

## TOWN COUNCIL

October 2, 2017

The Flora Town Council met Monday, October 2, 2017 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Laura Walls, Carroll County EDC, Charlotte Moppin, Ron Fritz, Atlee Oyler, Bill McCarty, Karla Jenkins, Abigail Diener, Lauri Rice, Jim Hancock, Kevin Clothier, Jill Clothier, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayres and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome.

**PUBLIC HEARING** ~ Second Hearing and Adoption of the 2018 Budget.

Tax levy is \$641,815.00 and the Budget is \$2,950,600.00.

Josh reviewed the submitted budget and answered a couple questions from the public regarding tax cap. Public comments and discussion followed. Darrell moved to approve Ordinance 2017-01 for the 2018 Budget and Vince seconded. 2018 Budget adopted.

Darrell moved to approve Resolution 2017-05. Vince seconded. Motion carried.

Vince moved the minutes of the previous meeting (September 11, 2017) be approved as presented; Darrell seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Report on property at 204 East Hoop Street ~ Bill McCarty has not had time to check 204 East Hoop and had no report on the sewer issues there but plans to check the property this week and report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Laura Walls ~ Executive Director of Economic Development Corporation gave an update on the organization's projects. Working with Indiana Packers on Project Chill, a cold warehouse, and Project Bacon, doubling the bacon facility and adding 92 jobs. Meetings have been set up to work on negotiations between EDC and the Camden-Flora Rail Corridor.

**REPORTS:**

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon not present and did not submit report. No camera quotes available. Paul will continue to work to get those. Have asked Brenneco.
- B. Plan Commission – Issued one building permit in September to First Farmer's Bank for a sign.
- C. Fire Department – No one present. Ron Fritz (Gator) asked permission to rent a dumpster and clean up the area where the fire department had a practice training work site with trailers that is no longer in use. The public is using it as a dumping area for trash, old roofing, doors, vanities, sinks and construction materials. Council granted his request and instructed him to clean it up. The Lafayette Fire Department has said they would pick up the containers.
- D. Park Department – Atlee Oyler presented two bids for grading and seeding of the lawn around the new pole building. 1. Oyler Enterprise-\$2402.00.

2. Justin Fingerle -\$2800.00. Darrell moved to accept the Oyler Enterprise bid. Vince seconded. Motion carried. Discussed re-surfacing and new nets for the tennis courts. Council intends to have a plan for tennis courts in place by spring.

- E. Airport – No one present. Park employees now doing the mowing at the airport. Park and town employees working together on several projects which seems to be working out well.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Josh reviewed report. Vince moved to fix the recycling truck and to accept the bid from Best Equipment Company, from Indianapolis, IN in the amount of \$8,588.96 for repairs. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. They will come to the town shop to do the repairs. Hopefully this will get the truck through the winter and then look into buying a used truck to replace it. Council granted permission to dispose of the old 1989 pickup. Trevor Ayres is at pole climbing school for two weeks.
- G. WWT Superintendent – Josh reviewed report. Discussed disposing of the 1991 Dodge Dakota with the snow plow and permission was granted. Bill will attend Alliance of Rural Water Conference in Fort Wayne IN on October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. Moonlight Madness is this Saturday, October 7, 2017.
- 2. Halloween Trick or Treat set for Tuesday, October 31, 2017 6-8 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Town offices closed Monday, October 9, 2017 for Columbus Day.
- 2. Next meeting will be Monday, November 6, 2017.

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

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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