

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

Mayor Wards led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Trustees present were Jim Baldwin, Pat Christensen, Chuck Hitchcock, Randy McKown, and Monie Stites. Trustee Jack Hobby was absent. Also attending were employees Snider, Rein, and Klinkerman.

Public Comment. None.

Changes to the Agenda. Item D under new business (acceptance of resignation from Laura Lindholm) was removed.

Approval of previous minutes (March 8, 2010). Trustee McKown moved and Trustee Stites seconded approving the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Wards reported that Laura Lindholm has resigned but that she had appeared to court on her own time for three trials.

Committee/Board Reports. Trustee McKown asked Wayne if he talked to Jonathan about directional signs for the Golf Course. Wayne had spoken with Don Garcia of CDOT and he stated that they may be willing to pay for them.

Trustee Stites stated that the transportation survey discussed at the last meeting has been submitted to the paper.

Unfinished Business.

Recreation Board request for Conservation Trust Funds. Noelle Sanchez and Launa Manchego from the Recreation Board reported that they had missed the GOCO grant deadline. They stated that their priority was paying the maintenance of the baseball field. They also reported that they had contacted Luke Hochaver to see what MLB programs or fund raising programs would be available for the bleachers. The rec. board has a meeting tomorrow and it will be discussed. They want to build two bleachers this summer and another set next summer. They will also be discussing the possibility of repairing the current bleachers and putting an awning over them. Wayne asked if they wanted to go ahead with the next GOCO grant. They said yes and asked what they needed to do. Wayne felt they needed a full grant, not just a mini grant. Wayne asked the ladies to come in and he would work with them on the grant. The next deadline is August 15. Mayor Wards thanked the ladies.

New Business.

Community Theater request for use of park for Beer Garden. Tammy Smith with Valley Community Theater asked to use the property south of the park, with the panels and

tables as in the past. Trustee Christensen moved and Trustee Stites seconded allowing them to use everything as in the past. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 773-10 Ratify wages. Trustee Hitchcock moved and Trustee McKown seconded approving Resolution 773. Motion passed unanimously.

Ratify Mayor's signature for DOLA grant for Lagoon feasibility study. Trustee Hitchcock moved that we ratify the Mayor's signature and Trustee Stites seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Liquor License Renewal for Cottonwood Links. Trustee McKown moved and Trustee Baldwin seconded approving the liquor license renewal for Cottonwood Links. Motion passed unanimously.

Sewer tap for 715 Green's Lane. Trustee Christensen moved and Trustee Baldwin seconded approving the sewer tap at 715 Green's Lane at the owner's expense. Motion passed unanimously.

Town owned property (80-90 acres) on south side of Town. Wayne stated that he is working with a solar company that wants land. They are to bring in 468 jobs. Wayne wondered about offering the land to them at no cost. We are competing with Denver for this. Trustee Hitchcock moved to give Wayne the authority to negotiate with this company for up to 15 acres for this project. Trustee Christensen seconded the motion. Trustee Stites also stated that we have the County's support on this project. Trustee Hitchcock stated that we will definitely have some infrastructure issues. There is the possibility of putting a water tower out there. This may provide us with some funding to develop infrastructure. Hitchcock feels that this will be a long-term fit and they will be here for a long time. Wayne stated that the workers would live in this area. The average wage would be about \$17 per hour. Trustees talked about the potential economic benefit to the community. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's report. Ronnie Rein reported that they are holding off on the asphalt patching because of the incoming storm. We are waiting for Ken Young for approval from the State from LL.5 out. We cannot move until we have that approval. He also needs to get together with Twana with all costs to date to see what else we will have to pay out for the project. He reported that we ran into real problems on LL.5 which cost us extra money. The hangers for the bridge are on order. He stated that we cannot do a whole lot until we get permits and approvals. Wayne also reported that we need an approval from Crowley County, but we are basically needing to take the paperwork over to their commissioners meeting on a Monday morning for their approval. Rein hopes to be done with the backfeed line by July.

Mayor Wards also reported that Kiewit is in the area finishing up some projects.

Rein stated that we need to get with the County for a culvert by John Arnold's.

Stites thanked the maintenance crew for grading the alleys.

Snider stated that the engineer and architect are moving forward with the ducting for the geothermal. We will have a set of preliminary drawings probably the first week of April. Wayne stated that it took longer because the library had not decided what they wanted for space planning until recently. Wayne stated that they will try to do the coring to test

at the same time they do the school to determine if the geothermal will work. He also stated that we were hoping to get approval on rebuilt windows in two weeks. They will be thermal, energy efficient windows. They will be funded by CDOT. They could take 120 days to be produced.

Stites asked about using the prison for shelving. Wayne stated that he was waiting to hire a new librarian before he decided what to do about shelving.

Snider stated that Black Hills is willing to donate 5 trees to us. Wayne talked to Joan Vibber about it and she asked about height. Wayne is working to get more information. Joan feels they are needed at the cemetery. The park has a few dead trees, but they are under warranty and they will be replaced.

The park is to be sprayed. There was discussion as to who should pay for this. Burning the stickers was also discussed. Rein will check on burning. We will be meeting with the company that put in the grass to take care of the issue. Trustees are concerned that we need to hold the contractors accountable for their work. Mayor asked if money had been held back for the grass. Klinkerman stated that the contractor has been paid in full. McKown felt that we should talk to the attorney if the contractor won't spray. Rein stated that the stickers need to be sprayed within about 2 weeks. The contractor is supposed to be here this week.

Adjournment. Trustee Hitchcock moved and Trustee McKown seconded adjourning the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Pat Christensen, Mayor

Shawn Pagnotta, Town Clerk