

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 16, 2016**

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

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Parra, Monis

Councilmembers Absent: Hammer, Simonian

City Staff Present: City Manager Elias, City Clerk Davis, City Attorney Wolfe, Public Works Director Weisser

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by a moment of silence to reflect on all the good things the Fowler community has. There were no public presentations.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Elias mentioned that the Council was provided a copy of a single resolution that will be considered at the League of California Cities Annual Conference business meeting.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Elias reported on the status of the Valley Children's/Adventist Health project, Phase III of the Woodside Homes subdivision project, the Fowler Motel utilities extension; and the proposed expansion of the City's Sphere of Influence.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

➤ **Award of the 2016 Street Maintenance Project**

Public Works Director Weiser said that the City received two responsive bids at a recent bid opening for the 2016 Street Maintenance Project. The Engineer's estimate for the base bid and alternate, was \$358,000. The bid from the low bidder, JT2-Todd Companies, totaled \$347,110. Staff recommended award of the bid to JT2-Todd Companies.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to award the City of Fowler 2016 Street Maintenance Project to JT2, Inc. dba Todd Companies in the amount of \$347,110.00. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Monis. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Hammer, Simonian.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report was given.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

A statistical report was included in the agenda packet.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

A statistical report was included in the agenda packet.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney Wolfe said that he will be working with Police Chief Brand to develop an ordinance to regulate the cultivation of marijuana for recreational use, in view of a related statewide ballot measure in November.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - August 16, 2016 and B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - July 5, 2016, and Minutes of the City Council and Fowler Public Financing Authority Special Joint Meeting - July 26, 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, Monis. Noes/Abstain: None. Absent: Hammer, Simonian.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Cardenas attended a Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District meeting where they discussed plans to take aerial photos of green pools in an effort to eliminate mosquitos. He reported on a recent CASA sanitation district conference, and a Fresno County Transit Authority Ad Hoc Committee meeting where they are working on hiring a new executive director.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra mentioned a meeting to help local businesses prepare to work successfully with the SBA to secure business loans. He attended a grand opening ceremony for the United Health Care Center in Fowler.

Councilmember Monis said that a presentation on the Sikh culture will be given at the Fowler Library on October 27, 2016.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Councilmember Monis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p. m.