

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2016**

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

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

City Staff Present: City Manager Elias, City Clerk Davis, City Attorney Cross,
Police Chief Brand, Finance Director McDonald, Public Works Director Weisser, City
Engineer Peters

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 mentioned the upcoming general membership meeting for the SSJV Division of the League of California Cities in Visalia on February 11, 2016, and the annual Employee Appreciation Dinner at Favorito's on Friday, April 1, 2016.

STAFF REPORTS:

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01

Ordinance No. 2016-01 expands upon the City's existing ban on Medical Marijuana dispensaries to expressly prohibit delivery in the City.

Councilmember Hammer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to waive the second reading and approve Ordinance No. 2016-01, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler Amending Sections 5-18.02 and 5-18.04 of Chapter 18, of Title 5, of the Fowler Municipal Code Pertaining to Medical Marijuana Delivery." The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Parra, Hammer, Monis & Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Cardenas.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02

Ordinance No. 2016-02 makes it a violation of the Fowler Municipal Code to possess or use any illegal or dangerous fireworks, with fines up to \$1,000.00 for each violation.

Councilmember Simonian made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to waive the second reading and approve Ordinance No. 2016-02, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler Adding Section 4-6.09 to Chapter 6 of Title 4 of the Fowler Municipal Code Relating to the Use or Possession of Illegal Fireworks." The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Parra, Hammer, Monis & Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Cardenas.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Elias said that a draft site plan was received for the Valley Children's/Adventist Health regional medical facility project. A meeting with Union Pacific Railroad representatives has been scheduled to discuss re-establishing a railroad spur in the City.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The agenda item for acceptance of Tract 5090 improvements was tabled. Public Works Director Weisser reported on major repairs needed for one of the water wells.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Finance Director McDonald said he is working on the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for an upcoming Oversight Board meeting, and is expecting the auditors to soon deliver the draft 2014-15 Fiscal Year audit.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Brand stated that interviews to fill a vacant full-time police officer position are scheduled for that week.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report was given.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report was given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - January 19, 2016; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - January 5, 2016; C) Adoption of Resolution No. 2339, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler, County of Fresno, State of California, Opposing Extension of Disastrous Trade Policies"; D) Adoption of Resolution No. 2340, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Approving Development and Planning Fees for 2016"; and E) Adoption of Resolution No. 2342, Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Approving, Authorizing, and Directing Execution of a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Relating to the California Municipal Finance Authority; Consenting to the Inclusion of Properties Within the Territory of the City in the California Municipal Finance Authority Pace Program; Authorizing the California Municipal Finance Authority to Accept Applications from Property Owners, Conduct Contractual Assessment Proceedings and Levy Contractual Assessments Within the Territory of the City; and Authorizing Related Actions."

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra will be attending a League Policy Committee meeting in Sacramento later that week.

Councilmember Hammer attended the Fresno County Board of Supervisors reorganization ceremony.

Councilmember Monis reported that the Fowler Library will be having a book sale in February.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Hammer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p. m.