

**FOWLER TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
200 MAIN STREET  
DATE: November 23, 2009  
6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Wards called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Present were Trustees Christensen, Hitchcock, McKown, and Stites. Trustees Baldwin and Hobby were absent. Also present were Rein, Klinkerman and Pagnotta.

Budget Hearing: Mayor Wards opened the budget hearing. There were no comments regarding the budget and the hearing was closed.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Changes to the Agenda: Item A, Fowler Elementary student council proclamation, under New Business, was moved to be the first item of business discussed.

Approval of previous minutes (November 9, 2009): Trustee Christensen made the motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Trustee McKown and passed unanimously.

Reports: No reports were made.

Administrator report: Snider made a report on the CDOT (Hwy 50) projects and stated things are coming to an end and should be completed within the next three weeks. Snider stated he will be having a meeting with an engineer and Karen Rowe from CDOT as well as with Kiewit regarding what needs to be done to finish the project up. The drainage pipe in front of Bushy's Motel is completed. The curbing and sidewalks are being completed and they will start cutting the road into Cummings Complex when they get the dirt removed.

Spaccamonti will start moving the equipment in to begin on the sewer project within the week. They are estimating that it could take about two weeks to do the boring under the rail road.

Snider received an update from Ken Young stating that we should be able to go out for bid on the backfeed line by December 9 and it will probably be the first of the year before we get started on the project.

Fowler Elementary Student Council Proclamation: Brennan Bates and Brianna Hobby from the Fowler Elementary School presented a proclamation that supports the Safe Routes to School Coalition. The Safe Routes to School Coalition has a goal to have walking and bicycling programs in the Fowler School District by 2011. Trustee Christensen made a motion to adopt the proclamation. Motion was seconded by Trustee Stites and passed unanimously.

#### Unfinished Business

Budget: Treasurer Klinkerman stated that council members went through the budget in detail at a work session that was held on Saturday. She stated that we are budgeting one percent over current salaries; the town is not giving raises at the first of the year,

but are allowing for any overtime hours that may be needed. The town will be reducing hours in most areas. The town cut what the general funds provides the library by \$2,000, giving \$22,000 as the libraries budget for the year. Council will need approval from library before the budget can be approved. The summer maintenance is budgeted three months this year as opposed to six months last year. The pool will only be open 5 days a week instead of seven from the hours of 2 p.m. to 5.m. instead of the 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Klinkerman adjusted the revenues slightly with the pool being closed two days. Klinkerman address the Conservation Trust Fund and using these funds to purchase security cameras for the park. She budgeted to use \$2000 for the cameras and basketball hoops at the park and \$4000 going to the recreation board or golf course. The revised will need to be approved at the next council meeting.

Police Advisory Committee – Snider stated that this committee would primarily be and outreach committee. Mayor Wards asked that this be tabled at this time and addressed at a later time.

Personnel Policy/ Retirement – Klinkerman asked that this issue be addressed at a meeting held in January.

Adoption of Hwy 167 – Snider stated that CDOT no longer has the funding to continue with this project at this time, but the issue could be revisited in a year or so.

Adjournment:

Trustee Stites made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Trustee McKown. Motion passed unanimously.

Ray Wards, Mayor

Shawn Pagnotta, Town Clerk