

TOWN COUNCIL
December 4, 2017

The Flora Town Council met Monday, December 4, 2017 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Barry Hutton, Melissa Bishop, Atlee Oyler, Charlotte Moppin, Bill McCarty, Jim Hancock, Susan Scholl, Abigail Diener, Karla Jenkins, Ron Fritz, Todd Trent, Kevin & Jill Clothier, James Bishop, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayres, and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell moved the minutes of the previous meeting (November 6, 2017) be approved as presented; Vince seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Trash Contract ~ Vince moved to approve three year contract with Clinton County Disposal bid at 93,262.00 per year. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Four large trash bags is limit in new contract down from five bags.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Flora Library Bond Issue ~ Umbaugh and Ice Miller determined the Town of Flora/Flora Town Council is the fiscal body that would approve the general obligation bond issue and prepared a resolution for the same. Darrell made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-06 authorizing the bond issue for funding to pay for needed renovations and improvements to the Flora-Monroe Township Public Library building. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Salary Ordinance-Ordinance 2017-02 ~ Vince moved to approve the first reading of the 2018 Salary Ordinance. Darrell seconded. Vince moved to suspend local home rules and read by title only for second and third reading. Darrell seconded. Darrell moved to approve seconded reading and Vince seconded. Vince moved to approve third reading and Darrell seconded. Ordinance 2017-02 adopted.
- C. 2018 Town Council Meeting Schedule ~ Council approved as presented. Council will continue to meet on the first Monday of the month at 6 PM in 2018 with the exception of January and September when the meeting will be the second Monday of the month at 6 PM due to holiday conflicts.
- D. 2018 Holiday Schedule ~ Council approved schedule as presented.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Josh Ayres read the submitted November police report. There were 8 Misdemeanor arrest, 9 Felony arrest, 3 Citations, 6 Warnings, 53 Calls for service, 3 Accidents, and 1 Warrant. James Bishop has returned to the night shift. Vince moved to approve a \$1,000.00 donation to Carroll Education Foundation for use of the weight room at the school from the Flora police department's continuing education fund. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

- B. Plan Commission – Issued three building permits in November including David & Tina Albaugh for an addition to their house. Shawn Wickersham/Wick’s Packaging for a new building/addition. Eraclio Leija for a ramp to the deck.
- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent, the new fire chief, was present and read the November fire report which included 33 calls (25 medical and 8 fire). Derek Eikenberry is the assistant fire chief.
- D. Park Department – Atlee Oyler reported he pick up the last of the leaves today and requested that a bid be obtained for gutter guards on the new building. A decision needs to be made on rehabbing the tennis courts by next spring-whether to rehab one or both of them. There was a suggestion to use one or both of them for additional basketball courts. Josh stated if no one comes forward with interest in repairing the old log cabin by spring he feels it should be moved to Delphi where there is interest in renovating it rather than just letting it rot away.
- E. Airport – Josh read a letter received from Debbie Lowe, Airport Board President, requesting that hanger rent be raised \$5.00 per month in 2018 and again in 2019. Council approved. The Airport Board plans to remove the pay telephone in the administration building at the airport as it is no longer needed. The cost of the pay phone is currently \$600.00 per year and it is never used. If an inspection reveals it is a requirement to have the phone they will then have a contact person to discuss it with. Council approved removal of the phone.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Josh reviewed the submitted report. Trevor Ayres received 100% on the first of four lineman school tests. All repairs on both substations are complete. New line for the solar park is completed. Repairs completed on the recycling truck and it is up and running. Hoping that Friday December 8, 2017, will be the last day for leaf pick up. Street sweeping and tree trimming will continue weather permitting. Residents were reminded to make sure that when planting trees to keep in mind power lines and visual access to roads.
- G. WWT Superintendent – Josh reviewed the submitted report. Quote submitted for a new generator. Council requested that another quote be obtained. The sewage department has mailed several letters including certified letters to a property owner on North Center Street for an outstanding bill for repairs and the letters have been ignored. Town Attorney, Abigail Diener, will serve the owner a small court claims suit for the \$2,800.00 unpaid bill.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Year end council meeting will be held Monday, December 18, 2017 at 4:30 PM.
2. Town Offices will be closed Monday, December 25, 2017 for the Christmas Holiday and Monday January 1, 2018 for the New Year’s Holiday.

3. Next regular town council meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2018. Second Monday due to the Holiday.

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