

Minutes - March 5, 2013 - 7 PM

The Regular Meeting for the Town of Fowler was held on the above date with all members present. Also present were Town Clerk Sherrie Williams, Justice Paul Lamson, Bookkeeper Gary Higgins, Highway Superintendent Gary Williams, Tim Prashaw, Rachel Prashaw, Dustin Fayette, Wanda Fayette, Joanne Orford, Herb Fuller, Cindy Carr, Bart Bishop, Lynn Bishop, Kathy Moses, Debbie Tupper, Larry Allen, Mike Macaulay, Jeff Andrews, Jeff Hill, Dave Spilman, Deputy Dog Warden Tammy Hooley.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order then proceeded with the opening prayer & the pledge of allegiance.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve the February 5, 2013 Meeting Minutes & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes. All in Favor.
MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that there was 1 bid for the Data Collection Bid which was received from Devan F. Korn. A work session will be set up for the board to meet with him to get more information. A motion was made by Councilperson Natalie Spilman to accept the bid for the data collector & seconded by Councilperson Rick Newvine. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Karen Simmons; abstained because she felt she did not have enough information to make a decision at this time. A decision on the issue will be made at future date after more information is gathered by the board.

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Jeff Hill still has concerns with all the pigeons in the highway department metal building creating a health issue. Rick Whitford will be consulted to address the issue.

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Sherrie Williams reported that 76.74% of the taxes have been collected so far.

Justice Paul Lamson reported that Clare Cole will be done as Court Clerk the first of June & a new Court Clerk will need to be appointed for Clare's replacement.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that Historian Connie Bishop is in the hospital & everyone will keep her in their thoughts & prayers for a speedy recovery. Councilperson Karen Simmons stated she would like to send flowers to Connie from the board & the board was in agreement.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that the 2013 Beaver Contract is ready for signing.

Deputy Dog Warden Tammy Hooley reported that 6 complaints, 4 warnings, & 1 dog was in the kennel over night. One dog is still missing. Tomorrow Janet Collier of Ag & Markets will be doing an inspection of the Fowler Dog Pound.

Highway Report - Superintendent Williams reported the Emeryville Bridge is open & 56 boards are left over. The boards are in one of the Highway buildings & can be used for replacing picnic tables at Sylvia Lake, etc. He is in the process of getting information on the new pickup purchase. There have been complaints on the height

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Limit of the Emeryville Bridge being too low for vehicles & emergency vehicles. He will look into the issue. Edwards bucket truck is being used to trim dead trees by the side of the roads. He would like to do some work on the Smith Road this year along with other sections of roads in Fowler.

Lynn Bishop stated the Chub Lake Road was in bad shape & needs a new road put in. Superintendent Williams reported that there are a lot of roads in Fowler that are in need of a lot of work; & he would love to do all of them, but there is only so much money each year to do road work.

Councilperson Rick Newvine had a complaint on the timing of plowing Sylvia Lake Rd., one for slickness of California Rd., & asked why the plows were out after 10 pm. Superintendent Williams reported that the plows were out after 10 pm because there were ice spots & many people get done with shift work late at night that are out on the roads.

Councilperson Randy Durham stated that he received a compliment to the Fowler Highway Department for the road care of County Route 22.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman stated that she was disappointed with the quality of wood that was put on the Emeryville Bridge by the County. Superintendent Williams was also disappointed with their choice of soft wood for the deck.

Councilperson Rick Newvine congratulated John Walsh for the Dad of the Year Award from the VFW.

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Supervisor Cappellino reported he would like to send out mowing bids to come in by the April 2, 2013 board meeting & have Sylvia Lake, & the Town Hall added. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to put out mowing bid advertisement to come in for the April 2, 2013 board meeting & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor.
MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that the Fowler Rabies Clinic will be on May 16, 2013 between 6 - 8 PM at the Fowler Town barn for everyone.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that the union contract negotiations are still in process with the highway employees.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that a company is interested in purchasing the zinc mines & hopefully the mine will be back in motion again.

Wanda Fayette stated that she was disappointed that the Town of Fowler did not play a larger roll in trying to keep the Fowler school open. She asked if the Town of Fowler is considering taking over the Fowler school building; and if so, why it would be even considered since 3 highway employees were just laid off & there is not enough money for the roads to be kept up. It was discussed by the board that before anything is even considered for the school building that the school board has to decide what they are going to do with it.

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Supervisor Cappellino reported that the next board meeting is April 2, 2013 at 7 PM in the Fowler Town Hall.

The bills audited for the General Fund were #34 - #52 \$12,844.96 & Highway Fund #23 - #40 - \$29,025.65.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Cappellino; Supervisor Sherrie Williams; Town Clerk

Rick Newvine; Councilperson Randy Durham; Councilperson

Karen Simmons, Councilperson Natalie Spilman; Councilperson