

**FOWLER TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 MAIN STREET
DATE: January 25, 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 Hyatt, Snider, Rein, Klinkerman and Pagnotta.

Public Comment: Rob Martin addressed council for the third time regarding his complaint against the mannerism of the police officers. He asked for the make and model of the radar gun. He also requested to know the last time Officer Lindholm was certified to use the radar gun. In addition, he asked for a signed documents stating that Henry Borrego, Doug Perry and Laura Lindholm received and read a copy of the Standard Operating Procedure. He asked that all officers receive proper training. Trustee Christensen responded to Martin stating that the council is trying to handle all issues, but stated it would take time as there are proper procedures that must be followed.

Changes to the Agenda: Mayor Wards requested that Item A under new business be moved to Item C, and Item C be moved to A.

Approval of previous minutes (January 11, 2010): Trustee McKown made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting; motion was seconded by Trustee Hobby and passed unanimously.

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

Administrator Snider reported on the sewer project. He stated the boring has been complete and they will begin connecting the piping within the week. Snider stated that the highway will more than likely remain closed in that area for another month or two.

Snider reported that he is meeting with the architect on February 8 to go over all the plans and time line for Park School.

Treasurer's Report: Klinkerman gave a report on the financials for the town. She highlighted a few of the outstanding checks that appeared on the register. She has been preparing for the 2009 Audit. The auditors will not be here until April. She gave a brief overview of each fund and stated that over all she is pleased with the how the financials ended up for 2009. She was little concerned with the Library Fund as it is \$433 over budget.

Unfinished Business: Police Advisory Committee – Snider stated that he had only received one letter of interest for the committee so far, however there has been a lot of people voice their interest.

Lease of Office Building – Attorney Hyatt reviewed the lease and Snider recommended the lease be signed. Trustee Stites made a motion to approve Mayor Wards to sign the business lease agreement with Van Sickles. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hitchcock and passed unanimously.

Vibrant Solar – Robert Quist from Vibrant Solar gave a presentation on installing solar panels to town owned property. The panels will be installed at 8 different locations and be tied into 10 electric meters that will greatly reduce the electric costs. Quist requested the town enter into a power purchase agreement and allow the Utility Board to have the final decision. Quist would like to be able to submit for the rebates and lock in rates. Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to move forward with Vibrant Solar's program that was presented today. Motion was seconded Trustee Stites. Attorney Hyatt asked that the motion be more specific. Trustee Hitchcock rescinded his motion and made a new motion to approve the power purchase agreement on a contingent basis of approval from legal council and the Utility Board. Motion was seconded by Trustee Stites and passed unanimously. Trustee Hitchcock wanted to clarify that the solar power would provide service to the Town's facilities, not the residents of the town.

Mileage Reimbursement – Klinkerman stated that the town is currently reimbursing mileage at a rate of \$0.58 per mile. The IRS standard rate was reduced to \$.50 per mile. Trustee Christensen was a motion to use the IRS standard rate for the mileage reimbursement. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown and passed unanimously.

Liquor license renewal for Loaf-N-Jug. Pagnotta stated that Loaf-N-Jug had submitted an application for liquor license renewal and had paid the proper fees with the exception of only paying \$53.75 for the local renewal fee instead of \$103.75. Pagnotta called Loaf-N-Jug and requested the additional \$50. She recommended the approval of the renewal contingent on receiving the additional fee. Trustee Hobby made a motion to approve the Loaf-N-Jug Renewal contingent on receiving the additional \$50. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown and passed unanimously.

USDA Solar Application Grant – Snider requested permission to move forward with a USDA community facility grant to purchase solar panels and a battery backup for the facility at the golf course. Council agreed that Snider should move forward and no motion was needed.

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

Ray Wards, Mayor

Shawn Pagnotta, Town Clerk