

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

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

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

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

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by an invocation given by Father John Theopane of St. Lucy's Catholic Church. Roll call was taken. There were no public presentations.

PRESENTATION TO FOWLER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) representative Moses Stites said that the FCRTA is partnering with Fresno COG's member agencies by assisting with community based policing efforts to promote transit safety. He presented a check in the amount of \$2,600 to the Fowler Police Department to help pay for police officers to perform random safety checks on local transit buses. The police presence will help ensure the security of passengers and drivers.

COMMUNICATIONS

Public Works Director Weisser mentioned that staff received proposals for conducting a Southwest Development Area Traffic Study, and a recommendation will be placed on the January 6, 2015 agenda. A presentation on a proposed new regional medical facility will be given in February.

STAFF REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

No report was given.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Weisser reported on activities such as setting up the City's newly refurbished Christmas tree and cleanup after the recent rainstorm.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Brand reported that the City is in the process of recruiting for a full-time police officer and police reserve officer positions.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lopez gave a report of calls, training sessions and stand-by events that totaled 100 in the month of October and 48 in November.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report was given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - December 16, 2014; B) Approve Minutes of the Fowler City Council and Fowler Planning Commission Special Joint Meeting - November 18, 2014, Minutes of the Fowler City Council Meeting - November 18, 2014, and Minutes of the Fowler City Council Special Meeting - November 24, 2014; C) Approve Grant of Easement to P. G. & E. (for public utilities); and D) Accept the Neighborhood Park Project constructed by Yarbs Grading and Paving, Inc. and authorize 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 & Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain/Absent: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Cardenas reported on an S. K. F. meeting where a recommendation for appointment to a new Human Resource Manager position was made after interviewing the top two finalists.

Councilmember Parra reported on a Five Cities Economic Development Authority meeting where they discussed reorganizing their board after member Councils have finished reorganizing from the November election.

Councilmembers Hammer and Monis reported on the success of the Christmas Tree Lighting event. Councilmember Monis noted that gifts at the recent Children's Shopping Day event sold out in 45 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Simonian made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p. m.