

TOWN COUNCIL
November 2, 2015

The Flora Town Council met Monday, November 2, 2015 in the Board Room at 4 East Main Street. Those present were; Julia Leahy, Melissa Bishop, Vince Sommers and Rachel Katchmar from Commonwealth Engineers, Lee Sorrells, Bill McCarty, Adam Randle, Ron Fritz, Karla Jenkins, Ted Donoho, Charlotte Moppin, Josh Disinger, Susan Scholl, Paul J. Redmon, Jessica Young, Kevin Clothier, Jill Clothier, Sarah Hanaway, Bret Hanaway, David Albaugh, Dick T. Bishop, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayres and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell Yoder moved the minutes of the previous meeting (October 5, 2015) be approved as presented; Vince Seward seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. ~ Reviewed a draft copy of the preliminary engineering report they prepared for needed upgrades to the water utility equipment projecting needs over the next twenty years with construction costs of \$ 2.7 million plus an additional 25% for non-construction costs. Commonwealth will work toward finalizing the report for December council meeting.
- B. Umbaugh Water Rate Study ~ Darrell moved to order a water study. Vince seconded. Motion carried. Ted Donoho, water superintendent, stated that rate increases set up by rate studies have not covered maintenance costs and it has been proven that Flora's water rates in the past several years have not kept up with maintenance costs. Council and Ted will be involved in this study. Last water rate study was in 2008 with rate increases in 2009, 2010, 2011, & 2012.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Carroll County Chamber ~ Julia Leahy, Executive Director, explained their need for additional advertising funding due to the cuts made by the County Commissioners. She requested an additional \$4,000.00 (approximately 10% of Town of Flora's remaining EDIT funds) for 2016 funding. Council will take this request under advisement and will put on December council meeting agenda.
- B. Flora Main Street/Depot ~ Melissa Bishop announced that the \$150,625.00 grant received from NCHS covered cost of all of Phase I of the Depot restoration and the architect fees for Phase II. Melissa is seeking a place based investment grant for Phase II. Darrell moved to commit \$7,000.00 (funds taken from Cum Capital Improvement) toward a match if the requested grant money is received. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- C. Park & Recreation ~ Eric Miller was appointed as a new park committee member to finish the term of Laurie Brower who had submitted a letter of resignation earlier in the year. His term will expire on December 31, 2016.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon submitted and reviewed the October police report. There were 2 Misdemeanor arrest, 1 Felony arrest, 11 Citations, 10 Warnings, 45 Calls for service, and 1 Accident. Halloween quiet with no mischief or damage reports.
- B. Plan Commission – Issued four building permits in October including Jose Morales a pool permit. Barry Sisson a fence permit. DLP 315 LLC/Darin Kuns for an addition at 315 Sycamore Street. Nancy Zink for a storage shed.
- C. Fire Department – Fire Chief, Adam Randle, reported 12 fire runs and 26 medical runs. Fifteen hours of hose testing done and will complete the remaining tests soon. Have one new member on department and two more applications on file to be approved. Conducted two station tours.
- D. Park Department – No report. No one present.

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- E. Airport – No report. No one present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Josh reviewed October utilities report with input from Ted. Ted explained Jim Garland report. Approved Gator to attend the AWWA Conference January 25-28, 2016 at the Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis. Nick and Ted to attend a daytime meeting in Delphi in November.
- G. WWT Superintendent – Josh reviewed October wastewater report. Fredd is scheduled to take his certification exam on Tuesday, November 17, 2015. Need to be below ten bypasses in a year to get off sewer ban and have had twenty one bypasses to date this year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. Committee Appointments Expiring 12/31/2015
 Plan Commission (4 yr term) – Troy Helderman
 Board of Zoning Appeals (3 yr term) – Roger Daugherty
 Park & Recreation (4 yr term) – Lisa Eikenberry
 Economic Development (3 yr term) – Joe Moss
 Aviation (4 yr term) – Bill Calhoun & Neal Clem
 Council instructed Joretta to send letters to these with expiring terms to see if they are willing to be re-appointed for another term.
- b. Gator reported he knows an employee retiring from the County with CDL license and experience in driving snow plow trucks and would be a candidate to drive the recycle truck. He is interested in employment with the Town. Council asked him to have this individual complete an employee application.
- c. Gator asked for a Solar Park update and was informed that Community Club is meeting in an executive session on Tuesday, November 3rd to work on making a deal with IMPA for purchase of the real estate for the plant in Flora

town limits.

- d. David Albaugh announced an available Brownfield Grant through KIRPC for demolition of buildings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Town Office & Utilities closed Wednesday, November 11, 2015 for Veteran's Day and Thursday and Friday, November 26th & 27th for Thanksgiving Holiday.
2. Next meeting will be Monday, December 7, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Darrell made a motion to adjourn, Vince seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Joshua S. Ayres, President

Vincent A. Seward, Vice President

Darrell Yoder, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer