

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2020**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:18 p. m. Roll call was taken.

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

City Staff Present: City Manager/City Clerk Davis, City Attorney Cross, Police Chief Alcaraz, Public Works Director Dominguez, City Engineer Peters, Finance Director Uyeda, Planning/Police Secretary Zavala

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

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Patric Jones, Fowler resident, expressed his concerns that the street sweeper is not thoroughly sweeping the streets.

**CONSIDER REQUEST TO APPROVE YOUTH SPORTS FUNDING FOR FOWLER YOUTH FOOTBALL**

City Manager Davis received a request for Youth Sports funding from Fowler Youth Football in the amount of \$2,000.00. Lupe Orosco, President of the Fowler Youth Football said he would like to get the youth involved in sports; the goal is to get about 100 students, in three levels ranging from 7 to 13 years of ages and would like to purchase equipment and jerseys for these youths.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hammer made a motion to approve the request for funding to Fowler Football in the amount of \$2,000, seconded by Councilmember Rodriquez. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain/Absent: None.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Davis said the City's Annual Rabies clinic is Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the City Hall breeze way.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01**

Public Works Director Dominguez said the ordinance is to amend Section 7-1.05 if Chapter 1 of the Title 7 of the Fowler Municipal Code pertaining to Authorized Street trees for planting. City Attorney Cross said the list of the trees will be removed from the City's Municipal Code and instead a new updated tree list will be put into the City's Standard Specifications. A redline version of the ordinance amendment which shows the text changes to the street tree provision was provided.

Councilmember Parra made motion to waive the first reading and approve Ordinance No. 2020-01, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler Amending Section 7-1.05 of Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the Fowler Municipal Code Pertaining to Authorized Street Trees for Planting", seconded by Councilmember Kazarian. The motion carried by voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Parra, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

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

City Manager Davis said escrow for the purchase of the property at 119 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street has been completed.

She said the agreements have been signed by United Health Center (UCH) and escrow will be processed as soon as possible.

Ms. Davis said she was contacted by the Economic Development Corporation of Fresno. They will be partnering with a local broadcaster and would like to interview Councilmember Kazarian. The segment will be broadcasted on local television and will be posted on the City's website.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Public Works Director Dominguez said he is currently working on providing proposals for LED lighting.

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

Nor report was given.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Police Chief Alcaraz circulated the DOJ Part 1 Crime statistics for the month of January 2020.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

No report was given.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No report was given.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The consent calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants – March 3, 2020; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting – February 18, 2020; C) Approve Participation in Fresno County's Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Program Years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 and Authorize the Mayor or City Manager to Sign the Joint Powers Agreement on the City's Behalf; D) Approved Proposal from Peter's Engineering to Develop a Municipal Water System Model for Amount not to Exceed \$49,700.

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hammer said the Easter Egg Hunt event is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>, Spring Fest is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> and the Mayor's Breakfast will be at Mi Favorito Restaurant on May 8<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Councilmember Kazarian attended the Five Cities Economic Development meeting various topics were discussed. He said they discussed marketing campaigning; they are in the process of deciding on a logo and website for not only business purposes but social interaction.

He mentioned that the City of Kingsburg announced that they are working on Agritourism; this is something he has wanted to get the City of Fowler involved in. He spoke with the City Manager of Kingsburg for the possibility of partnership.

Councilmember Parra expressed the importance of filling out and submitting your 2020 U.S. Census packets.

Councilmember Rodriquez said the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne are starting to return from Iraq, his son is one who returned and his other son will be graduating from Virginia this month.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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