

**FOWLER TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 MAIN STREET
DATE: April 26, 2010
6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Christensen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Trustees present were Jim Baldwin, Jason Hagerman, Chuck Hitchcock, Randy McKown, Monie Stites and Travis True. Also attending were employees Snider, Rein, Klinkerman and Pagnotta.

Public Comment. None.

Changes to the Agenda. None

Approval of previous minutes (April 12, 2010). Trustee McKown moved and Trustee Stites seconded approving the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Christensen reported that he drafted and sent a letter to the Library Board requesting a meeting with them and the Council to resolve a few of the issues that have transpired over the past few months.

Mayor Christensen reported that the school hit a few snags regarding the football/track field but are working to get them resolved.

Committee/Board Reports. No reports were made.

Administrator Report – Snider reported that we have received the final paperwork for Vibrant Solar regarding the solar panels at the golf course. Installation should begin in two to three weeks. Rein reported that the backfeed line is about \$15,000 over budget on the project, but he felt that if they hold off on some of the other projects we should be ok financially.

Unfinished Business

Pagnotta swore in Jim Baldwin as trustee. Baldwin will serve a four year term.

Appointment of Mayor Pro-tem – Mayor Christensen stated that he would like to appoint Trustee Hitchcock as the Mayor pro-tem. Trustee McKown made a motion to appoint Chuck Hitchcock as Mayor pro-tem. Motion was seconded by Trustee Baldwin and passed with everyone voting yes, except Trustee Hitchcock who abstained.

Appointment of Committee board members – Mayor Christensen stated that the trustees held a work session to discuss the appointment of the committee board members. Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to accept the committee member list that was developed during the work session in addition to the Fowler Recreation Committee list. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown, motion passed unanimously.

Recreation board proposal for grant funds – Launa Manchego presented a proposal to

council and are asking for funding for the summer maintenance fees in the amount of \$1500. Trustee Stites made a motion to grant the Recreation board \$1500 for these fees out of the Conservation Trust Fund. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hagerman and passed unanimously.

Burn permit – Administrator Snider drafted a revised burn permit and passed it on the Rick Ritter form the health department as well as Chris Johnson from Otero County Sheriff's Department to make sure we are following their guidelines. Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to table the issue for two weeks. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown and passed unanimously.

New business

Clint Walker (September 11 Town clean up) – Administrator Snider stated that Clint Walker is asking for assistance or support from the town by either providing personnel or money for a community clean up on September. The town has provided a dumpster in the past.

Sustainable Main Street Initiative – Administrator Snider stated that there will be a meeting in Denver on Wednesday to meet with the governor. Fowler was one of four communities that were selected in Colorado to participate in a program to promote a sustainable Main Street. Fowler will join forces with other entities such as DOLA, USDA, and Governor's Energy office to complete a sustainable Main street project. There will be a meeting on May 6 at 6 p.m.

Special Events Permit for Valley Community Theater for Missouri Day – Town Clerk Pagnotta stated that Valley Community Theater is requesting a special events permit for a beer garden at this year's Missouri Day celebration. The event had been properly posted and the council will hold a hearing at the next council meeting.

Modification of Premises for Scratch's Pub – Pagnotta stated that Scratch's Pub wants to put up a fence in the northeast corner of their building to allow customers to take their drinks outside during the Missouri Day Celebration. Trustee Hitchcock asked that we talk to CDOT to make sure there are no issues being so close to the highway. Pagnotta stated that she had requested a letter from the fire department to insure there are no fire hazards, but has not received anything from the fire chief. Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to approve the modification of premises for Scratch's Pub for the week of July 3 through July 10 providing that all conditions are met and we receive verifications from CDOT. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown and passed unanimously.

Trees along Main Street – Snider stated that at some point we will need to look at the threes along Main Street because they are pushing up the sidewalks. Snider suggested that this project be included in the Main Street Initiative project.

Phat Willy's Liquor License renewal – Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to approve the renewal of Phat Willy's liquor license. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown and passed unanimously.

CML conference – The annual CML Conference is scheduled for June 22 – 25. Mayor Christensen and Trustee McKown have agreed to attend.

Library pool party for summer reading program – Treasurer Klinkerman stated that the

Town had donated swim passes for the children that participated in the summer reading program in the past. This year the library would like to hold a pool party instead of offering swim passes. Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to postpone making a decision until they meet with the library board. Motion seconded by Trustee McKown and passed unanimously.

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

Patrick Christensen, Jr.
Mayor

Shawn Pagnotta
Town Clerk