

## TOWN COUNCIL

June 4, 2018

The Flora Town Council met June 4, 2018 in the Board Room of Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Susan Scholl (Comet), Girl Scout Troop 154 (Krista Brown, Stephanie Waybill, Shaylyn Brown, Jesca Waybill), Ron Fritz, Bill McCarty, Karla Jenkins, Eric Walsh (Umbaugh), Jill Cothier, Barry Hutton, Jim Hancock, Jason Burns, Kim Black, Jessica Young, Atlee Oyler, Judy Beaver, Curtis S. Beaver, Miriam Robeson, Abigail Diener, Joshua Ayres, Vince Seward, Darrell Yoder, and Joretta Tinsman.

Josh opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell moved the minutes of the previous meeting (May 7, 2018) be approved as presented. Vince seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and Payroll were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance 2018-02~Eric Walsh reviewed the rate report from Umbaugh that this Ordinance is based on. Josh read Ordinance 2018-02 introducing a rate increase for the water utility. Darrell made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2018-02 to be finalized at the August meeting. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- B. ServLine ~Water Insurance-Tabled at this time. Will re-visit in the fall of 2018 after the water rate increase is finalized by Umbaugh and after there is more public input. The insurance does not cover leaking toilets, faucets etc.
- C. Colonial Life Insurance~Employees and Council feel no further employee supplemental insurance is needed.
- D. North Center Street Paving Quote~Have a bid from E&B Paving Inc. Will obtain a second bid prior to next meeting as there is a desire to pursue paving N. Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Kim Black~Resident suggested a three year golf permit rather than a one year. Council agreed that with increased number of golf carts they may need to amend the golf cart ordinance (2011-02). He also asked for an adjustment on water bill for lawn & flower watering, pool filling etc. in the summer months. Joretta and bookkeepers will investigate possibility of averaging sewage usage for summer months. Thirdly he had a complaint regarding yard waste on streets for an extended period of time (he states 28 days) before pickup. Suggested the town consider designating a certain day for pick up of limbs and yard waste. Finally he asked about nuisance properties. Council explained current procedure which includes notification and fines but do plan to revise our current nuisance ordinances (1979-03, 1981-06 and 1982-04) at some point in the future.
- B. Krista Brown-Girl Scout Project~Two girl scouts trying to earn their Silver Project award are interested in putting a dog park at the Flora park in the old tennis court. Council gave them permission to work with Gator and Atlee on the project along with Josh. Girl Scouts will investigate prices for fencing, do some

- fund raising projects and proceed with working toward a goal of completion of a safe place for people to take their dogs to play at the park by April of 2019.
- C. Mann Property Donation~Susan Mann Hitchcock offered to donate three lots to the Town of Flora on East Columbia Street. Abigail Diener will order a title search to start process. Town will be responsible for any expenses such as the title work and environmental testing if needed. Town desires no long-term restrictions on use of the property. Susan would like completion by August 2018.
  - D. Judy Beaver~Resident presented photos of air-conditioning wiring at Paul Rider's rental on S Center St. that she felt was a fire hazard. Josh will talk to Mr. Rider.
  - E. Jason Burns-Carroll County Soccer~Jason thanked the Council and Atlee for their support in maintaining soccer fields up at the park. Will rope the fields off during the tractor pull and fair to maintain the fields and minimize the hazard of ruts.
  - F. Miriam Robeson~Requested South Street closure for a block party on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 3 PM to 8 PM. Council approved with approval of neighbors.

#### REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Josh reviewed submitted May police report in Paul Redmon's absence including 1 misdemeanor arrests, 30 citations, 23 written warnings, 75 calls for service, 2 accidents, 1 searches/probation and no consents or warrants.
- B. Plan Commission–Issued four building permits in May. Jonathan Jenkins a sidewalk and fence. Kim Black a shed. Raymond King a deck. Joshua Copp for deck repairs and enlargement.
- C. Fire Department –No one present. Josh reported 15 runs (8 medical and 6 fire runs and 1 car crash) in Todd Trent's absence.
- D. Park Department – Atlee reported he has contacted two people for bids to build a lean-to attached to merchant building on the north side for picnic table storage. Lines inside the merchant building need to be re-painted before the fair.
- E. Airport – No one present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Josh reviewed Ron Fritz's submitted utility report and Ron (Gator) elaborated on several items. Council thanked electric department for their hard work on installation of tractor pull lights. Town of Flora hosted the IMEA conference in Bloomington last week. Tractor mower is down at this time. Received approval from Rural Development for the water project and reviewed the time line for the project. Pre-bid meeting will be held June 27<sup>th</sup> at town hall and bid opening meeting is set for July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the town hall. New backhoe should be in next week and have traded in the old one. Hired Hunter Hill - summer help to spray weeds, paint curbs, & fire hydrants, etc.

- G. WWT Foreman – Josh reviewed Bill McCarty’s submitted report. Pumps are going bad and with new pumps available at a cost of \$5,000.00 not worth fixing old pumps.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Shred Day-Council approved Joretta setting up a day for the shred truck to come to the town shop at a cost of \$500.00 for four hours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. June 23rd~Household Hazardous waste collection 8:00 am to noon at Flora municipal shop. No tires taken at this year’s event. Will announce on Reach Alert.
2. Next meeting will be July 2, 2018, at 6 PM.
3. Annual Fireworks display will be July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 PM at the Flora Park.

Vince motioned to adjourn the meeting and Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

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Joshua S. Ayres, President

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Vincent A. Seward, Vice President

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Darrell Yoder, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

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Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer