

TOWN COUNCIL

July 2, 2018

The Flora Town Council met July 2, 2018 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were: Adam Spesard, Emily Spesard, Charlotte Moppin, Karla Jenkins, Barry Hutton, Bill McCarty, James Bishop, Ron Fritz, Jim Hancock, Krista Brown, Shalyn Brown, Jenny Jaecaues, Atlee Oyler, Kim Black, Todd Trent, Jessica Young, Kevin Clothier, Susan Scholl (Comet), Kim Blanchet (Barnes & Thornburg), Abigail Diener, Joshua Ayres, Vince Seward, Darrell Yoder and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Vince moved the minutes of the previous meeting (June 4, 2018) be approved as presented. Darrell seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and Payroll were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance 2018-03 ~ Ordinance authorizing the acquisition, construction and installation of certain improvements for the waterworks system of the Town of Flora. Kim Blanchet explained the water project bond ordinance which includes the covenants needed for the government loan (2% rate for 40 years that can be paid off early). Darrell moved to approve introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2018-03 and Vince seconded. Motion carried. Vince Seward moved to suspend local home rules and read by title only for second and third reading. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Darrell moved to approve second reading and Vince seconded. Motion carried. Vince moved to approve third and final reading. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Vince made a motion to adopt the Loan Resolution in the amount of \$2,591,000.00 as presented. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Kim Blanchet went over the timeline for the 3.7 million dollar water project. Next step will be to open the construction bids on July 16th.
- B. Town Utility Software ~ Mega Systems, the company who created and supported the utility software for thirty plus years, has gone out of business. Three bids for new utility software obtained. Joretta feels Frey Municipal Software is the most suited for our needs (conversion is included in quote scheduled in October 2018).
1. Tyler Technology from Tyler, Texas for \$82,000.00.
 2. Frey Municipal Software for \$41,050.00.
 3. Boyce for \$28,882.50 – (includes several TBD costs & higher yearly update)
- Darrell moved to purchase utility software from Frey with funds from Riverboat Gambling monies. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- C. Representation on Carroll County Economic Development Board ~ Still seeking a Flora representative. Council had no recommendations. If anyone interested or knows anyone interested contact the town office or a town council member.
- D. Girl Scout's Dog Park ~Krista Brown gave report of their progress and presented two quotes for fencing for the park. 1. Total Fence LLC for \$9,266.27.
2. Bailey Fence for \$10,476.75. Girl Scouts will continue money making projects (currently have raised \$950.00). Town will help supplement the costs of the \$16,000.00 project. Goal is to be completed in fall of 2018 or at the latest spring of 2019. Scouts will report on fundraising progress at the September council meeting and at each council

meeting. They also will report on their second project of fixing up the log cabin. They will be setting up a donation table in the log cabin during the fair as a money maker.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. H. J. Umbaugh Third Quarter Tracking Factor ~ Darrell moved to approve the 2018 third quarter IMPA tracker for the electric utility in the amount of \$0.000938 per kilowatt used each month which represents an increase in the overall tracking factor of \$0.004466. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- B. North Center Street Paving Quotes ~
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| 1. E&B Paving Inc. | --\$78,472.50 |
| 2. Central Paving -- | \$57,036.00 |
| 3. Fox Paving -- | \$48,000.00 |
- Vince moved to approve the Fox Paving quote for the North Center Street paving project. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Gator request that Fox Paving also make repairs on Willow Street and at Wagoner Apartments. Funding will be from cumulative funds.
- C. Kevin Clothier-Water Issue ~ Flooding of Jackson & Second Street. After a 4¾ inch rain in two hours Mr. Clothier had eight inches of water in his garage. This also happened in November of 2017 after a smaller rain. Bill and Gator have some ideas and will be doing some work on raising catch basins and checking drainage tiles to see if there are any issues that can be repaired to help alleviate the flooding in this area.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal ~ James Bishop read the June police report in Paul's absence: 3 misdemeanor arrests, 3 felony arrests, 12 citations issued, 22 written warnings, 59 calls for service, 1 accident, and 2 warrants. Reminded residents about fireworks safety.
- B. Plan Commission ~ Four Building permits issued in June 2018: Josh Ayres new building. Derek Eikenberry storage shed. Philip Hufford (Wyntham Holding Group LLC) sidewalk repair at 216 N Center. Duane & Sheryl Long fence.
- C. Fire Department ~ Todd Trent reported 17 medical runs and 25 other runs in June. Sunday, July 1, 2018 hosted 110th anniversary celebration at the Fire Station with 250 in attendance. ISO audit completed with four items requiring a response. Can re-submit the audit after the water upgrade and if new fire equipment is purchased. Todd will bring recommendation to next meeting for a fixed cost per load for water to fill pools. Free will donations are not covering the expenses incurred by the department.
- D. Park Department ~ Cameras are working. Steve Wheeler asked to donate and place recycle containers to advertise his business at the park. Atlee okayed trying a couple. Will get bids to build a lean-to on the merchant building for storage of picnic tables.
- E. Airport ~ Josh attended an airport board meeting to review duties. He thanked them for their good care of the airport and asked for periodic reports & needed recommendations
- F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman ~ See written report. Trevor Ayres completed second IMEA apprentice basic construction workshop. New backhoe has arrived and pleased with it. Abigail will prepare an ordinance and present it at the next meeting for Gator's

proposed yard waste policy. Yard waste pick up on Mondays only. Council approved Gator sending two linemen to a transformer class next month for three days put on by IMPA. Granted permission for Gator to install a camera to monitor the dumping of mattresses, electronics and large furniture items in the town parking lot dumpster area.

- G. WWT Foreman ~ See written report. Bill is working toward getting the Huston Electric and Shinmaywa pumps ordered and replaced soon. Council approved Bill sending Rob and Fred to operator boot camp in Peru next month. Bill was granted permission to attend a two day school in October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Town Offices closed Wednesday, July 4, 2018 for Independence Day; Fireworks at the Flora Park at 10 PM on Wednesday, July 4th.
2. Next regular Town Council Meeting August 6, 2018 at 6:00 PM.
3. Shred day scheduled for Saturday, August 11th 8 AM to noon at the town shop.

Vince made 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