

TOWN COUNCIL

April 2, 2018

The Flora Town Council met Monday, April 2, 2018 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Susan Scholl (Carroll County Comet), Julia Leahy, Tom Hedde, Bill McCarty, Ron Fritz, Kim Blanchet, Sarah Hanaway, Atlee Oyler, Steve Brooks, Michelle Holliday, Todd Trent, Julie Gish, Kevin Clothier, Jill Clothier, Jessica Young, Darin Oliver, Cameron, Hayden, Josh Disinger, Paul Redmon, Abigail Deiner, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayres, and Joretta Tinsman.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Bond Counsel for upcoming water project ~ Kim Blanchet with Barnes & Thornburg present to explain the financing timetable for the upcoming water infrastructure improvement project. A reimbursement resolution must be in place. Rural Development offers a fixed rate loan at a very low rate for 40 years that can be paid off at any time which will require a bond ordinance. She would be happy to provide the counsel service but she is not the only attorney who can provide the service. Council asked that quotes be taken.
- B. EDC Representative ~ Continue to look for a third person to represent on Board.
- C. Backhoe Quotes ~
 - 1. Westside John Deere - \$95,289.65
 - 2. McAllister-CAT- \$94,569.00

Vince moved to approve the McAllister bid with trade in of the 310 JD backhoe for \$8,340.00 in exchange for extended warranty and auxiliary hydraulics. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Had three quotes to finance a portion of the purchase x 60 months (1. First Farmers at 3.75%. 2. First Financial at 4.50%. 3. Salin Bank at 3.95%). Darrell moved to approve the lowest interest rate on a loan from First Farmer's Bank & Trust and Vince seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Girl's Softball ~ Michelle Holliday reported on projects they are doing at the park. They want to work on the dugouts and would like a shed built. Asked the town council to consider providing financial assistance which council indicated they would be willing to do when they are presented quotes. She stated the soft ball program is growing and they have seven teams this year. She requested a second softball diamond so the organization could host tournaments which could be a money maker. Also inquired about a dog park as the girls often step in dog waste in the softball field. Council will consider getting a quote to add a small fenced-in area possibly near the water tower. Utility workers agreed to fix the flag pole at the girl's softball diamond and put a flag on the pole. Josh Ayres stated there are currently four ball diamonds and three practice diamonds.

- B. Carroll County Chamber ~ Julia Leahy, executive director, gave a brief summary of how the chamber has benefitted the Town of Flora in the past year and she asked for their continued support. Vince moved to continue the town's Chamber membership and to fund at the platinum partner level of \$3,000.00 (\$3,000.00 minus \$1,000.00 for 2018 office rent=\$2,000.00). Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Julia tries to spend Thursdays in her Flora office at 4 East Main Street. Flora resident, Laurie Brower, serves on the Chamber Board. Upcoming events of interest include ribbon-cutting for First Farmers Bank & Trust at 12 noon on Friday April 6th and the State of the Schools Luncheon on June 1st in Flora.
- C. H. J. Umbaugh 2nd Qtr Tracking Factor ~ Josh read. Vince moved to approve the IMPA tracker for the electric utility in the amount of \$0.003528 per kilowatt used each month which represents a decrease in the overall tracking factor of \$0.004286. Darrell seconded. Motion carried
- D. Umbaugh Agreement-Financial Service ~ Tabled until May meeting for review.

REPORTS:

- A. Police Department – Paul Redmon reviewed March report. There were 6 Misdemeanor arrests, 5 Felony arrests, 4 Citations, 13 Warnings, 56 Calls for Service, 0 Accidents, 0 Consents and 2 Warrants. Vince moved to approve the Camden shooting range agreement. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Plan Commission – Four permits in March. Karen Davis for a fence. Perry Brewington for a shed. Sylvia Dawson for a carport. John Simpson for wrecking of garage and a new garage.
- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported 8 fire runs and 9 medical runs in March. Department is planning a 110 year anniversary party on Sunday, July 1, 2018 from 11 AM to 2 PM at the Fire Station. Council approved \$3,000.00 to cover the expenses of Parrett's catering, other food, paper products, and supplies for the celebration open to the public. Saturday, April 21st on opening day of little league the fire department will host a pancake breakfast at the 4-H building from 6 AM to 10 AM. Department is busy preparing for ISO audit on June 5th.
- D. Park Department – Darrell moved to approve the gutter guard quote from LeafGuard of Indiana out of Indianapolis in the amount of \$2,242.00 for the new building at the park. Vince seconded. Motion carried. New mower has been delivered. Carroll County Highway Dept. will grade the gravel. Atlee reported stringing up a net on the tennis court near the playground.
- E. Airport – No one present. Utility workers installing a waterline at the airport. Will obtain quotes for putting up netting to keep birds out of the hangers.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Josh reviewed report. Ordinance 2018-01 ~ Ordinance provided by IDEM amending town's Ordinance No 96-2-An Ordinance regarding water cross-connection protection devices. Darrell moved to adopt Ordinance 2018-01 first reading and Vince seconded.

Motion carried. Discussion is ongoing regarding Serveline Insurance for water utility. Notification of Reach Alert will be put in the May utility bills. Council will re-consider Resolution 2018-02 for electric service at the May meeting.

- G. WWT Superintendent – Josh reviewed. The three laterals remaining to be completed in the sewer project are in estates or foreclosures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next meeting will be Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.
2. Spring Trash Clean Up will be Friday and Saturday May 4th & 5th. All trash must be out at the curb by 7:00 A.M. on Friday May 4th.
3. Household Hazardous Waste pick up will be Saturday June 23, 2018 at the town utility shop from 8:00 AM to noon. Will be taking no tires this year.

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