

**FOWLER TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 MAIN STREET
DATE: January 26, 2009
6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Wards led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order. Present were Trustees Pat Christensen, Jack Hobby and Monie Stites. Chuck Hitchcock, Randy McKown and Larry Vibber joined the meeting at about 5 minutes after starting the meeting. Also present were Administrator Snider, Klinkerman, Rein and Pagnotta.

Public Comments: None

Changes to the Agenda: Item A under the New Business (Sky Catcher presentation) was removed from the agenda until further research could be conducted. Administrator Snider was going to talk to Mike Trujillo regarding this.

Approval of Previous minutes (January 12, 2008): Trustee Christensen made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Trustee Stites. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Mayor Wards reported that he had several people ask him to look into allowing 4 wheelers (ATV's) to be able to operate on the streets. He asked Snider to talk to Attorney Hyatt on the legal issues with adopting such a resolution.

Mayor Wards also informed the council on the scam letter he had recently received, letting them know to be cautious of this type of letter.

Trustee Christensen reported that the Planning and Zoning Committee held a meeting on Jan. 22 to review the Comprehensive Land Use Plan draft. The committee approved the draft and the plan will be presented before the council for their approval on Feb. 9, 2009.

Trustee Hitchcock stated that there was no quorum for the Utility Board meeting. Hitchcock stated that he also attended the Planning and Zoning meeting and felt that the meeting had a good turn out.

Trustee Vibber welcomed Trustee Hobby to the council and publicly thanked him for saving his life during his recent medical emergency.

Administrators Report: Snider reported that he met with DOLA regarding the sewer project and because the Town is seeking a grant and a loan from DOLA, this request would put the town in the Tier II category and therefore make it very difficult to compete with other communities that have a mineral impact. Snider will be talking to our local banks about a loan of the same magnitude and terms. Snider stated that the Town would need to stay in the tier I funding category, where we are only requesting grant money. Snider said the physical project should begin the end of February.

Snider reported that according to the minutes from a recent CDOT meeting, the county will engineer the detention ponds south of town and construct them. Snider said he will confirm this.

Snider stated that the people with the solar lights will be here Tuesday, Jan. 27. He also gave a brief update on all his recent meetings.

Treasurer Report: Klinkerman submitted a written report. She stated that the general fund did not do as well as she had hoped for 2008, but we did stay under budget. She stated that this year we will have to watch the cash flow carefully until the park project is finished. The reason for this is because the town can not be reimbursed from GOCO until the project is completed. She stated that the water fund did very well and is heading into the new year in good shape. She stated that we knew we were going to lose a little bit of money in the sewer and sanitation funds. The late fee revenue is down and the town is doing a good job in collecting payments so that we don't have large outstanding amounts to collect on. The library did a great job of staying under their budget as well; however their utility bills were pretty high this last month

and we will have to watch that. Klinkerman stated that she and Snider will begin submitting a cash flow statement. Klinkerman also reported that the auditors will be here Tuesday, Jan. 27 if weather permits. She felt that she is a little more prepared for the auditors this year as she has a little more experience.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Trustee Stites, seconded by Hobby. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Ray Wards

Shawn Pagnotta, Town Clerk