

**FOWLER TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 MAIN STREET
DATE: May 10, 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.

Hearing for Special Events Permit for Valley Community Theater – Mayor Christensen opened the hearing offering anyone a chance to speak either for or against the event. No comments were made and the hearing was closed. Trustee McKown made a motion to approve the Special Event Permit for Valley Community Theater. Motion was seconded by Trustee Stites and passed unanimously.

Public Comment – Carol Harriman asked to be put on the next Utility Board agenda to discuss the drainage from the school football/track field project.

Changes to the Agenda. None

Approval of previous minutes (April 26, 2010). Trustee McKown moved and Trustee Baldwin seconded approving the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports.

Treasurer Report – Treasurer Klinkerman reported that the town just completed the audit for 2009 and it went well. Klinkerman did not have a financial report because of the audit, but will have one for the next council meeting. She introduced the pool managers (Tori Harris and Avery Major) to the council.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Christensen reported that there was a meeting regarding the Mains Street Initiative on May 6.

Committee Report – Trustee Hitchcock reported that the Utility Board approved a sewer tap for Scott Epperly. He also reported that the sewer tap request for the Sale Barn was submitted to the Planning and Zoning Committee for a variance on the annexation agreement.

Trustee McKown reported that the golf course board met and are requesting money from the Conservation Trust Fund.

Administrator Report – Administrator Snider reported on the meeting on May 19th in Golden for the Main Street Initiative. He stated that he needed a head count of those attending.

Unfinished Business

Sidewalk Ordinance – Trustee Hitchcock introduced ordinance 650-10, sidewalk ordinance. Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to approve Ordinance 650-10, an

ordinance of the Town of Fowler requiring sidewalks and maintenance of sidewalks, by title only, to be effective, once published, on June 20, 2010. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown. Trustee True asked about offering monetary assistance to citizens that need to make repairs or install new sidewalks. Trustee Hitchcock stated that the Utility Board is looking into setting up a revolving fund that would assist citizens. Trustee Stites stated that Tri-County Housing has funds available to assist those families that qualify. Trustee True asked when this ordinance was going to be enforced. Trustee Hitchcock stated that repairs to existing sidewalks will not be enforced until money is made available. Treasurer Klinkerman asked about the paragraph on page two that stated "Sidewalks should be compacted to 100%". Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to amend his motion to exclude the line item "to 100 %" of that statement to read, "All Sidewalks shall be compacted and inspected by the Town Foreman." Motion on the amendment was seconded by Trustee True and passed unanimously. The original motion was passed unanimously.

Burn Permit – Administrator Snider has not received the proposed ordinance back from Chris Johnson from Otero Sheriff's Dept. or Rick Ritter from the Health Dept. Issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Pool party for the summer reading program – Trustee True spoke with Sharon Lawson from the library who stated the pool party would be for those children that completed the reading program. Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to table their decision until we get more information. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown and passed unanimously.

School football/track field – Trustee Hitchcock is trying to get all parties involved together at one place to discuss the issues and get everything resolved through the Utility Board.

New Business

Resolution 776-10 Amending swimming pool fees – Klinkerman stated that student fees were increased to \$2.00 per student and the hours of operation was changed. The pool will be closed on Thursdays and open the other six days a week from 1:30 to 4:30 and on Sunday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. Trustee Stites made a motion to approve the resolution, motion seconded by Trustee Hagerman and passed unanimously.

Library – Trustee Stites met with the library board and explained the design of the committee and helped them to understand the difference between an advisory board versus a governing board.

Request for funds for Cottonwood Links – Jonathan Fox, president of Cottonwood Links Golf Course, made a presentation to the council requesting grant funding from the Conservation Trust Fund for the fiscal year 2010. They are requesting support for mowing equipment and maintenance salaries for a total of \$6925. Klinkerman stated that \$7000 was budgeted for the year, however \$1000 was budgeted for a basketball hoop, \$1500 for Recreation Department, and whatever money is needed to purchase security cameras for the park. This leaves a balance of \$4500 that could be used. Fox stated that any money given would be appreciated. Trustee Stites made a motion to set aside \$2500 for the golf course. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hitchcock seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resolution 777-10 Hiring Pool staff – Trustee Stites made a motion to adopt Resolution

777-10, a resolution approving the employment of certain employees and establishing wages for the new hires. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown. Klinkerman stated that 11 lifeguards were hire in total. There will be a minimum of 3 lifeguards on duty in addition to one manager. The manager will run the concession stand and will schedule the shifts for the lifeguards as well as schedule the swim lessons.

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

Patrick Christensen, Jr.
Mayor

Shawn Pagnotta
Town Clerk