

**FOWLER TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
200 MAIN ST  
DATE: February 22, 2010  
6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Ray Wards led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Mayor Wards, Trustees Christensen, Hitchcock, Hobby, McKown and Stites. Trustee Baldwin was absent. Also attending were Treasurer Twana Klinkerman and Town Clerk Shawn Pagnotta.

Public Comment. None

Changes to the Agenda. Letters of support for Tri County housing and Library Grant were added under new business.

Approval of February 8, 2010 minutes. Trustee McKown moved and Trustee Hobby seconded approving the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Reports. None noted

Committee/Board Reports. None noted.

Administrator's Report. Administrator Wayne Snider was out of town on a personal matter and had no report.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Klinkerman gave the financial report highlighting the few outstanding areas in each fund. Klinkerman stated that overall in the general fund, expenses are \$10,000 under budget.

There was no unfinished business.

#### New Business

Liquor License renewal for CJ's Grizzly Creek. Pagnotta stated that CJ's Grizzly creek submitted their application for the liquor license renewal. The local fees were not yet paid, but Pagnotta requested council approve the renewal contingent on CJ's paying these fees. Trustee McKown made a motion to approve the liquor license renewal contingent on the local fees being paid. Motion was seconded by Trustee Stites.

Police Chief. Pagnotta stated that Administrator Snider asked the council to revisit this issue as Rich Schur felt it would not be worth his time or our money to use him as a consultant in hiring a police chief if the town could not increase the

salary range upwards to at least \$40,000. Council discussed the need to consult with Schur by stating that the Town of Fowler does not need an administrative police chief, but rather a commanding police chief. Trustee Hobby stated that he would be willing to assist in conducting a background check on the candidate as well as Otero County Sheriff Office assisting us in psych evaluations. Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to set the salary range for the police chief at \$35,000 to \$42,000 plus benefits. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown and passed unanimously. Trustee Christensen made a motion to resend the agreement with Rick Schur and conduct our own background check and psych evaluations. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown and passed unanimously.

Letter of support for Library. Klinkerman stated the library is applying for a technology grant in the amount of \$23,000 with a match of \$2,000 and are requesting a letter of support from the mayor. Trustee Christensen made a motion to draft a letter of support for the library to the Colorado State Library for a grant application. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown and passed unanimously.

Letter of support for Tri County Housing. Klinkerman stated Tri County Housing is requesting a letter of support for the Federal Home Loan Bank grant. Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to give the mayor the authority to sign a support letter for Tri County Housing. Motion seconded by Trustee McKown. Motion passed with all voting yes except Trustee Stites who abstained from the vote.

Adjournment. Trustee McKown moved and Trustee Hitchcock seconded to adjourn. Motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Ray Wards, Mayor

Shawn Pagnotta, Town Clerk