

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL  
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2008**

Mayor Simonian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

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

City staff present: City Clerk Davis, Police Chief Jamgochian, City Attorney Wolfe,  
Finance Director Wong, Public Works Supervisor Weisser

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

**PUBLIC HEARING - Continued from January 2, 2008:**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2008-01 - GRANTING A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS FRANCHISE**

City Attorney Wolfe explained that the City adopted an ordinance in 2006 approving a franchise agreement for Southern California Gas (SCG), since property annexed into the City for the R. J. Hill subdivision project was located in their service territory. Recently, SCG notified the City that although the City had already adopted their franchise ordinance, it had come to their attention that a public hearing was also needed. As a result, the Council set a public hearing for January 2, 2008, to re-adopt the franchise ordinance. The hearing was continued, due to lack of a quorum, to January 8, 2008.

Mayor Simonian opened the duly noticed public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 2008-01 at 7:04 p. m. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed at 7:04 p. m. Councilmember Aguayo made a motion to waive the first reading and approve Ordinance No. 2008-01, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler Granting to Southern California Gas Company, a Corporation, its Successors and Assigns, the Right, Privilege and Franchise to Lay and Use Pipes and Appurtenances for Transmitting and Distributing Gas for Any and All Purposes Under, Along, Across or upon the Public Streets, Ways, Alleys and Places, as the Same Now or May Hereafter Exist, Within Said Municipality." The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Shaw, and carried on a 5-0-0 roll call vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Simonian mentioned an invitation from Assemblymember Arambula's office for an upcoming roundtable discussion on the State's budget deficit. City Clerk Davis reported that there were no items for the next regular meeting the following week. The consensus was to cancel the January 15, 2008 meeting.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**A-B) CITY MANAGER'S AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No reports were given.

**C) PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Public Works Supervisor Weisser reported on efforts to control street flooding and a leaking roof at the Senior Center, caused by a recent rainstorm.

**D) FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

No report was given.

**E) POLICE AND FIRE REPORT**

Chief Jamgochian noted that the public safety statistical reports for the month of October 2007 had been provided in the agenda packets. The Neighborhood Watch Program was briefly discussed.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney Wolfe reported that the courts have determined that a city is not liable for the medical expenses of an individual arrested for a crime that results in their need for medical care.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - January 8, 2008; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - December 4, 2007; C) Adoption of Resolution No. 2116, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Approving an Increase to Existing Development Fees Pursuant to the Authorized Inflationary Adjustment." Councilmember Cardenas made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Shaw, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried on a 5-0-0 roll call vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Aguayo reported that the final Valley Blueprint presentation was given in the City of Huron. He attended a League Latino Caucus meeting in San Diego, and a San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember Cardenas attended a Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District meeting, and a luncheon at S. K. F. to honor a retiring longtime employee.

Councilmember Zadourian mentioned the success of the City's Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner. She reported on a recent Fowler Chamber of Commerce meeting, noting that the Fowler Citizen of the Year Banquet will be held on Friday, February 22, 2008.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Councilmember Zadourian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Cardenas. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p. m.