

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 3, 2011**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Aguayo, Darling, Parra, & Simonian

City Staff Present: City Manager Elias, Finance Director Wong, Community Development Director Deaver, Public Works Director Weisser, City Attorney Wolfe, Administrative Assistant Mukai, Acting Fire Chief Lopez

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by an invocation given by Pastor Jim Kennon. Roll call was taken. There were no public presentations.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Elias announced upcoming events: Springfest - May 7, 2011 in Panzak Park; the League of California Cities Legislative Action Days in Sacramento - May 18-20, 2011; the Mayor's Breakfast - May 19, 2011; and the "Serve Fowler" community beautification event - May 21, 2011.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2011-02

City Manager Elias stated that the second reading of Ordinance No. 2011-02 was to approve the adjustment of the business license fee for fortune tellers from \$1,200 to \$300 annually.

Councilmember Parra made a motion to waive the second reading and approve Ordinance 2011-02, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler Amending the Fowler Municipal Code Pertaining to Annual Business License Fees for Fortune Telling," seconded by Councilmember Simonian. The motion carried on a 3-2-0 roll call vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra and Simonian. Noes: Aguayo and Darling. Absent/Abstain: None.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2011-03

Community Development Director Deaver explained that Ordinance No. 2011-03, introduced at a prior meeting, establishes an Administrative Citation Program to address violations of the Fowler Municipal Code.

Councilmember Parra made a motion to waive the second reading and approve Ordinance No. 2011-03, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler adopting Chapter 8 of Title 1 of the Fowler Municipal Code Concerning Administrative Citations." The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Aguayo, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Elias gave information on a COPS hiring grant, which would provide three years of funding to pay the salary and benefits of a new police officer. The position must be retained for at least one year after the completion of the grant. He noted that additional costs that would accompany a new hire would be approximately \$30,000. After a discussion, the consensus of the Council was to move forward with the application and if successful, a decision can be made on whether to accept or decline the award.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Weisser circulated information on water production rates. The State water report has been submitted. Staff have been busy preparing for the Springfest event, and replacing street signs due to vandalism, damage and fading.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

City Manager Elias reported that Officer Adam Garza is again working with the MAGEC gang enforcement team one day a week.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Acting Fire Chief Lopez reported that the department is concentrating on fire prevention, noting that Public Works staff will soon be discing weeds along Golden State Boulevard.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Wolfe reported on two new rulings. Courts have confirmed the validity of city ordinances that restrict the storage of RV's on private property, and that mandatory animal spay and neuter ordinances are lawful.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - May 3, 2011; and B) Approve Minutes of the Fowler City Council Meeting - April 19, 2011. Councilmember Simonian made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Aguayo encouraged all to attend the upcoming Springfest event.

Councilmember Darling will be attending a San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District meeting on June 27, 2011.

Councilmember Parra attended a recent Fresno County EOC public hearing. He spoke to EOC representatives about restoring a local food bank that was lost, and they will be assisting the City with the process.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Simonian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Aguayo. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.