

**FOWLER TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
200 MAIN STREET  
DATE: September 28, 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 Jim Baldwin, Chuck Hitchcock, Jack Hobby, and Monie Stites. Trustees Pat Christensen and Randy McKown were absent. Also present were employees Wayne Snider, Ronnie Rein, Twana Klinkerman and Shawn Pagnotta.

Public Comment: No public comments.

Swearing in of Trustee Baldwin: Town Clerk Pagnotta swore in Trustee Baldwin

Changes to the Agenda: Executive Session was removed from the agenda.

Trustee Hitchcock moved to approve the minutes of the August 24, September 14 Council meetings, and September 22, 2009 Special meeting. Trustee Stites seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Reports.**

Mayor's Report: Explained that the executive session would be removed from this meeting because the trustees were given a form to evaluate Administrator Snider. Mayor Wards asked each trustee to complete the form and the group would discuss it in executive session during the next council meeting.

Committee/Board Reports: None noted.

Administrator Report: Administrator Snider reported that the bid opening for the sewer project will be held at 2 p.m. on October 7 at Town Hall. Snider stated that Ken Young is finishing his drawings for the backfeed line and should be finished in about 3 weeks. Everything is in order for the project in front of Bushy's Motel. We are waiting on the design for the inlets from Rick Kidd, who is also working on the County Road 3.5 project. Snider stated that we are waiting on the Library Board for their input on the library design for Park School. Snider stated that Edna Carroll resigned from the library board as the president and as default Dorothy Baker is now serving as president.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Klinkerman reported that her computer crashed and she does not have a report for the General Fund, but stated that everything looked good for this fund. The Water Fund is operating at budget and the expenditures are \$40,000 below budget. She reminded trustees that they had budgeted \$25,000 for the sale of equipment and had budgeted to spend \$40,000 to purchase new equipment. The Sewer Fund is slightly above budget in the operating revenue and the operating expenses are \$17,000 below budget. In the Sanitation Fund the revenues are slightly below budget and the expenditures are below budget as well. The revenues for the storm drainage fund are at budgeted levels. Money from this fund has been budgeted for use on engineering and projects has not been spent yet, but will be used for the drainage on the east side of town. There were no exceptional items in the health and safety fund. There will be a few small bills which will come out of the Conservation Trust Fund for the park project. Klinkerman also noted council had voted to fund certain items for both Cottonwood Links and Fowler Rec. Department from the Conservation Trust Fund, but neither had submitted invoices, therefore no payments have been made to either party. The library did not receive the grant funds they had budgeted; therefore they will be required to reduce expenditures for the remainder of the year. They will be presenting a supplemental 2009 budget at the next council meeting along with the 2010 budget proposals.

Klinkerman also reported that she has received insurance quotes for the property casualty insurance and the work comp. The property casualty insurance from CIRSA has decreased by 8 percent. She received a quote from Pinnacol Assurance for the work comp that would save the town about \$4,000, therefore she made a recommendation to switch the work comp from CIRSA to Pinnacol. Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to switch the work comp to Pinnacol. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hobby and passed

unanimously. CIRSA will cover the Town's work comp through the end of the year and Pinnacol will become effective on January 1.

Unfinished Business: None noted

New Business:

CDBG Sponsorship agreement – Trustee Stites reported that the Town of Fowler had signed as an applicant for CHDO grant for a needs assessment a few years back and the grant has not been completed. Trustee Stites requested that this document as well as the resolution regarding excessive force for CDBG grant funds be signed by the mayor as a formality. Trustee Hobby made a motion to have both the CDBG Sponsorship agreement and the resolution for excessive force be signed by the mayor. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hitchcock and passed with all trustees voting yes, except Trustee Stites who abstained.

Liquor License renewal for Red Scratches Pub – Trustee Hobby made a motion to approve the renewal. Motion seconded by Trustee Baldwin. Motion passed unanimously.

Letter of Intent for Utility Board, replacing Larry Johnson – Trustee Hitchcock stated that a resignation was submitted by Larry Johnson from the Utility Board. Trustee Hitchcock made a motion to accept Larry Johnson's resignation from the Utility Board and accept letter's of intent to replace him; with the deadline for submission on October 19, 2009. Motion seconded by Trustee Hobby and passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Trustee Hobby moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Stites and passed unanimously.

Ray Wards, Mayor

Shawn Pagnotta, Town Clerk