

**FOWLER TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 MAIN STREET
DATE: August 24, 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 Pat Christensen, Jack Hobby, Randy McKown, and Monie Stites. Trustee Hitchcock was absent. Also present were employees Wayne Snider, Ronnie Rein and Shawn Pagnotta.

Public Comment: No public comments.

Changes to the Agenda: None noted.

Trustee Stites moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2009 council meeting. Trustee Hobby seconded the motion which passed with all voting yes, except Trustee McKown who voted no because he did not receive his packet until 4:30 p.m. the day of the council meeting.

Reports.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Wards asked if there were any issues with the First Baptist Church doing the Back Yard ministries. This group will replace side walks and do minor repairs to houses around Fowler. Trustees agreed that there were no issues and the church could proceed with their project. Administrator Snider requested the church group document all hours worked and funds spent, as they could be as future matching funds.

Committee/Board Reports: None noted.

Administrator Report: Administrator Snider stated the Land Use Planning Committee wanted to attend the next golf course meeting and make a presentation. Snider reported that we received the final payment from GOCO for the Gerard Park renovation. We also received all the signed documents from Jones Lang LaSalle for the BNSF permits. The sewer line and back feed line project is a go. The Hwy 50 projects are starting as well.

Trustee McKown asked if any of the other residents living next to the museum has done what was asked of them to help alleviate the drainage issues at the back of the museum. Snider stated that the neighbors have all been asked to route the runoff from their roofs to the alley, but none have done so. Snider said the problem stems from the museum being built in the natural flow of the water. Snider stated that he presented the museum with a plan that would cost them \$1100 to design a system that would eliminate the flooding issues.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Klinkerman was absent do to illness, but presented the trustee with a written financial report. Mayor Wards asked anyone with questions to either contact Pagnotta or Klinkerman.

Trustee McKown asked about an article in the Pueblo Chieftain regarding a low tech treatment of the sewage lagoons. The article stated that the Town of Fowler was going to expend \$15,000 on the pilot program by Bio2 Solutions. Administrator Snider stated that the Town of Fowler was not going to spend any money on this project; it would be paid by either the Lower Ark Valley, Colorado Water Conservancy Board, or the Roundtable Basin.

Unfinished Business:

Letters of Intent to fill council vacancy: Pagnotta stated that the deadline to accept letters of intent was extended until Aug. 28, with council making the appointment at the September 14 council meeting. Only one letter of intent has been submitted.

New Business:

Donation request from Hannah Berumen for Miss Teen Pageant – Mayor Wards stated that the Town has not made any donations to anyone else with such requests and felt that we should not start now. The trustees agreed that no monetary donations would be given.

Liquor License renewal for Red Top Wine and liquor – Trustee McKown made a motion to approve the renewal. Motion seconded by Trustee Hobby. Motion passed unanimously.

Liquor License renewal for Tank-n-Tummy – Trustee McKown made a motion to approve the renewal. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hobby. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Trustee Christensen moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown and passed unanimously.

Ray Wards, Mayor

Shawn Pagnotta, Town Clerk