

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 5, 2014**

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

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Parra, Monis, & Simonian

Councilmembers Absent: Hammer

City Staff Present: City Manger Elias, City Clerk Davis, Finance Director Wong,  
City Attorney Wolfe, Public Works Director Weisser, Fire  
Chief Lopez

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

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE REQUEST TO CLOSE CITY STREETS FOR A CAR SHOW**

Fowler resident Roy Alattore requested Council approval to close 2nd and 3rd Streets for a car show on August 23, 2014, near Panzak Park. Proceeds from the event will benefit the "Wish Upon a Star" organization for children with life-threatening illnesses.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to approve closing 2nd and 3rd Streets on Saturday, August 23, 2014 for a car show to benefit "Wish Upon A Star." The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Monis & Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Hammer.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Elias mentioned a Water Bond press conference at Fresno City Hall the following day, and an SSJV League of California Cities Division meeting in Madera on August 14, 2014.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

— **Discussion: Resolutions to Be Voted on at the League of California Cities Annual Conference**

The Council discussed a resolution that will be considered at the business meeting to be held at the upcoming League of California Cities Annual Conference in Los Angeles. City Attorney Wolfe explained that the resolution is in support of legislation against illegal Marijuana growing sites, as they devastate the environment, create threats to public safety, and cause huge problems for communities. The legislation has no bearing on the City's Medical Marijuana regulations. After discussion, the consensus was for the City's voting delegate to vote in support of the legislation.

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

Public Works Director Weisser said that staff has been working on irrigation repairs and mowing Golden State Boulevard.

## **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Finance Director Wong circulated an HDL sales tax report.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

No report was given.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Fire Chief Lopez gave a report of calls and training sessions for June 2014, totaling 85 for the month. There were 10 motor vehicle accidents that occurred, which is higher than usual.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No report was given.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consisted of:

- A) Ratification of Warrants - August 5, 2014;
- B) Approve Minutes of the Fowler City Council Meeting - July 15, 2014;
- C) Adoption of Resolution No. 2305, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler of Authorization to Contract" - Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging;
- D) Receive and file FPPC Biennial Notice that no amendments to the City's Conflict of Interest Code are necessary;
- E) Adoption of Resolution No. 2306, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler in Support of Assembly Bill 69 Concerning the Delay of the Implementation of a Portion of the Cap-and-trade Program";
- F) Approve Golden State Blvd. Cooperative Agreement - Fresno COG, Fresno County Transportation Authority, Cities of Fowler, Kingsburg, and Selma, County of Fresno;
- G) Consider and approve staff's recommendation to accept claim against the City of Fowler from Pacific Gas & Electric Company; and
- H) Adoption of Resolution No. 2307, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler, County of Fresno, State of California, Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund."

Councilmember Simonian made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Monis & Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Hammer.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Monis attended the regional baseball tournament and dinner in Fowler that Councilmember Hammer had invited them all to, noting how well-run the event was. She reported that low impact Zumba classes are now being held at the Senior Center.

Councilmember Simonian spoke of the need to plan for the Fowler agricultural booth at the Big Fresno Fair to ensure that its designed well, as it represents the Fowler community. He will meet with the City Manager to further discuss the matter.

## **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.