

TOWN COUNCIL
November 6, 2017

The Flora Town Council met Monday, November 6, 2017 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Ron Fritz, Jim Hancock, Vince Sommers, Barry Hutton, Charlotte Moppin, Karla Jenkins, Susan Scholl, Kevin & Jill Clothier, Jessica Young, Paul Redmon, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayres and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell moved the minutes of the previous meeting (October 2, 2017) be approved as presented; Vince seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

BID OPENING – 3 year Trash Contract-January 2018 thru December 2020

1. Bid from Clinton County Disposal in the amount of \$93,262.00.

Council will take the bid under advisement. The new contract has a four bag limit down from five bag limit.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Community Development Block Grant ~ Josh read a letter from Office of Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch announcing the awarding of a \$600,000.00 grant (CDBG) to the town of Flora for drinking water improvements. Vince Sommers from Commonwealth Engineering congratulated the town for receiving the grant on its first try, gave an update on financing (remainder of project will be funded through a USDA Rural Development loan) and presented engineering agreements for the project. The project must be bid by May 31, 2018. Seward made a motion that Ayres sign the presented engineering agreements after approval by Abigail Diener, (town attorney). Darrell seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Invoice from Carroll County Economic Development ~ Received a \$25,000.00 invoice. Vince made a motion to pay EDC the contractual amount of \$21,378.00 (five year contract/agreement of \$10.50 per resident per 2036 residents from 2010 census) instead of the invoice amount of \$25,000.00 that the town had previously been giving annually for services. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Cum Capital Improvement Plan ~ Vince made a motion to approve the \$50,000.00 EDIT expenditure from the annual Cum Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon submitted and reviewed the October police report (computers not synching). There were 6 Misdemeanor arrest, 5 Felony arrest, 1 Citation, 6 Warnings, 31 Calls for service, and 1 Consent. James plans to return

to night shift full time patrol December 1, 2017. Have appreciated his help the past several weeks in the office Monday through Friday following up on cases.

- B. Plan Commission – Issued three building permits in October including a permit for a new home to Ronald & Elizabeth Eurit. Joshua Capp for a fence. Pam & Larry Holmes for a fence.
- C. Fire Department – No one present. Darrell moved to approve the invoice of \$2,275.00 for attorney fees from October 16-19, 2017 (legal services of Joel D. Hand) who attended Fire Chief Adam Randle’s interview. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Park Department – No one present. Ron Fritz reported for Atlee that all restrooms have been winterized and park benches stored. There are still a few storage spaces available for rent in the new building and the merchant building.
- E. Airport – No one present. Joretta reported the Airport Board is recommending hanger rent be raised \$5.00 per month per hanger (\$50.00 to \$55.00) next year.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Josh reviewed report. Tree cutting and trimming underway. Christmas tree lights going up and will be turned on November 18th for the Christmas parade. Have had two water main breaks already this season. Recycle truck is still being repaired and should be back in service soon. The backhoe has overheating issues and has countless hydraulic leaks. Trevor Ayres has completed climbing school and has started his monthly lessons on line. Ron Fritz suggested the council consider contracting (15 year contract) with a company who would do yearly inspections, service and maintenance on the water towers after the water project is completed. Secondly he feels there is considerable water loss due to old meters that have slowed down. He would like to replace 100 meters a year at \$45.60 for more up to date meters. He stated it is recommended to prevent water loss that meters be replaced every ten years. Council will take suggestions under advisement.
- G. WWT Superintendent – Josh read written report. Sold the snow plow with the Dakota. Bill McCarty attended a two day training seminar in Fort Wayne.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Josh read a letter from First Farmers Bank & Trust that they would be vacating the 27 West Main Street building by December 31, 2017 which is when the current lease expires.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Town offices closed Friday November 10th for Veteran’s Day and Thursday and Friday November 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving.

2. Next meeting will be Monday December 4, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Vince made a motion to adjourn, Darrell 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