

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 15, 2016**

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

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

City Staff Present: City Manager Elias, City Clerk Davis, City Attorney Wolfe,
Finance Director McDonald, Fire Chief Lopez

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 Easter Egg Hunt event in Panzak Park, and the annual Rabies clinic at City Hall.

STAFF REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Consider and approve Youth Sports Funding request from Fowler-Malaga Youth Football League**

City Manager Elias said that a Youth Sports Funding request was received from the Fowler-Malaga Youth Football League in the amount of \$15,000 for new equipment. The City's policy allows an annual maximum of \$2,000 per sports group. He noted that in the past, the Council has approved providing additional funding for a sports group, if unused funds were available.

Fowler-Malaga Youth Football representative Patric Jones gave details of their need for certified protective helmets for the safety of the players, along with other equipment.

The Council asked questions about the equipment needs, and what fund raising activities the group had conducted to date. Mr. Jones said that a few local businesses have been contacted, and fund raising events are being planned. Suggestions were made regarding other possible funding sources, including businesses in the Malaga area, since it is a Fowler-Malaga sports program. It was requested that the group keep the City informed on their funding progress.

Audience member John Anderson, a representative of Senator Anthony Cannella's office, stated that the Senator may be able to assist the group with securing funding for their sports program.

Councilmember Simonian made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hammer, to approve Youth Sports Funding for the Fowler-Malaga Youth Football League in the amount of \$2,000. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Monis & Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain/absent: None.

City Manager Elias also reported on a meeting with representatives of the Fowler Unified School District to discuss their proposed bond measure for the November 8, 2016 election. Funds will be used for various facility improvements.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Finance Director McDonald gave a financial report for July through December 2015. General Fund revenues were at 27 percent, and expenditures were at 46 percent, of budget. He recently met with a USDA representative to discuss documents needed for the loan application for a new fire station.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report was given.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lopez circulated a report of emergency calls, training, and stand-by events for February 2016.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report was given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - March 15, 2016; and B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - March 1, 2016 and Minutes of the City Council and Fowler Public Financing Authority Special Joint Meeting - March 1, 2016. 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 attended an S.K.F. meeting where they discussed capital improvement plans.

Councilmember Hammer mentioned the upcoming Easter Baseball Classic, and commended the Lady Redcat Soccer team's first time participation in the State Regional competition.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Hammer made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p. m.