

FOWLER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

114 E Cranston Ave.
November , 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Lucas Flanscha called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:02 p.m. and led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the meeting was held with virtual access provided through GoToMeeting.

Present: Mayor Lucas Flanscha; Trustees Tracy Nelson, Brenda Eddy and Chad Bouldin.

Absent: Trustees Kirk Lamphier, Rory Carnes and Cindy Allen.

Staff present: Town Clerk/Administrator Kelly Lotrich, Librarian Kristine Gonzales and Public Works Foreman Brent Bitter.

Public Hearing

The Mayor opened the public hearing for Family Dollar liquor license at 6:02 pm.

No one from Family Dollar was in attendance. The board took no action on this item.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:03 pm.

The Mayor opened the public hearing for The Oxford Bar and Grill liquor license at 6:04 pm.

Administrator Lotrich gave general information to the board about the application from The Oxford Bar and Grill.

J.D. Johnson, owner of The Oxford Bar and Grill, informed the board of what was planned for the new restaurant and bar.

There were no questions by the council.

There were many citizens in attendance in support of the issuance of a Hotel and Restaurant liquor license.

There were no opponents in attendance.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:14 pm.

Resolution No. 1147-23: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF THE OXFORD BAR AND GRILL FOR A HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE

MOTION (87-23) Trustee Nelson moved to adopt Resolution No. 1147-23: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF THE OXFORD BAR AND GRILL FOR A HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE. Trustee Bouldin seconded the motion and the motion passed with Trustee Eddy voting no.

Changes to the Agenda

NONE

Consent Agenda

MOTION (88-23) Trustee Nelson moved to approve all items on the consent agenda which consists of:

- Approval of previous Minutes-October 16, 2023
- Mayor to Sign documents approved at this meeting.

Trustee Bouldin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Jennifer Bradshaw, Fowler resident., addressed the board about flag etiquette at the cemetery.

Ms. Bradshaw also had a complaint about the trash and camper impeding an alley way on Grant Ave.

Jonathon Buford, Fowler resident, addressed the board about concerns with the board requiring the school to repave Swink Ave.

Reports

Mayor's Report-

Mayor Flanscha read a proclamation from Ark Valley Hospice declaring November 2023 hospice and palliative care month.

Mayor Flanscha discussed with the board the Town's sidewalk ordinance. The board feels that the town needs to stick with the ordinance and not allow any variances.

Mayor Flanscha attended the OPI/OCLI meeting and there was nothing new to report.

Committee/Board Reports-

- Trustee Bouldin-None
- Trustee Eddy- None
- Trustee Nelson-None

Library Report- Librarian Kristine Gonzales presented a written report for the board.

Public Works Report- Public works foreman Brent Bitter informed the board that public works has been working on:

- Repairing water leaks.
- Working at the Diven house.

- Repairing decorative streetlights on Main St.
- Helping Black Hills hang the Christmas lights.

Treasurer Report- Cindy Karle presented the board with a written treasurer report.

Administrator Report- Administrator Kelly Lotrich informed the board that the budget meetings went well and feels that the board put together a good budget. Ms. Lotrich would like to vacate the budget meeting scheduled for November 30 as there are no new changes. The final budget will be presented to the board at the December 18, 2023 meeting.

Ms. Lotrich was approached by Cheri's Catering asking if she would be allowed to park her food truck in the swimming pool parking lot during the winter months. The board felt that this would be fine and asked Administrator Lotrich to produce an agreement for her to sign.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance No. 755-23: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS CHAPTER 5.16-TRANSIENT DEALERS, PEDDLERS, CANVASSERS AND SOLICITORS- (Introduction, Second Reading , Adoption)

Trustee Bouldin introduced Ordinance No. 755-23: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS CHAPTER 5.16-TRANSIENT DEALERS, PEDDLERS, CANVASSERS AND SOLICITORS by title only.

MOTION (89-23) Trustee Nelson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 755-23: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS CHAPTER 5.16-TRANSIENT DEALERS, PEDDLERS, CANVASSERS AND SOLICITORS. Trustee Eddy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2024 IGA with Rocky Ford Dispatch

This item has been tabled until the December 18, 2023 meeting so that June Ferraro can attend.

Option to Solar Energy Lease and Easement Agreement-Bow Energy

MOTION (90-23) Trustee Nelson moved to enter into a lease and easement agreement with Bow Energy pending the map revisions requested and authorize the Mayor to sign. Trustee Bouldin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Quote for replacement Main Street decorative streetlights

MOTION (91-23) Trustee Nelson moved to accept the quote for replacing five decorative streetlights from Tuscumbia Iron Works for \$4,001.00. Trustee Bouldin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Quotes to repair handicap access ramp and sidewalk in front of the library

MOTION (92-23) Trustee Nelson moved to accept the quote for repairing the handicap access ramp and sidewalk in front of the library from Construction Services, LLC for \$3,000.00. Trustee Eddy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Letter of support request from Violet Pierce to secure funding for machinery and equipment at the golf course

MOTION (93-23) Trustee Nelson moved to have administrator Lotrich draft a letter supporting Violet Pierce seeking funding for machinery and equipment at the golf course. Trustee Bouldin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Quotes on heat for Diven house

This item was tabled until the December 18, 2023 meeting.

Resolution No. 1148-23: A RESOLUTION SETTING HOLIDAY BONUSES FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES

MOTION (94-23) Trustee Nelson moved to adopt Resolution No. 1148-23: A RESOLUTION SETTING HOLIDAY BONUSES FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES. Trustee Bouldin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 1149-23: A RESOLUTION AMENDING UTILITY BILLING RATES

MOTION (95-23) Trustee Nelson moved to adopt Resolution No. 1149-23: A RESOLUTION AMENDING UTILITY BILLING RATES. Trustee Bouldin seconded the motion and the motion passed with Trustee Eddy voting no.

Farm Lease

MOTION (96-23) Trustee Nelson moved to put the farm lease back out to bid for not less than \$67,500 a year. Bids will be accepted until December 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm. The bids will be opened on December 18, 2023 at 6:00pm. Trustee Eddy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Farmhouse Lease

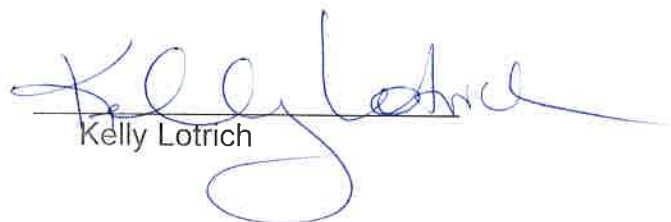
MOTION (97-23) Trustee Nelson moved to put the farmhouse lease back out to bid for not less than \$1,200 a month. Bids will be accepted until December 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm. The bids will be opened on December 18, 2023 at 6:00pm. Trustee Eddy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION (98-23) Trustee Nelson moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Bouldin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.



Lucas Flanscha
Mayor



Kelly Lotrich