

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. Roll call was taken.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez  
Councilmembers Absent: Parra

City Staff Present: City Manager/City Clerk Davis, Police Chief Alcaraz, Fire Chief Lopez, City Engineer Peters, City Attorney Wolfe, Planning Consultants Marple and Stearns, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Official Baxa, Police/Planning Secretary Burrola

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by a moment of silence and reflection.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

David Weisser read a statement to the Council regarding his employment with the City.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS**

Chief Alcaraz introduced and gave background information on new police officers Fong Yang, Frankie Murrieta and Connor Branderhorst. Police Secretary Burrola administered the Oath of Office, followed by a Badge Pinning Ceremony. The Mayor adjourned to a brief reception in honor of the new officers.

**PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISED SITE PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION NO. 13-02, CITY OF FOWLER FIRE STATION**

Planning Consultant Marple explained that a site plan for a new fire station, to be located at the corner of 5th and Main Streets, was approved by the Planning Commission in October 2013. The project was on hold while the City worked to secure funding assistance from USDA. Since time had passed, the design and layout of the project was revised, prompting the need for a revised site plan. The Planning Commission approved the revised site plan at a public hearing held on January 4, 2018. Due to the size and scope of this City project, it was recommended that the City Council formally approve the revised site plan.

Ms. Marple stated that the site is zoned Form Based Code, and is planned for Community Commercial by the City's General Plan. The project will consist of an approximately 6,515 square-foot fire station on an approximately 15,000 square-foot parcel. The station will contain a 3,652 square foot apparatus bay, an administrative area with crew quarters, office space, and a kitchen and restrooms. The findings for approval include that the project will comply with the City's Zoning Ordinance and conditions related to parking standards, setbacks, landscaping, drainage and other requirements. The project is exempt from CEQA. City Engineer Peters added that the project should be ready to go out to bid in mid-March.

The Mayor opened the duly noticed public hearing on the matter at 7:29 p.m. With no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hammer, to adopt Resolution No. 2391, "A Resolution Before the City Council of the City of Fowler, County of Fresno, State of California, Approving Revised Site Plan Review 13-02." The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, and carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Parra.

## **CONSIDER AND APPROVE YOUTH SPORTS FUNDING REQUEST FROM FOWLER/MALAGA YOUTH FOOTBALL**

Patric Jones, representing Fowler/Malaga Youth Football, requested funding in the amount of \$3,000 to purchase new jerseys. He mentioned that the group had fewer fundraising opportunities during the prior year, but they plan on having a fireworks booth this year. City Manager Davis noted that the City's policy allows for a maximum of \$2,000 annually per sports group.

Councilmember Hammer made a motion to approve Youth Sports Funding in the amount of \$2,000 to Fowler/Malaga Youth Football. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriquez, and carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Parra.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Davis announced the date of the City's annual Rabies Clinic: Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 p.m., in the City Hall breeze way.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Davis reported that the City received a check in the amount of \$30,000, which reimburses the costs of nuisance abatement procedures for the 136 Bonita property, discussed at the previous meeting.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Public Works Supervisor Lopez reported that staff was busy with weed abatement and trimming oleanders along Golden State Boulevard. He reported on the progress of the Union Pacific Railroad railroad tie replacement project.

### **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

City Manager Davis reported that the Finance Department is working to integrate the new accounting software with utility billing, which has resulted in a slight delay for the February billing. They are also working on the 2016-17 fiscal year audit.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

### **— APPROVE REQUEST TO DECLARE VARIOUS POLICE VEHICLES AS SURPLUS**

Police Chief Alcaraz circulated a list of several police vehicles, some dating back to 1999, that are either beyond repair or the repair cost would not be feasible. He asked the Council to approve declaring the vehicles as surplus. A security company may buy some of the vehicles, or they will be scrapped. Some newer replacement vehicles were recently purchased from the City of Selma.

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to approve declaring the list of police vehicles as surplus. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hammer, and carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Parra.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Police Chief Lopez reported on two recent house fires, that had no resulting injuries.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney Wolfe said that he will be attending an upcoming General Plan Guidelines workshop.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - February 6, 2018; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - January 16, 2018, and Special Meeting - January 23, 2018; and C) Adoption of Resolution No. (2018) 2392, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Accepting Grant of Easement for Street Purposes" - Magill Terrace Project. Councilmember Hammer made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar; seconded by Councilmember Kazarian. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Parra.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Cardenas reported on a CASA sanitation agency conference, where funding sources for sewer improvements was a topic of discussion.

Councilmember Hammer attended a San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District meeting, where Clovis City Councilmember Drew Bessinger was appointed to the Board. He also attended the Blossom Trail Opening Ceremony, hosted by the City of Sanger.

Councilmember Kazarian reported on South Kings GSA meetings, and multi-GSA meetings. He attended the Blossom Trail opening ceremony. He said that an individual who was spearheading the formation of a Fowler Chamber has decided not to continue with the effort.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Councilmember Hammer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p. m.