Danielle Berg from Otero County Economic Development. He stated that Ms. Berg is interested in holding an economic development plan work session in May or June.

MOTION (65-16) Trustee Christensen moved to have Interim Administrator Dan Hyatt and Mayor Hitchcock work with Ms. Berg on setting a date for a work session. Trustee McKown seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hyatt informed the board that Fowler has been selected as one of the overnight stops for Pedal the Plains on September 16, 2016. There will be an estimated 1,000 bicyclists and their supporters in Fowler this night.

Mr. Hyatt informed the board that CDPHE still has not signed off on the waste water treatment plant design. The town cannot go out to bid on this project until we get the go ahead from CDPHE.

Unfinished Business

Resolution NO.964-16: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF FOWLER TO EXECUTE LOAN DOCUMENTS TO PURCHASE A BACKHOE BY THE TOWN'S SEWER ENTERPRISE

MOTION (66-16) Trustee Christensen moved to adopt Resolution NO. 964-16: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF FOWLER TO EXECUTE LOAN DOCUMENTS TO PURCHASE A BACKHOE BY THE TOWN'S SEWER ENTERPRISE. Trustee Shultz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Determination of length of office for new trustees

Trustee Shultz requested a two (2) year limit. There were no objections by the other board members.

The new trustees drew for term limits.

Trustee White drew a two (2) year term.

Trustee Saxon drew a four (4) year term.

Trustee Lotrich drew a four (4) year term.

Swear in Mayor and Trustees

Town Clerk Kelly Lotrich swore in Chuck Hitchcock as Mayor. Hitchcock will serve a two (2) year term. Lotrich then swore in Nathan Shultz, Andy Lotrich, Diana Saxon and Lowell White as Trustees. Lotrich and Saxon will each serve four (4) year terms and White will serve a two (2) year term.

Vacant Trustee Seat

Interim Administrator Dan Hyatt informed the board that they could either fill the vacant trustee seat that night or they could wait. The board has sixty (60) days to fill the vacancy.

The board received one letter of interest from Randy McKown for the vacant trustee seat.

MOTION (67-16) Trustee Rogge moved to appoint Randy McKown to the vacant trustee seat. Trustee Shultz seconded the motion and the motion passed with Trustee White voting no.

Town Clerk Kelly Lotrich swore in Randy McKown as Trustee. McKown will serve a two (2) year term.

Appointment of Mayor pro-tem

MOTION (68-16) Trustee Lotrich moved to have Nathan Shultz serve as Mayor pro-tem. Trustee Saxon seconded the motion and the motion passed with Trustee Shultz voting no.

Resolution NO. 965-16: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWN OF FOWLER OFFICERS

MOTION (69-16) Trustee McKown moved to adopt Resolution NO. 965-16: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWN OF FOWLER OFFICERS. Trustee Rogge seconded the motion and the motion passed with Trustee Lotrich abstaining.

Mayor Hitchcock swore in Kelly Lotrich as Town Clerk/Deputy Town Treasurer.

Mayor Hitchcock swore in Terry Martin as Town Treasurer/Deputy Town Clerk.

Mayor Hitchcock swore in Daniel Hyatt as Interim Town Administrator/Town Attorney.

Mayor Hitchcock swore in Jake Freidenberger as Chief of Police.

Mayor Hitchcock swore in Richard Spaccamonti as Public Works Director.

Resolution NO. 966-16: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNERS AT FOWLER STATE BANK

MOTION (70-16) Trustee McKown moved to adopt Resolution NO. 966: A Resolution Authorizing Mayor Hitchcock and Trustees Saxon, Shultz and McKown as check signers at Fowler State Bank. Trustee Lotrich seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution NO. 967-16: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNERS AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK

MOTION (71-16) Trustee Lotrich moved to adopt Resolution NO. 966: A Resolution Authorizing Mayor Hitchcock and Trustees Saxon, Shultz and McKown as check signers at First National Bank. Trustee McKown seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution NO. 968-16: A RESOLUTION SETTING FULLTIME POLICE PATROLMAN WAGE

MOTION (72-16) Trustee McKown moved to adopt Resolution NO. 968-16: A RESOLUTION SETTING FULLTIME POLICE PATROLMAN WAGE. Trustee Shultz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hitchcock talked about the different committee and boards. He stated he would like the new board members to think about what committee or boards they would be interested in sitting on. No decisions on this will be made at tonight's meeting.

Committee and board members

- a) Utility Board-Trustee seat replacing Pat Christensen
- b) OPI-replacing Pat Christensen
- c) OCLI-replacing Randy McKown
- d) Park/Rec-Currently Emil Rogge
- e) Library-Trustee seat vacated by Brenda Eddy
- f) Cemetery-Trustee seat vacated by Keith Lance
- g) Planning and Zoning-seat replacing Pat Christensen
- h) Golf Course
- i) Tree Board
- j) Low Power FM

Adjournment

MOTION (73-16) Trustee Shultz moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Lotrich seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Hitchcock
Mayor

Kelly Lotrich
Town Clerk