

**FOWLER TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 MAIN STREET
DATE: June 8, 2009
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. Present were Trustees Christensen, Hitchcock, Hobby, McKown and Stites. Trustee Vibber was present via phone. Employees Rein, Borrego, Snider, Klinkerman and Pagnotta were also present. Also present were Attorney Hyatt and Pool managers Thomas and Leiber.

Public Comments:

Mary Graft had been issued a warning to remove her camper and trailer from the street. She stated that Code enforcement Officer Perry had told them that all trailers and junk vehicles were not allowed to be parked on the street. Mayor Wards asked if Mrs. Graft had talked to Chief Borrego. He stated there was a chain of command and that she should first go to Chief Borrego, then to Administrator Snider, and finally to the council if her needs have not been met.

Jesse Lopez had the same complaint that Mrs. Graft had and would speak with Chief Borrego.

No changes to the agenda were made.

Approval of previous minutes (May 18 special Meeting and May 26, 2009). Trustee Hitchcock moved and Trustee Hobby seconded to approve the minutes of the May 18 special meeting and the May 26 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Mayor Report: Nothing to report.

Administrator Snider reported that the Park is nearly complete. He, Ronnie and Twana will be looking over the budget as well as any outstanding bills. There are two solar lights in the park, Snider asked for input as to which light looks the best and has the better light output.

Snider reported on the sewer project stating that we are still waiting on the permits from BNSF. He stated that they have confirmed receiving the license agreement packet from the town.

Snider stated that we may have the grant approval by June for the backfeed line. Snider is looking at prices for the pipe that will be needed for both of these projects. He stated that if the pipe was purchased now it could save the town a lot of money, due in part to the increasing price of fuel. Trustee Hitchcock asked that Snider have price comparisons for the pipe available at the next council meeting.

Snider stated that CDOT will be opening bids in July for the projects near Cummings and the Sale Barn. Snider stated that the project may not actually start until August or

September or possibly later.

Snider stated the all the paper work for the solar project installation for the town and school has been submitted to Black Hills Energy and he is waiting on a response from them.

Snider reported that Rick Ritter from the Health Department presented a health meeting at the elementary school. Snider said there was not as good of turn out as they would have like to see, however, Snider has the paperwork for anyone that would be interested in the information.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Klinkerman reported that cash flow would be extremely tight in June in the general fund and will need to pay the remaining expenditures on the park before drawing the remaining GOCO funds. She will be submitting a draw request to DOLA for the expenditures to date on the Park School. Klinkerman stated that DOLA reimburses timely, therefore she feels that we should be able to make it through June without being delinquent on bills.

Klinkerman stated the library is over budget by about \$800, but feels that expenses for the remainder of the year should be lower as the majority of the expenses are related to the computerization of the books.

Klinkerman stated that nearly \$4,000 has been transferred to the general fund for the park renovation and the remainder of the money for this project will be transferred in June.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Special Event Permit for Valley Community Theater – Trustee Vibber stated that the school donated 12 tables to the town and stated that they could be picked up at the town's convenience. Vibber asked that these tables be offered for community use when needed. It was suggested that these tables be given to the Danish Brotherhood and stored at the Dane Hall until the town needed them. Snider was going to check into this. Trustee Christensen made a motion to approve the special event permit for Valley Community Theater for the beer garden at this year's Missouri Day. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown. Motion passed unanimously.

Request from Shirlee Gribble for donations for annual golf tournament - Gribble was seeking cash sponsorships from local businesses for the tournament. Issue died for lack of motion.

Mayor Wards stated that there had been a couple of complaints from patrons of the pool for not being able to bring in coolers or bottled water to the pool. There are signs that state that no food or drink is allowed in the pool area. Mayor Wards stated that the pool loses about \$18,000 every year and employees about 16 people. The concession stand helps to offset this lose; therefore people are prohibited from bringing in food and drink.

Adjournment: Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown. Motion passed unanimously.

Ray Wards, Mayor

Shawn Pagnotta, Town Clerk