

FOWLER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

317 S. Main Street

June 12, 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 and Nathan Shultz, Trustee Lowell White and Emil Rogge

Absent: Trustee Nathan Shultz

Staff present: Interim Administrator Dan Hyatt, Chief of Police Jake Freidenberger, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Terry Martin and Librarian Stephanie Delaney, Public Works, Daniel Sotomayor, Police Lacy Shawcroft and Tori Harris, Pool Manager.

Changes to the Agenda

NONE

Consent Agenda

MOTION (34-17) Trustee Lotrich moved to approve all items on the consent agenda which consists of:

- Previous minutes- May 8, 2017
- GRandall Web Design Invoice - \$480.00
- Mayor to sign documents approved at this meeting
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Trustee Saxton seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Keith Lance addressed the council on the responsibility of council members. Mr. Lance stated advised trustees that they are elected by the Town of Fowler.

Keith Lance also addressed the council about the Town of Fowler is not in your local phonebook. The last time the Town appeared in the phone book was in 2012. He stated that when you call the police your call is transferred to the Rocky Ford dispatch. Mayor Hitchcock asked Mr. Hyatt to check on why the Town is not in the local phone book. Trustee Lotrich stated that he just went to his cell phone and found the Town on line and under the Fowler web site. Mr. Lance stated that some residents do not have ability to research items on line.

Mr. Lance also addressed the council regarding the hours of the swimming pool. He stated that in the newspaper if the pool did not have a certain number the pool would close. Mr. Lance stated that the pool has always lost money and the Town should want the younger generation at the pool than out on the streets getting into trouble.

Mayor's Report

Mayor stated that all his items is on the agenda. He also stated that Clerk Kelly Lotrich is recovery from surgery.

Committee/Board Reports

Trustee Andy Lotrich addressed council regarding the Governor coming to Fowler to sign a bill. He stated that Fowler School District will be receiving money in the future.

Trustee Andy Lotrich also addressed the council regarding the summer recreation program. He stated that he is voluntary with the baseball program and everything is going very well. He stated that the ballfields are looking good but the equipment needs to be replaced. He stated that he will be bring this up at budget time.

Trustee Andy Lotrich stated that he attended a gold meeting.

Trustee Diana Saxton had nothing to report at this time.

Trustee Lowell White stated that the maintenance department did a great job for memorial weekend. He stated that the flags will stay out until after Missouri Day.

Trustee Randy McKown had nothing to report.

Trustee Emil Rogge stated that he talked with Mr. Hyatt regarding the police department.

Pool Report

Tori Harris, pool manger, addressed the council. She stated that she is running 2 sessions for swimming lessons. She stated that the lifeguards have responded to an emergency at the pool but handled it great. She responded to a question that was raised by Mr. Lance. She stated that she must have 20 children by 2:00 or she will close the pool. This helps with the expense of the pool. She stated that she needs 3 lifeguards on duty. Trustee Lotrich stated that we are drawing families in from other areas due to our prices.

Library Report

Librarian Stephanie Delaney presented the board with a written library report. Ms. Delaney informed the board that the library has started the summer reading program and she addressed the council regarding the WIFI. The WIFI will count how many people are using the WIFI and what web site they are attending.

Public Works Report

Daniel Sotomayor, maintenance supervisor, address the council. He stated that the maintenance department has been busy. Mr. Sotomayor addressed the council about the mulch from the trees that was removed around Park School and the damage. Trustee Lotrich stated that we should not let the mulch leave the Town of Fowler. Mr. Sotomayor stated that they will start doing pot holes next week. Mr. Lotrich stated that he needs to pre-plan in the future.

Mr. Lotrich stated that he was not happy with the maintenance department with the job that was done at the pool. He stated that the job was done bad and he has received several negative comments. He does not appreciate a sloppy mess. Mr. Lotrich stated that the maintenance department needs to treat the equipment with respect.

Police Report

Jake Freidenberger, Police Chief, informed the board that the police department has been busy with:

- New hire from Rocky Ford. The new officer has 2 years of experience and will start on Wednesday.
- Court today
- Safety fair attended
- Attend high risk search training warrants
- Dog tags – Lacy Shawcroft is about 90% complete and then will start to work on trash and junk vehicles
- Main and Highway 50 – light pole – The person has been id and he is waiting for insurance information
- Several agencies assist.
- New med locks – med to get rid of safety disposal of medication. On face book in the paper – It is a free program
- Radar recertified for another year
- Looking at task force for children with Colo. Springs

- Training – web site – purchase and watch videos – Colo Post purchase for the state – need to get set up.
- Multi use for the trailer
- Missouri day
- Last month they recovered 4 fire arms of the street

Trustee Lotrich thanked the Police department.

