

FOWLER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

114 E Cranston Ave.
December 18, 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; Trustee Tracy Nelson. Trustees Brenda Eddy and Chad Bouldin attended meeting virtually.

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

Staff present: Town Clerk/Administrator Kelly Lotrich, Librarian Kristine Gonzales and Police Chief Ryan Shefontiuk.

Public Hearing

The Mayor opened the public hearing for the 2024 Budget at 6:02 pm.

There were no public comments.

There were no trustee comments.

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

Changes to the Agenda

NONE

Consent Agenda

MOTION (99-23) Trustee Nelson moved to approve all items on the consent agenda which consists of:

- Approval of previous Minutes-November 20, 2023
- Resolution No. 1150-23: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWN OFFICERS
- Resolution No. 1151-23: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING TOWN OF FOWLER'S 2024 CALENDAR
- Mayor to Sign documents approved at this meeting.

Trustee Bouldin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

NONE

Reports

Mayor's Report-

Mayor Flanschka attended the OPI/OCLI meeting and reported that it is business as usual.

Committee/Board Reports-

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

Police Report- Police Chief Ryan Shelefontiuk reported to the board that he has an applicant who would like to be sponsored through the police academy. He will have more to report on this at the next meeting.

The tornado siren is now working. The siren will be tested again in the spring.

Library Report- Librarian Kristine Gonzales presented a written report for the board. Ms. Gonzales stated that Shelbie Prescia resigned from the library board.

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

- Repairing water leaks.
- Repairing a leak by the water tower.
- Helping Black Hills hang the Christmas lights.
- Installing tap for Solid Rock Church.

Treasurer Report- The treasurer has been working on the 2024 budget and Mill Levy that is on the agenda for tonight.

Administrator Report- Administrator Kelly Lotrich informed the board that she received an email from J&A solar about the purchase of the existing solar system.

Unfinished Business

2024 IGA with Rocky Ford Dispatch

MOTION (100-23) Trustee Nelson moved to approve IGA with Rocky Ford dispatch for five (5) years in the amount of \$37,000 a year. Trustee Bouldin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

96% Furnace and AC-Roy Elliot-\$7,558.00

MOTION (101-23) Trustee Bouldin moved to accept a bid from Roy Elliot in the amount of \$7,558.00 for a 96% furnace and AC for the Diven House. Trustee Eddy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Gobins Copier Lease-Library

MOTION (102-23) Trustee Bouldin moved to approve a lease with Gobins for a copier at the library. Trustee Eddy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

School Demolition Permit, Sidewalks, Etc.

Steve Horn, project manager with DCS and Alfie Lotrich school superintendent came to the board to request a demolition permit to tear down the existing Jr. High School and High School. The board informed them that they would require a traffic plan, an abatement permit, access points for emergency responders, a copy of the State demolition plan and the final plans for the project on the north side of Hwy 167.

The school would like to install a 12-inch concrete gutter pan along Swink Ave. by the school instead of a sidewalk. The board informed the school that the long-term goal is to add and repair sidewalks throughout the town. The school asked if the board would be willing to grant a variance on this. The board said at this time they are going to follow the town ordinance as it is written.

Set Public Hearing for Transfer of Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License-Tamarack Grill

MOTION (103-23) Trustee Bouldin moved to set a public hearing for transfer of Hotel and Restaurant liquor license for the Tamarack Grill to February 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Trustee Eddy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OPEN BIDS

The board received three (3) bids for the lease of the farm.

Farm Lease

MOTION (104-23) Trustee Nelson moved to accept the bid for a three-year lease in the amount of \$90, 950.32 a year from Mark Marsh. Trustee Bouldin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The board received one (1) bid for the lease of the farmhouse.

Farmhouse Lease

MOTION (105-23) Trustee Nelson moved accept the bid for a one-year lease in the amount of \$1,200.00 a month from Mark Marsh. Trustee Eddy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 1152-23: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND SPENDING AGENCIES, IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH BELOW, FOR THE TOWN OF FOWLER COLORADO, FOR THE 2024 BUDGET

MOTION (106-23) Trustee Nelson moved to adopt Resolution No. 1152-23: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND SPENDING

AGENCIES, IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH BELOW, FOR THE TOWN OF FOWLER COLORADO, FOR THE 2024 BUDGET.. Trustee Bouldin seconded the motion and the motion passed with Trustee Eddy voting no.

Resolution No. 1153-23: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARIES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2023

MOTION (107-23) Trustee Eddy moved to adopt Resolution No. 1153-23: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARIES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31,2023. Trustee Chad seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 756-23: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2024 TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE TOWN OF FOWLER, COLORADO, FOR THE 2024 BUDGET YEAR, AND FOR THE MILL LEVY ON EACH DOLLAR'S WORTH OF PROPERTY AS PER THE ASSESSED VALUE THERON, AS SHOWN BY THE ASSESSOR OF OTERO COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2023, AS FIXED BY THE BOARD EQUALIZATION

Trustee Nelson introduced Ordinance No. 756-23: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2024 TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE TOWN OF FOWLER, COLORADO, FOR THE 2024 BUDGET YEAR, AND FOR THE MILL LEVY ON EACH DOLLAR'S WORTH OF PROPERTY AS PER THE ASSESSED VALUE THERON, AS SHOWN BY THE ASSESSOR OF OTERO COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2023, AS FIXED BY THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION by title only.

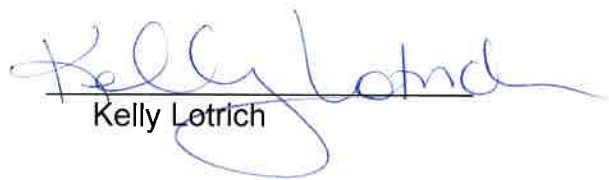
MOTION (108-23) Trustee Nelson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 756-23: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2024 TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE TOWN OF FOWLER, COLORADO, FOR THE 2024 BUDGET YEAR, AND FOR THE MILL LEVY ON EACH DOLLAR'S WORTH OF PROPERTY AS PER THE ASSESSED VALUE THERON, AS SHOWN BY ASSESSOR OF OTERO COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2023, AS FIXED BY THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Trustee Eddy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION (109-23) Trustee Nelson moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Bouldin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.



Lucas Flansch
Mayor



Kelly Lotrich