

TOWN COUNCIL

March 5, 2018

The Flora Town Council met Monday, March 5, 2018 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were: Ron Fritz, Rachel Runge, Vince Sommers, Charlotte Moppin, Jim Hancock, Bill McCarty, Laurie Brower, Jim Powers, Eric Newlon, Steve Herr, DDS, Travis Jones, DDS, Todd Trent, Susan Scholl, Karla Jenkins, Kevin Clothier, Jill Clothier, Atlee Oyler, Abigail Diener, Josh Disinger, Paul Redmon, Mark Pinkard, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayres and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell moved the minutes of the previous meeting (February 5, 2018) be approved as presented; Vince seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Commonwealth-Vince Sommers & Rachel Runge ~ Rachel explained the upcoming water project and requested council sign a construction permit application to be filed in 7 to 10 days. Vince moved to approve the construction permit application with IDEM. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Community Club Beer Garden ~ Council granted tentative approval for a beer garden at the club-sponsored tractor pull in June. Council instructed Abigail Diener to modify current no alcohol in the park ordinance to allow alcohol when permission granted on a case by case basis in a confined area for a special event.
- C. Cameras at the Park ~ Two quotes: 1. Digital Video (Fort Wayne) \$2605.84. 2. Brenneco (Flora) \$3699.00. Darrell moved to accept the local bid from Brenneco for four cameras at the park. Vince seconded. Motion carried. This system is set up so that cameras can be added later for the downtown area. Council feels these are a better quality camera and we will have local service.
- D. Resolution 2018-01 ~Darrell moved to adopt resolution appointing Josh Disinger as the Flora Representative on the Emergency Management Advisory Board. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- E. Broadway Broadband ~ No one present at this meeting. Abigail Diener has written a fiber optic contract and Broadway Broadband's attorney is reviewing the contract at this time. Will put on April agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Indiana Department of Health ~ Jim Powers explained the fluoride equipment upgrade that is needed as IDEM is questioning the fluoride containment in the town's aging fluoridation system (47 years old). Council granted permission for an upgrade to the fluoride system at a cost of approximately \$6,000.00. Council agrees fluoridation is important for the dental health of Flora residents.

- B. 2018 Carrollton & Monroe Township Fire Contracts ~ Vince moved to approve both contracts (Carrollton for \$1,700.00 and Monroe for \$4,000.00). Darrell seconded. Motion carried.
- C. Nepotism Annual Statement ~ All three council members signed a statement.
- D. Outstanding checks to be cancelled ~ Darrell moved to void three checks and to put the money back in the appropriate fund. Vince seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

- A. Police Department – Paul Redmon reviewed submitted February police report including 14 Misdemeanor arrests, 8 Felony arrests, 6 Citations, 23 Written warnings, 59 Calls for service, 2 Accidents and 2 Warrants. Things going well with everyone back working full time. Town of Camden sent an updated shooting range contract which was tabled until April meeting for further review.
- B. Plan Commission – One permit issued in February to Josh Ayres for wrecking of two out buildings.
- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported 9 medical runs and 6 fire related runs for a total of 15 runs for the month of February. Department preparing for ISO audit on June 5, 2018 which is a very important audit. Town is currently a 6 on a 1 to 10 scale with 1 the best and 10 the worst. It is Todd's goal to drop this number from 6 to 5 which would lower homeowner's insurance. Fireworks contract needs to be paid by April 15th to get early payment discount.
- D. Park Department – Council granted permission to Living Faith Church of Brethren to add a 20'x20' concrete pad for the food tent they operate during the fair. Council wants to be sure the pad is thick enough that concrete will not crack or break if driven on. Atlee investigating gutter guards for new building.
- E. Airport – No one present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Backhoe is in need of replacement. Quotes presented to lease a backhoe in the amount of \$101,630.97 and to purchase a backhoe in the amount of \$95,289.65 were tabled. Gator will seek another quote. Darrell moved to approve quote from John Deere for an X 730 60" tractor mower in the amount of \$2,845.00 with trade in. Vince seconded. Motion carried. The town employees desire a tractor mower and are not in favor of a zero turn mower. Gator presented a quote from Ken Weber with Reach Alert, LLC, a company he found through AIM. Vince made a motion to approve the notification system at a cost of \$995.00 for the first year and \$1990.00 per year for years two and three. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Discussed the problem of semi trucks using South Center and South Division Streets to get to the truck wash on East Elizabeth Street taking out utility poles and destroying resident's lawns. No good solution was reached. Gator presented a quote from Todal Fence for \$8,386.20 for a fence behind the water plant (east side) along the railroad suggested by IDEM was tabled pending completion of the water

project and a second quote for the same. The walking trail lights are twenty years old and several of the posts are deteriorating. Atlee will take inventory of how many need to be replaced. May no longer be able to order parts for these lights so may need to budget for this in the future.

G. WWT Superintendent – See written report. Josh reviewed the February report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. First Farmers took their name off the sign and left the frame at 27 West Main Street. Will get two quotes to put a sign in the frame indicating it is the Fireside Building with the 27 West Main Street address.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next meeting will be Monday, April 2, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.
2. Spring trash pick-up will be May 4th and May 5th. All trash must be out at the curb by 7:00 A.M. on Friday May4th. Will put on the website items that will be picked up and items that will not be picked up.

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

TOWN OF FLORA

Joshua S. Ayres, President

Vincent A. Seward, Vice President

Darrell Yoder, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer