

**FOWLER TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 MAIN STREET
DATE: March 9, 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 Chuck Hitchcock, Jack Hobby, Randy McKown, and Monie Stites. Trustee Larry Vibber was present via telephone. Trustee Pat Christensen came to the meeting at 6:05. Also present were Administrator Snider, Attorney Hyatt, Klinkerman, Rein, Borrego and Pagnotta.

Public Comments: None

Changes to the Agenda: None

Approval of previous minutes (February 23, 2009): Trustee McKown made a motion to approve the February 23, 2009 minutes. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hitchcock and passed unanimously.

Reports:

Mayor Wards had nothing to report

Committee/Board Reports: Trustee Hobby had nothing to report but wanted to thank Police Chief Borrego and the Fowler Police Department for their help with the recent fire on behalf for the Fowler Fire Department.

Trustee Vibber wanted to comment about the watering schedule later during the meeting.

Administrator Report: Snider reported that the town had received the contract with the State Historic Society for the Park School. Snider stated that he had received an email from BNSF railroad regarding the sewer line project. He was told that it could take anywhere from 6 to 8 weeks to obtain the permits to bore under the railroad tracks. Snider stated that he will start accepting bids for the various construction jobs for the project. Snider reported that the Park project is moving along and he is currently working with landscapers to develop the best option for a sprinkling system for the park. The fencing has been completed and we will be finishing up the bandstand in two to three weeks. Snider said one solar light will be installed near the park within the week so that we can take public comments before additional lights are installed.

Treasurer report: Treasurer Klinkerman submitted a written report and briefly went over a few items that were out of the norm. She stated that the town paid \$300 to Perkins Raschina for their intervention with Black Hills Energy regarding solar power. The Town also had a \$3000 bill to Evergreen for water sampling. Out of the Sewer fund the town paid \$700 to Burlington Northern for the permits to bore under the railroad. Klinkerman stated that out of the Library fund, money was spent to work on the boiler, which was nearly \$800. Klinkerman stated that to date the town has spent about \$103,000 on the park project. We have received about \$6400 from First National Bank for the fencing. She felt the finances were right where they should be.

Unfinished Business: None noted.

New Business: 16th Judicial District Drug Task Force presentation – Gary Armitage, the Drug Task Force Officer who works out of the District Attorney's office, made a presentation to council members stating that the drug task force is still operating and is in Fowler to sign the agreement for the next year. He gave a report of the various drug related issues that he has faced in the area. He stated that he expects Meth labs will be on a rise again throughout the valley. Fowler's contribution to the Drug Task Force is \$2,064, which was budgeted for the year. Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to sign the intergovernmental agreement again and renew the contract with the Drug Task Force. Motion was seconded by Trustee Christensen and passed unanimously.

Watering Schedule – Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to adopt the watering schedule for March 10, 2009, the same watering schedule that was implemented in August 2008. Motion was seconded by

Trustee McKown. Trustee Vibber asked if there would be any way the town could get away from the middle of the night watering for pressurized systems, particularly for those that have problems with lines being plugged. Foreman Rein put a clean out valve at the end of Vibber's lines and will flush it out so as to alleviate the problems with the line being plugged. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Vibber asked to report on a grant issue that the school has applied for through the county. Trustee Vibber stated that the grant program will assist families of \$75,000 income or less in terms of various categories such as health, recreation, technology and so forth. He stated that they are going to put in another grant that could help the summer recreation program, by possibly doing away with the registration fees, as well as buying equipment. Trustee Vibber asked if there was anything that is needed for the swimming pool that could be included in the grant application. It was suggested that the grant could be used for maintenance equipment. Klinkerman also stated that the pool needed two refrigerators. The grant could also be used to purchase bleachers for the T-ball field at the Park School. The bleachers could also be used during Missouri Day. Trustee Vibber will include these requests in the grant application.

Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Program Application for Backfeed line – Snider stated that he has completed the application from DOLA for the Back feed line and needs the council's approval to submit the application. He will be submitting the grant request in the amount of \$199,000 through DOLA, the remainder of \$110,000 will be a loan or cash match. Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to move forward with DOLA Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance program application for the Backfeed line project. Motion was seconded by Trustee Stites. Motion passed unanimously.

International Property Maintenance Code – Snider would like council members to read through the code and discuss it at the next board meeting where they could address issues that may need to be changed. Snider stated that there are a few houses in town that need some attention and this code would give the town the authority to address those issues. Attorney Hyatt explained how the code works and suggested that if the board agrees to adopt it, they would need to appoint a three person appeal board.

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

Ray Wards, Mayor

Shawn Pagnotta, Town Clerk