

**FOWLER TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 MAIN STREET
DATE: January 11, 2010
6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Wards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Trustees Christensen, Hitchcock, Hobby, McKown, and Stites. Trustee Baldwin was absent. Also present were Snider, Rein, Klinkerman and Pagnotta.

Public Comment: Rob Martin addressed council regarding his complaint against the mannerism of the police officers. He asked how the council and administrator will handle this complaint. Administrator Snider stated that he is working with Otero County Sheriff's office to have this complaint investigated.

Courtney Corsentino addressed the trustee and asked if there would be a committee established to hire a police chief. She suggested having a committee of citizens help in the decision process of hiring a new chief of police. Trustee Stites stated that the trustees would be doing the interview process and both Trustee Stites and Trustee Christensen wanted to do everything in their power to make sure they hire the best candidate possible.

Changes to the Agenda: Administrator Snider asked to add the introduction of Mr. Roger Gomez as a candidate for the police chief under his administrator report.

Approval of previous minutes (December 28, and December 30, 2009): Trustee Stites made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meetings; motion was seconded by Trustee McKown and passed unanimously.

Reports: There were no reports made by the Mayor or council members.

Administrator Snider reported on the sewer project. He and Foreman Rein had toured the site of the sewer project. Snider stated that everything is moving along well.

Snider stated they will be starting on the backfeed line tomorrow. He has not heard anything from Young Technologies, therefore the town will continue with the project as an as built project. Snider stated he felt comfortable with doing the backfeed line as an as built project because he felt it would be done correctly with little change along the way. Snider felt this project would come in under budget.

Snider introduced Roger Gomez to the council stating he is interested in the position of the Chief of Police. Mr. Gomez gave the council an overview of who he is and gave some ideas that he had for helping the town of Fowler with the police department. Mr. Gomez is not currently POST certified, but felt it was no issue to get his certification. Trustee Stites stated the police chief would be a working officer.

Unfinished Business: Police Advisory Committee – Snider drafted an outline of what the purpose of this committee would be. The document was designed to provide an understanding of the role of the police in our community. Trustee Sites stated that this

draft is just a start, but felt it would make sense for the new police chief to be involved in finalizing the purpose of the committee.

New Business: Acceptance of resignation of Police Chief – Trustee Hobby made a motion to accept the resignation of the former Police Chief Henry Borrego. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown and passed unanimously.

Resolution 772-10 Reporting of Alleged Criminal Acts – Trustee Hobby made a motion to approve Resolution 772-10, a resolution mandating the reporting of alleged criminal acts by any city official or employee to law enforcement while avoiding real or perceived conflicts of interest. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hitchcock and passed unanimously.

Historic Preservation Resolution – Snider asked to table the issue because Snider stated that the way the resolution is written, the Historic Preservation board would have total right to any historic building. Snider would like to have some time to negotiate with them. Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to table the issue. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hobby and passed unanimously.

Executive Session: Trustee Stites made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e). Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown and passed unanimously.

Mayor Wards stated that “The time is now 7:34 p.m., and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Chuck Hitchcock, Mayor Wards, Monie Stites, Randy McKown, Pat Christensen, Jack Hobby and Wayne Snider. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record. Seeing none, the next item on the agenda is adjournment.”

Adjournment: Trustee Stites made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown and passed unanimously.

Ray Wards, Mayor

Shawn Pagnotta, Town Clerk