

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2004**

Mayor Simonian called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at 7:07 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Simonian, Cardenas, Fernandez, Shaw & Zadourian

City staff present: City Manager Elias, City Clerk Davis, Finance Director Wong,
Police Chief Jamgochian, City Attorney Wolfe, Senior/Recreation
Director Monis, Community Development Director Deaver

The Flag Salute and the Pledge of Allegiance were followed by an invocation given by Mayor Pro-tem Shaw. There were no public presentations.

PRESENTATION BY KINGS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) representatives Randy McFarland and David Orth gave a presentation regarding regional energy issues and "Community Choice Aggregation" (CCA). With the approval of CCA by the legislature in 2002, cities can now purchase their electrical energy needs from sources other than the incumbent utility company. In view of California's energy crisis, KRCD is investigating ways to improve electrical energy reliability and supply in the greater Fresno area. Mr. Orth stated that KRCD's goal is to develop additional generation and transmission facilities that would be the lowest cost to operate in the State. The benefits for a city to contract with KRCD would be lower rates for the citizens and businesses, and reduced power costs for public facilities. He noted that, while the electrical power would be supplied by KRCD, it would continue to be transmitted over the distribution system owned and operated by P. G. & E. Mr. Orth concluded his presentation by asking that the City provide a letter of interest for KRCD to further explore the feasibility of CCA for Fowler. Councilmember Zadourian made a motion to provide a letter of interest to Kings River Conservation District. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cardenas, and carried on a 5-0-0 roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Elias noted that a schedule of dates for hearings and other items related to the General Plan update had been provided for their information. City Clerk Davis asked to schedule a joint workshop on March 16, 2004 with the Council, Planning and Recreation Commissions. City Attorney Wolfe will be presenting an overview of the Brown Act, Public Records Act and Conflict-of-Interest laws.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports given.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Wolfe reported that a city could adopt an ordinance requiring a "cyber-cafe" to have security guards, video surveillance and other safety measures due to the emergence of gang activity associated with this kind of establishment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - February 3, 2004; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - January 20, 2004; C) Accept and authorize recording of second Notice of Completion - Adams & Golden State Boulevard; D) Adoption of Resolution No. 1943, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler, County of Fresno State of California in the Matter of Recognizing University of California Regents"; and E) Approve License Agreement between the City of Fowler and Roger Anthony (for a parking lot). Councilmember Zadourian made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez, to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried on a 5-0-0 roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Simonian attended a COG meeting. Councilmember Zadourian attended a joint Chamber of Commerce mixer held at Selma Community Hospital. She also attended a Fowler Historical Society meeting where by-laws were discussed and interim officers were selected. The Council commented on the recent grand opening and dedication ceremony for the Vineyard Worship Centre Church.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Cardenas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p. m.