

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 15, 2014**

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

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

City Staff Present: Finance Director Wong, City Attorney Wolfe, Public Works
Director Weisser, Police Chief Brand, Administrative
Assistant Mukai, Fire Chief Lopez, City Engineer Peters

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Developer Larry Raven gave information on a reuse water plant proposed to be built in the City of Selma to serve a future residential housing development. He explained the alternative wastewater treatment strategy, mentioning a recent tour officials from the cities of Fowler, Kingsburg and Selma took of a similar facility at the Quail Lakes subdivision. The project will be the subject of future discussions with S.K.F. Sanitation District and the three cities.

STAFF REPORTS:

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-02

City Engineer Peters said that Ordinance No. 2014-02 sets forth policies and procedures for the issuance of grading permits to help maintain development standards for grading and site improvements in the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hammer, to waive the second reading and approve Ordinance No. 2014-02, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler Adding Chapter 14 to Title 8 of the Fowler Municipal Code Pertaining to Grading Permit and Site Improvement Requirements." The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, & Monis. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Simonian.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

No report was given.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Weisser gave a progress report on the Neighborhood Park project. He reported that the State will be implementing emergency watering regulations due to the drought, and imposing steep penalties for violations. Cities will be required to monitor and enforce consumer watering restrictions.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Brand gave a police statistical report for June 2014, with 76 case numbers issued during the month. The Department is participating in a regional grant application for trauma kits for all police vehicles.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Lopez gave a brief report of fire occurrences on the 4th of July.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Wolfe mentioned some notable California Supreme Court cases pending, including six CEQA cases and a case on mandatory law enforcement reporting of child abuse occurrences to social service agencies.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - July 15, 2014; B) Approve Minutes of the Fowler City Council Meeting - July 1, 2014; and C) Accept the Manning Avenue Improvement Project constructed by Granite Construction, Inc. and authorize the City Engineer to file the Notice of Completion. Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, & Monis. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Simonian.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Cardenas circulated information from the Fresno County Regional Transportation Agency on transit services for the rural cities and communities.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra mentioned an upcoming League of California Cities board meeting where water issues in the Central Valley will be discussed.

Councilmember Hammer invited the Council to a regional baseball tournament and dinner in Fowler.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p. m.