

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 5, 2013**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Wolfe, Fire Chief Lopez, Planning Consultant O'Neal

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by an invocation given by Councilmember Simonian. Roll call was taken.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Andrew Renteria, a representative of Congressman David Valadao's office, introduced himself and gave contact information to the Council.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Elias reminded the Council of the upcoming S.S.J.V. Division of the League of California Cities general membership meeting on February 21, 2013 in Dinuba.

**PRESENTATION BY WOODSIDE HOMES: TRACT NO. 5090 SUBDIVISION PROJECT**

Chris Williams, a representative of Woodside Homes, gave a presentation on their Tract No. 5090 subdivision project. Renderings were shown of the four proposed one and two-story floor plans, with home sizes ranging from 2,241 to 3,480 square feet, and three different style elevations. It was asked whether the placement of two story homes can be restricted on lots that have a current one-story home behind it. Mr. Williams said that Woodside generally does not have the ability to prevent a buyer from building a two-story house on a lot that can accommodate one. City Attorney Wolfe added that the City also does not have the ability to restrict where a two-story home can be built in a project with an approved subdivision map.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2268 - VACATE A PORTION OF BONITA AVENUE**

Planning Consultant O'Neal stated that a portion of Bonita Avenue west of Golden State Boulevard is in poor condition and no longer needed. Staff recommends that the

Council approve a resolution of intent to vacate the portion of the street, which sets a future public hearing on the matter. He noted that the adjacent property owners are in favor of the abandonment, and a public easement will be reserved for utilities and ingress and egress to adjacent parcels. City Attorney Wolfe stated that further information on the public easement needs to be provided, as it is not clear if it is for an access road that should be private. The consensus was to get clarification from the City Engineer on the easement, and bring the matter back to the next meeting.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

No report was given.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Public Works Director Weisser said that staff is preparing an area near Valley Drive to conduct a truck driving test on a simulated traffic roundabout, per discussions on a proposed roundabout for Merced and 10th Streets.

### **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report was given.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Brand gave a January 2013 statistical report, with 86 case numbers issued to date. He said that the recent tobacco retailer education workshop was well attended by local retailers. The police officers have been attending perishable skills training sessions.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

No report was given.

City Manager Elias read a letter received from a citizen commending the Fowler Volunteer Fire Department for their professional response during a recent medical emergency.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney Wolfe provided a copy of the new Brown Act update workbooks to the Council.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - February 5, 2013; B) Approve Minutes of the Fowler City Council Special Meeting - January 22, 2013; and C)

Adoption of Resolution No. 2269, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler In Support of Enterprise Zones", and approval of letter to Governor Brown concerning Enterprise Zones. 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 attended a COG meeting where he was appointed as the Eastside Representative for the Fresno County Transportation Agency Board. He announced that Mayor Pro-Tem Parra was appointed to serve as an alternate on the LAFCO Board. He mentioned an invitation to attend an upcoming water education conference for Latino leaders in Los Angeles.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra attended a 5 Cities meeting where they discussed the City of Sanger's interest in being added to the S.K.F. Sanitation District.

Councilmember Hammer attended a San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Special City Selection Committee meeting where they appointed a board member to a vacancy.

Councilmember Monis mentioned an upcoming book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Fowler Library.

Councilmember Simonian reported on a recent Southeast Regional Solid Waste Commission meeting where they discussed discontinuing water treatment at an unused dump site.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Councilmember Hammer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Simonian, to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p. m.