Administrator Report

Town Administrator Dan Hyatt presented the board a copy of the pasture land agreement from Mr. Cannon. Mr. Hyatt stated that the agreement expires this month. He stated that he would like feedback and get approval from the Board. The board discussed hunting rights. Mr. Hyatt stated that there are no hunting rights allowed on this land.

Mr. Hyatt discussed the light pole in front of the bank being damaged.

Mr. Hyatt discussed a pump that the public works had to replace and the work on the tank is completed and filled at this point. He stated that it was inspected last week and we should get photos to give to the State CDPHE. An extension was approved till July 15th.

Mr. Hyatt discussed the repair of a pump at the cemetery.

Mr. Hyatt discussed the old town hall and Blue Sky will come back once the roof is replaced. He stated that CIRSAs will come back in and adjust the dollar amount.

MOTION (35-17) Trustee McKown moved appoint a committee for the Old Town Hall on the repairs of Dan Hyatt, Diana Saxon, Kelly Lotrich and Trustee Lotrich.

Trustee Saxon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hyatt stated that we will start the annual audit in a few weeks. He stated that Kelly Lotrich will be gone for surgery and we will bring someone in to work part-time in the office.

Mr. Hyatt stated we have filed for an extension for the audit till August 31, 2017.

Mr. Hyatt stated he needs some feedback on an issue regarding HEMP. The Town provided water un the Town Title 18 which includes HEMP. The water use is very small. Mr. Hyatt stated that we have 3 options. Option 1) pay for the water – Option 2) Send a letter that we cannot supply the water and Option 3) have a policy to augmentation the water and the town will pay for the augmentation. Trustee McKown

asked about the cost. Mr. Hyatt stated that our rate would be equal to CWPDA rates or around \$1000.00 and we are looking at less than ½ acre feet.

MOTION (36-17) Trustee McKown moved go with option 3.

Trustee Saxon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

NONE

New Business

Resolution No 995-17 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SWIMMING POOL AND SEASONAL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES’ WAGES FOR 2017

MOTION (37-17) Trustee Lotrich moved to approve Resolution No. 995-17- A Resolution authorizing swimming pool and seasonal public works employees’ wages for 2017. Trustee McKown seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 996-15 - A RESOLUTION SETTING FEES FOR PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES

MOTION (38-17) Trustee Lotrich moved to approve Resolution No. 996-15 – A Resolution setting fees for public works services. Trustee Lotrich seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 997-17 – A RESOLUTION SETTING FULLTIME PLICE PATROLMAN WAGE

MOTION (39-17) Trustee McKown moved to approved Resolution No. 997-17- A Resolution setting fulltime police patrolman wage. Trustee Lotrich seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 998-17 – A RESOLUTION PROVIDING SWIMMING PASSES FOR THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

MOTION (40-17) Trustee McKown moved to approved Resolution No. 998-17- A Resolution providing swimming passes for the summer reading program. Trustee Lotrich seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 999-17 – A RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN WAGE

MOTION (41-17) Trustee Saxon moved to approved Resolution No. 999-17- A Resolution setting public works foreman wage. After a discussion Trustee White seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Note Trustee Lotrich voted yes with reservation.

Sell 100 a.f. of water to the Golf Course

MOTION (42-17) Trustee Rogge moved to sell 100 a.f. of water to the Golf Couse. Trustee Lotrich seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Blackburn Dennis Community Center

The Board of Trustee discussed the Blackburn Dennis Community Center. Mr. Hyatt stated that the Otero County has rented the building and has donated to the Community Service to offset the cost to provide the sage program \$6000.00 per year. The County does not lease building anywhere else. Council discussed the insurance on the building. Mr. Hyatt stated that we did check with CIRSA on the insurance and it would be under \$300.00 per year and this is at replacement value. Council discussed the use of the building from time to time and pay for the insurance. Otero County Commissioners will give the Sage Program 90 days. Trustee White stated that the board will be meeting in a few weeks. Council gave Mr. Hyatt direction to set up a meeting in the near future with all parties involved.

MOTION (43-17) Trustee Rogge moved table the Blackburn-Dennis Community Center. Trustee Lowell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Contract Amendment for Long term storage of water with Southeastern Water Conservancy District.

MOTION (44-17) Trustee Lotrich moved to adopt the contract to amendment a long-term storage of water with Southeastern Water Conservancy District. Trustee McKown seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION (45-17) Trustee moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION (46-17) Trustee Lotrich moved that the meeting adjourn and go into executive session. Trustee McKown seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Hitchcock
Mayor

Terry Martin, CMC
Treasurer/ Deputy Town Clerk