

## TOWN COUNCIL

May 2, 2016

The Flora Town Council met Monday, May 2, 2016 in the Town Hall Board Room. Those present were; Susan Scholl (Carroll County Comet), Ted Donoho, Bill McCarty, Karla Jenkins, Kevin & Jill Clothier, Todd Trent, Paul Redmon, Josh Disinger, Ron Fritz, Dick T. Bishop, Eric Walsh (Umbaugh), Doug Wagoner, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, and Joretta Tinsman.

Vince opened the meeting in the absence of Josh Ayres with welcome. Darrell moved the minutes of the previous meeting (April 4, 2016) be approved as presented; Vince seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Water Utility Rate Increase ~ Eric Walsh reviewed the report explaining the reasoning behind a proposed water rate increase. Darrell moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2016-03 establishing new rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the Town of Flora water utility. Vince seconded. Motion carried. Umbaugh will forward Joretta the required advertising prior to public hearing and adoption of ordinance at the June 13<sup>th</sup> town council meeting.
- B. Michelle Cox ~Art at the Fair ~ First Farmer's Bank requested additional painting space on buildings at the park. Council granted permission to paint on all four sides of the old skating rink but any additional painting on buildings would require a written request with a proposed design for council approval.
- C. Garden Spot Garage ~ A separate garage will be built to house the new Senior van South of the current garage rather than attaching it to the current garage as was discussed at the last meeting. Joretta will pick up the new van tomorrow.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Doug Wagoner ~ New Executive Director of the Carroll County Area Plan Commission introduced himself. Even though Flora has its own plan commission, he would be happy to assist. He is a certified flood plain manager and is familiar with FEMA regulations and flood plain insurance program.
- B. Ordinance 2016-02 ~ Darrell moved to approve first reading of the ordinance creating Travel and Credit/Charge Card Usage Procedures. Vince seconded. Darrell moved to suspend local home rules and read by title only for second and third reading. Vince seconded. Darrell moved to approve seconded reading and Vince seconded. Darrell moved to approve third reading and Vince seconded. Ordinance 2016-02 adopted. This has been our normal procedures but a written ordinance was mandated by State Board of Accounts.

### REPORTS:

- A. Police Department – Paul Redmon submitted and read April police report. There were 9 Misdemeanor arrests, 5 Felony arrest, 9 Citations, 3 Warnings,

56 Calls for Service and 4 Accidents. Old police car will go to auction Friday. Paul warned residents about cell phone scams involving callers from Russia and Venezuela. Also reported burglaries in the Cutler area and surrounding counties of Clinton and Howard asking neighbors to watch and report suspicious activity.

- B. Plan Commission – Four building permits issued in April. Gale Kinze for a portable shed. Christopher Sarkkinen a fence. Robert Kauffman a garage. Rose Hernandez a shed.
- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported 19 medical runs and 5 fire runs in April. Todd submitted a five year expense plan. Council requested big equipment items be added to the plan over the next ten to twenty years. Bill Peck and Anthony Thomas will be moving out of the fire district so department is taking applications. Todd requested updated lighting at the Fire Station prior to pancake breakfast to be held there on Saturday June 11, 2016. Town employees will assist in purchasing the lighting and installing new lights.

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- D. Park Department – Council approved rental of two porta-pots for the summer months ~ one beside the main restroom that is locked at night and one close to the new ball diamond. Lane Simpson's Eagle Scout project was approved for assisting with installing the new equipment in the kiddie area. The park board is investigating cameras to be installed at the park. Jeremy Duff is doing the engineering for a plan to present to the State for the new Skating rink building. Ron Carman will begin work on the new road at the park in the near future.
- E. Airport – No one present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Vince moved to go with the lowest bid of \$ 4,946.26 to purchase street signs from Stello Products of Spencer Indiana. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. MCSP Inc. of Cincinnati Ohio presented a bid of \$5, 300.70. Council approved Central Paving quote of \$ 780.00 for dust control at the park near the time of the Fair. Ted presented a letter for the council to sign approving the appointment of Ron Fritz as authorized agent and certified operator for the Town of Flora Water Works allowing him to sign all reports and paperwork for the Department. Ted also requested that Mr. Fritz be in charge of all Water Works Personnel. Council did not sign the request as it was presented. Will re-write the request and present it to the Council again. Tom Routt recently completed the second phase of a four phase electrical lineman training program.
- G. WWT Foreman ~ Vince reviewed the submitted report. Haas Excavating has begun a sewer main upgrade in the Elm Street alley. Flows are up this month due to spring rains.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Office will be closed Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day.
2. Household Hazardous Waste Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 8 AM to noon at the Flora Municipal Shop, 501 North Division Street.
3. Next meeting will be Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM (second Monday due to Joretta attending Clerk-Treasurer's School the week of June 6<sup>th</sup>).

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

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ABSENT

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