

MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 18, 2012

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Hammer, Monis, Parra & Simonian

City Staff Present: City Manager Elias, City Clerk Davis, Finance Director Wong, Public Works Director Weisser, Police Chief Brand, City Attorney Cross, Fire Chief Lopez

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

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Elias reminded the Council that the January meeting dates have been changed to January 8th and 22nd, due to scheduling conflicts.

STAFF REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Elias circulated information on opportunities to serve on various League of California Cities policy committees, and information to prepare for a future goal setting workshop.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Weisser stated that a new toddler swing has been installed in Panzak Park. The department has been busy with tasks to prepare for winter storms.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Brand gave a statistical report for November 2012. There was an increase in auto thefts, mainly due to cars that had been left running to warm up. The Police Department recently concluded interviews for the recruitment of two new reserve officers.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Lopez reported a total of 59 emergency calls for the month of November, including 7 active fires. Two volunteer firefighters have completed training and are now qualified to operate the fire engine.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report was given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - December 18, 2012; B) Approve Minutes of the Fowler City Council Meeting - November 20, 2012, Fowler City Council and Fowler Planning Commission Special Joint Meeting - November 20, 2012, and Fowler City Council Meeting - December 4, 2012; C) Award of HSIP Cycle 4 Traffic Signal Battery Backup System project to A-C Electric Company in the amount of \$89,415.00; D) Adoption of Resolution No. 2266, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler, County of Fresno, State of California Approving the Applicant to Apply for All CalRecycle Grants for Which the City of Fowler Is Eligible"; and E) Approve Seventh Amendment to Fresno Council of Governments' (COG) Joint Powers Agreement between the Cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Huron, Sanger, San Joaquin, and Selma. Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Cardenas recommended reappointing Gary Mukai, Craig Mellon and Mark Rodriquez to a new term on the Planning Commission. Councilmember Simonian made a motion to re-appoint, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Cardenas attended a recent S. K. F. meeting where a discussion took place on safe disposal of pharmaceutical waste.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra requested that at a future meeting, the Council consider adopting an ordinance that requires a City commission member to vacate their position if they run for election to the City Council.

Councilmember Monis reported that she and the City Manager have been working to restore a local food giveaway program, and it is now back in place.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hammer, to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p. m.