

TOWN COUNCIL

May 7, 2018

The Flora Town Council met May 7, 2018 in the Board Room of Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Susan Scholl (Comet) Ron Fritz, Rachel Runge (Commonwealth), Rex Millhouse, Kris Schulz (ServLine) , Matt Trapp, Charlotte Moppin, Bill MCarty, James Bishop, Jim Hancock, Heather Kasselmann (Colonial Life), Karla Jenkins, Jessica Young, Kevin Clothier Jill, Clothier, Abigail Diener, Joshua Ayres, Vince Seward, Darrell Yoder, and Joretta Tinsman.

Josh opened the meeting with welcome. Vince moved the minutes of the previous meetings (April 2, 2018 and April 13, 2018) be approved as presented. Darrell seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and Payroll were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Commonwealth Update-Rachel Runge ~ Rachel reviewed a list of the paper work to be completed for the drinking water improvement project. She reported the final design for the project has been approved and the designs have been submitted to the two funding agencies (USDA & OCRA). Council approved payment of three outstanding Commonwealth invoices for work done to date on the project totaling \$70,000.00 from the water utility fund and will refund the account when the rural development grant money is received. Rachel will be attending upcoming town council meetings and keeping the council advised on needed paperwork as the project progresses. We will schedule a pre-bid meeting prior to advertising for bids and then schedule bid opening meeting in the near future.
- B. Bond Counsel ~ Darrell moved to retain Kimberly Blanchet with Barnes & Thornburg as bond counsel for a fee of \$25,900.00 plus up to \$250.00 in Expenses and Abigail Diener with Obear, Overholser, Huffer & Rider for a legal service agreement in the amount of \$15,000.00 contingent on not exceeding monetary limits. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- C. ServLine-Water Insurance Presentation ~ Kris Schulz explained a water loss protection insurance for utility and customer's water leaks at a cost of approximately \$1.50 per month to the customers. The town would then submit premiums to ServLine. The program is set up to help communities recover loss from adjustments on water leaks. Everyone would have the protection but would have the privilege of opting out. Council asked for a proposal, will review and make a decision at a meeting in the future.
- D. H. J. Umbaugh Service Agreement ~ Darrell moved to accept the Legal Service Agreement and the Financial Advisory Services Agreement for the quarterly tracking factor calculations from Umbaugh. Vince seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Colonial Life – Heather Kasselmann ~ Explained supplemental insurance coverage for town employees including disability, accident, life, dental, critical illness and cancer. Policy sounds similar to the policies town employees already have available with AFLAC and American Fidelity. Council will take information under advisement and make a decision at a future meeting.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – James Bishop reviewed the submitted April police report including 4 misdemeanor arrests, 4 felony arrests, 15 citations, 18 written warnings, 67 calls for service, 1 accident, and 1 warrant. James warned residents to beware of the many scams that are circulating at this time.
- B. Plan commission–Issued eight building permits in April. Greg Bowman a storage Shed. Stan & Darlene Spencer (renters Larry Douglas) a fence at 609 East Columbia Street. Chasity Fields a fence. Kenneth Brewster a fence. Eugene Wolf two storage sheds. Van Kauffman II a fence. Ruth Wilcoxon an addition. Jerry Bean a fence.
- C. Fire Department – Josh Ayres reported 14 medical runs and 8 other runs in Todd Trent’s absence. Todd requested that the town have the water reports for the ISO inspection for insurance rating by Monday May 14, 2018. Gator invited the Fire Department and Carroll County EMS to a training session for bucket truck rescue at the town shop on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 2:30 PM.
- D. Park Department – No one present.
- E. Airport – Corben Meyer has resigned from the Flora Airport. Debbie Lowe will make a recommendation for a replacement.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Have several new lights to put up for the tractor pull in June and Gator would like some help with putting the lights up. Reminder to residents that utility work comes before yard waste pick up which will be done as time allows and not on any scheduled day.
- Resolution 2018-02 – A resolution outlining the general terms and conditions for electric service. Darrell moved to approve Resolution 2018-02 upgrading electric service terms from March of 1976 and Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- Ordinance 2018-01 - An ordinance amending Ordinance 96-02 for Water Cross-Connection Protection. First reading approved at April 2, 2018 meeting. Vince moved to suspend local home rule and read by title only for second and third readings and Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Darrell moved to approve second reading of Ordinance 2018-01 and Vince seconded. Motion carried. Vince moved to approve third reading and Darrell seconded.
- Ordinance 2018-01 adopted.
- Resolution 2018-03-Darrell moved to approve Town of Flora entering into a promissory note and security agreement with First Farmers Bank & Trust to borrow Seventy-Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Nine dollars (\$74,569.00) for

the purchase of a new backhoe and to secure the loan with a low interest rate for the duration of the loan. Vince seconded. Motion carried.

- G. WWT Foreman – Vince moved to accept Xcel welding quote for \$16,104.00 to replace the frame on the vactor truck and Darrell seconded. Motion carried. All road cuts have now been made on North Center Street and it is ready for paving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next town council meeting will be Monday, June 4, 2018 at 6 PM.
2. Town Office will be closed Monday, May 28, 2018 in observance of Memorial Day.
3. Household Hazardous Waste Pick up on Saturday, June 23rd from 8 am to noon at the Flora Municipal Shop. No tires will be collected. Tires can be taken to the Transfer Station or to Carroll County Tire or other tire shops.

Vince motioned to adjourn the meeting and 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