

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

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

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

City Staff Present: City Manager/City Clerk Davis, Police Chief Alcaraz, City Attorney Cross, Fire Chief Lopez

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

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

David Weisser, former Public Works Director, spoke concerning the accuracy of the Minutes of the January 16, 2016 Council meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager/City Clerk Davis reminded the Councilmembers that their annual FPPC Statement of Economic Interests are due by April 2, 2018.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Interviews were held recently for the Finance Director position. Planning/Police Secretary interviews are scheduled for later in the week. S.K.F. will be hosting a Selma and Kingsburg Chamber of Commerce Mixer on March 20, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Public Works Supervisor Lopez reported that staff has been focusing on cleaning up Golden State Boulevard, and will start spraying the alleyways for weeds. It was asked if the Oleanders on Golden State could be removed. Public Works Supervisor Lopez stated that presently they will be cut back to alleviate obstructions. He said that UPPR was about a half day behind on re-opening Merced Street due to their railroad tie replacement project, which should be done by the following day.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

City Manager/City Clerk Davis reported that the utility billing portion of the new accounting software is up and running and the water bills were produced and mailed. Staff is back to working on the audit.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Alcaraz recently met the California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, and Assemblymember Arambula. They advised that AB 2412 will be coming forward and if it passes, would make available \$20 million to help fund projects for law enforcement infrastructure.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Mayor Cardenas spoke about having a plaque placed somewhere at the new fire station, to honor the site of the former Honda's Garage.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney Cross stated Lozano Smith will be updating the Brown Act Workbook, and distributing it to the Council in the future.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - February 20, 2018; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Regular and Special Meetings - February 6, 2018; C) Adoption of Resolution No. 2393, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler in the Matter of Federal Transportation Project Selection and Implementing Timely Federal Transportation ACT-Cycle III Use of Funding"; D) Adopt/confirm Administrative Policy No. 2018-01: Concerning Non-Discrimination/Civil Rights Policy and public posting of policy.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra asked that item B be voted on separately as he was not present for that portion of the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion to approve items A, C and D of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilmember Hammer. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rodriquez.

Councilmember Hammer made a motion to approve item B of the Consent Calendar; seconded by Councilmember Kazarian. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian. Noes: None. Abstain: Parra. Absent: Rodriquez.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Cardenas attended a Fresno County Transportation Authority meeting. A portion of Highway 168 between Bullard and Temperance will be named for former Clovis Mayor Harry Armstrong. He also attended the Mosquito Abatement meeting where there was discussion of the Zika carrying mosquito. Their new office building in Parlier will be completed in March.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra attended a Fresno COG meeting. He spoke with Moses Stites at

the meeting about their proposed new training facility which could be located in Fowler, Selma or Kingsburg. He attended the event with Attorney General Becerra and also attended a roundtable earlier in the day where they discussed the ICE audits and effects on local businesses.

Councilmember Hammer reported that the Recreation Commission has scheduled the Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p. m. They are using Fireworks America this year for Fowler's Fabulous Fourth, and were able to obtain a competitive bid. One of the seniors, John Grigsby, will celebrate his 103rd birthday on April 11, 2018.

Councilmember Kazarian stated that the South Kings GSA approved the development of a required website. He spoke to some individuals who might be interested in opening a gastro-pub in Fowler.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Councilmember Kazarian made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p. m.