

TOWN COUNCIL  
February 1, 2016

The Flora Town Council met Monday, February 1, 2016 in the Town Hall Board Room. Present were; Vince Sommers and Rachel Katchmar (Commonwealth), David Albaugh, Charlotte Moppin, Bill McCarty, Ted Donoho, Karla Jenkins, Emily Albaugh (KIRP-C), Susan Scholl (Comet), Kevin Clothier, Jill Clothier, David Pippenger, Jessica Young, 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 (January 11, 2016) be approved as distributed; Vince seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Commonwealth Water Study ~ Vince Seward moved to approve final copy of the preliminary engineering report for the water project as presented by Vince Sommers. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Emily Albaugh from KIRP-C will move forward with obtaining the needed income study as the first step which will take a minimum of three months to complete prior to exploring financing options. Estimated cost of project is \$3.3 million but can be reduced depending on scope of project, financing and bids. Will be a two and one half year project if the schedule outlined in the report is followed (completion in June 2018).
- B. Park Committee Appointment ~ Council approved Jacob Adams completing David Miller's unexpired term on park committee expiring December 31, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance 2016-01 ~ Vince moved to accept first reading of Ordinance 2016-01 amending Salary Ordinance 2015-03 to change the travel allowance reimbursement for all departments from .56 per mile to the new Federal mileage rate of .54 per mile. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Vince made motion to suspend local home rule and read by title only for second and third readings and Darrell seconded. Darrell moved to approve second reading and Vince seconded. Vince moved to approve third reading and Darrell seconded. Ordinance 2016-01 approved.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Josh Ayres reviewed the submitted January report. There were 7 Misdemeanor arrests, 3 Felony arrests, 11 Citations, 7 Warnings, 37 Calls for service, 7 Accidents, and 1 Warrant.
- B. Plan Commission – Issued one building permit in January 2016 for the depot reconstruction.

- C. Fire Department – No one present.
- D. Park Department – No one present. Log Cabin at the park is in state of disrepair and sits in water a lot after heavy rains. Seeking an individual or group to adopt it for repairs. Town would be willing to help with some financing in order to keep it in the park.
- E. Airport – No one present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Josh reviewed Ted’s report. Darrell thanked the guys for keeping potholes filled. Ted extended a thank you to Mark Frey for helping to move the trailer with interior lumber for depot reconstruction from the building site back down to the town shop until they are ready for it.

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- G. WWT Superintendent – Josh reviewed Bill’s report. Darrell moved to approve the low bid of \$9,480.00 from Haas Excavating LLC of Lafayette IN to replace a wastewater line on Elm Street. Vince seconded. Motion carried. Other bids submitted were from Carman Excavating, Cutler IN for \$17,577.58 and Henry Excavating, Frankfort IN for \$18,300.00.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1. David Albaugh reported on KIRP-C meeting held last week regarding available grant funding and deadlines for applying. Now have two rounds of infrastructure grant funding.
- 2. New road in the park is on Ron Carman’s schedule for spring.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1. IMPA Legislative Dinner Monday February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Indiana Historical Society in Indianapolis. No one will be able to attend.
- 2. Office closed Monday, February 15, 2016 in observance of President’s Day.
- 3. Next regular town council meeting will be Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6 PM.
- 4. Spring Trash pick up Friday and Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. All trash must be out by 7 AM on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 5. Darrell announced that the State Highway Department confirmed via e mail that SR 18 will be paved between SR 29 and SR 75 this spring.

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

TOWN OF FLORA

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Joshua S. Ayres, President

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Vincent A. Seward, Vice President

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Darrell Yoder, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

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Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer