

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2017**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:02 p. m. Roll call was taken.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer Kazarian, Rodriquez

City Staff Present: City Manager/City Clerk Davis, Police Chief Alcaraz, City Attorney Wolfe, Fire Chief Lopez, Public Works Director Weisser

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by a moment of silence to reflect on the blessings of the community.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Fowler resident George Bacon circulated a newspaper article with a topic of interest to the Council. Walter Rodriquez, Manager of Dollar General, invited the Council to a birthday celebration for Fowler resident Arpie Dick, on November 7, 2017.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Davis mentioned an invitation to S.K.F's groundbreaking ceremony for their Energy Efficiency Program on November 8, 2017, and the upcoming Lions Club Band Review on October 21st, and Sikh parade on October 29, 2017.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Davis gave an update on the Fire Station project, noting that the City Engineer had planned to send the project out to bid the prior Friday, but there was a delay on receiving specs from various sources. He believes the bid package will be ready to go out in the next few days.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

— **Water Production Report - September 2017**

Public Works Director Weisser gave a report on water usage for September 2017. He circulated before and after photos showing the clean-up of corrosion problems on Wellsite No. 8. Recently, a large water main was broken near Adams and Golden State Boulevard that required major repair. He reported that the Valley Children's project is progressing, and they are expanding the ponding basin on the site. The Magill Terrace housing project will be starting soon.

## **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

City Manager Davis said that the Finance Department is preparing for training on new accounting software.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Alcaraz reported that property crimes are going down.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Lopez said that the Department is preparing for stand-by at the upcoming Lion's Club Band Review and Sikh parades.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney Wolfe said that his firm has been reviewing some new housing legislation.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - October 17, 2017; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - October 3, 2017; C) Adoption of Resolution No. 2382, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Consenting to Inclusion of Properties Within the City's Jurisdiction in the Golden State Finance Authority Community Facilities District No. 2014-1 (Clean Energy) to Finance Renewable Energy Improvements, Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Improvements, Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, and Other Authorized Improvements," Adoption of Resolution No. 2383, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler, California, Consenting to Inclusion of Properties Within the City and County's Jurisdiction in the Golden State Finance Authority Pace Program to Finance Renewable Energy Generation, Energy and Water Efficiency Improvements, Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, and Other Authorized Improvements"; and D) Authorize the City Manager to sign a Cooperative Work Agreement (CWA) Extension Request for the Golden State Bike Path from Manning Avenue to South Avenue project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriguez. Noes: None. Abstain/absent: None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Cardenas joined S.K.F. General Manager Ben Munoz and Engineer Veronica Cazares to give a presentation for the Selma City Council on a sewer rate increase, noting that a major sewer line on McCall Avenue, over 70 years old, is overdue for replacement. He also tended the booth for the Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District at the Big Fresno Fair, and said that many people wanted information on the

West Nile Virus.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra attended Fowler Horse Race Day at the Big Fresno Fair, and an S.S.J.V. Division of the League of California general membership meeting in Delano.

Councilmember Kazarian has been working with the GSA's on dispute resolution, and as a result, an agreement was reached to divide some grant funding. This resulted an increase from an initial \$50,000 allotment to \$214,000 for the South Kings GSA. He asked that the City send a letter recognizing the Kings Sub-basin area as a disadvantaged community, to help support planning grant funding.

Councilmember Hammer mentioned the upcoming Trunk or Treat event on October 25, 2017 and the Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Children's Shopping Day will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017.

Councilmember Rodriguez attended opening day ceremonies and Fowler Horse Race Day at the Big Fresno Fair.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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