

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

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

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Hammer, Parra, Rodriquez

Councilmember Absent: Kazarian

City Staff Present: City Manager/City Clerk Davis, Public Works Supervisor/Fire Chief Lopez, City Attorney Mary Lerner, Finance Director Uyeda, Police Chief Alcaraz, City Planner Marple, Deputy City Clerk Burrola

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

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Police Chief Alcaraz introduced the newly Fowler Police Department Explorers. Officer Michael Allison has taken the initiative in coordinating the police department explorer program. The applicants are high school students that have had to go through a thorough background, panel interview and attend a 4-day training program; they will continue to receive training as they work alongside with the officers. Currently the department has four explorers they will be providing assistance at school events such as patrolling, traffic enforcement and report assistance to officers. Law Enforcement Exploring is the preeminent career orientation and experience program for young people contemplating a career in the field of criminal justice. Its mission is to offer young adults, ages 14-21, interested in a career in law enforcement a personal awareness of the criminal justice system through training, practical experiences and other activities. Officer Allison promoted Rebecca Castro to squad leader; she will be the first line of supervision to the other explorers. The Council commended the young adults for their commitment and dedication to this program.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Davis mentioned the Annual CitiPAC Golf Fund Raiser of the South San Joaquin Valley Division of League will be held on Friday, May 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ridge Creek Golf Course.

She mentioned an email was sent out as a reminder to submit the FPPC 700 forms, forms are due in April. For those serving on various committees there are new requirements from Fresno County on filing these forms.

STAFF REPORT

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Davis mentioned the City has been extremely busy with applications; the Planning Department is working on twenty eight applications for developments, subdivisions and businesses.

She mentioned the City recently approved an agreement with an agency to assist in applying for a parks grant through the State. Staff met with representatives on gathering information. Public outreach meetings will be taking place to gather information and opinions from the public on what they would like to see for the future park on Sunnyside and South Avenue. Invitations will be mailed out with the water bill and surveys can be completed online.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Lopez circulated the Landscape District assessments for expenses and labor costs for servicing the areas.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SIX MONTH BUDGET PERFORMANCE FOR JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 2018

Finance Director Uyeda gave a brief overview of the six month budget versus actual revenues and expenditures for the general fund and selected special funds. He said overall the City is doing well.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Alcaraz circulated the DOJ statistics for 2018. He mentioned the department will be hosting "Coffee with a Cop" on Thursday, February 28th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Fowler Starbucks.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Lopez said he has one volunteer firefighter attending the Fire Academy at Fresno City College. He mentioned the main fire engine truck is currently having maintenance done.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Report was given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants – February 19, 2019; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting – January 31, 2019 and The City Council Meeting – February 5, 2019; C) Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with DTA in the Amount of \$42,500 for Preparation of a Development Impact Fee Update and Nexus Study Subject to the Review and Approval of the City Attorney."

Councilmember Parra made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. The motion carried by voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Parra, Rodriguez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kazarian.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Hammer provided a list of dates for the Recreation Department City Events.

Councilmember Parra attended the League of California Cities dinner in Madera.

Councilmember Rodriguez attended the Heart of the Horse Therapy Ranch benefit concert sponsored by the Sutter Middle School's Civics program students.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hammer to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.