

TOWN COUNCIL  
August 6, 2018

The Flora Town Council met August 6, 2018 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. PRESENT: Barry Hutton, Eric Walsh (Umbaugh) Bill McCarty, Jim Hancock, Marilyn Minich, Lora Blackburn, Brad Blackburn, Rachel Runge (Commonwealth), Ron Fritz, Todd Trent, Jessica Young, Kevin Clothier, Jill Clothier, Susan Scholl (Comet), Paul Redmon, Josh Disinger, Karla Jenkins, Abigail Diener, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayres, and Joretta Tinsman.

Josh Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell moved the minutes of the previous meeting (July 2, 2018) be approved as presented. Vince seconded. Motion carried. Claims and Payroll were signed.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Ordinance 2018-02 ~ Ordinance amending 2016-03. Josh read the ordinance increasing water rates and charges provided by the Town of Flora water utility by approx. 5.1%. This would be a \$2.20 per month increase for the average utility customer to help pay for the upgrades to the town's water system. The \$3 million dollar project cost is being funded by a 40 year USDA loan at 2% interest and a \$600,000 grant from OCRA. No comments from public. Vince made a motion 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 by title and Darrell second. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Commonwealth-Rachel Runge ~ Presented bid recommendation letter with copy of the favorable bids. For bid purposes the project was divided into two divisions: Three bids for Division "A". Six bids for Division "B" were received. Bids awarded as follows:  
Division "A" – Water Treatment Plant to Graves Plumbing Company Inc.  
Division "B" – Elevated Storage Tank Improvements to V & T Painting LLC.  
Vince moved to approve Commonwealth Engineer's recommendation of low, responsive and responsible bidders as presented in the amount of \$2.3 million dollars. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Rachel presented paper work from USDA to be signed by the council to award the bids. Indiana Bond Bank will set the closing date of the loan and set the pre-construction meeting date (on the same day). August 15, 2018 is the projected date of closing and meeting with contractors. Project will get underway shortly after the loan closing and is expected to take 300 days for completion.
- B. Krista Brown-Girl Scouts-Dog Park update ~ Krista was not present but had reported to Ron Fritz that they have raised approximately \$3,000.00 of the \$10,000.00 needed for the dog park fencing. Resident Marilyn Minich who lives across the road on Park Row has concerns about the location and gave some suggestions of other possible areas in the park that she feels would work for a dog park. Town will continue to remove the tennis court asphalt but the project is not so far along that other dog park sites cannot be considered. Council will take other locations into consideration before a final decision is made.
- C. Ordinance 2018-04 ~ Yard Waste Ordinance written by Abigail Diener was discussed with those present. Abigail will continue to work with Ron Fritz to make suggested changes and tabled Ordinance 2018-04 until the September meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- A. BZA Board recommendation ~ Board of Zoning Appeals heard a request from Kevin & Jill Clothier for a zero set back variance and a height variance for proposed garage on Lot 26 in Riggles addition. Current height limitation is 18 feet for accessory buildings and the Clothiers requested a variance of 27 feet. No one was present at the Board of Zoning meeting to oppose the two requested variances. By unanimous vote Board of Zoning approved the variances and brought favorable recommendation to the Flora Town Council for their consideration. Darrell moved to accept the Zoning Board's recommendation and Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Carroll Consolidated School Corporation-SRO Agreement ~ Vince moved to approve the School Resource Officer Interlocal Agreement and Darrell seconded. Motion carried. The Corporation will reimburse the town for insurance, fuel and SRO compensation totaling \$37,023.88 for 180 days worked. The SRO will be paid comp time by the corporation for hours worked over the agreed 180 days.
- C. Golf Cart Ordinance ~ Discussion about 3 year/5 year renewal fee. Current Ordinance 2014-04 will be amended to reflect a \$50.00 lifetime fee with no renewal needed. Residents who have permitted golf carts will be grandfathered in.
- D. Brad Blackburn ~ Customer reported a large water leak of 247,000 gallons. The council made a decision to give them a break on their water bill by splitting the total water bill with them after sewage consideration has been given.

## REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon submitted and read his July report including no misdemeanor arrests, 2 felony arrests, 4 citations, 18 written warnings, 58 calls for service, and 3 crash calls. Paul thanked officer, Mark Thomas, for apprehending person responsible for vehicle break-ins.
- B. Plan Commission – Four building permits issued in July. Kevin Jacobs a shed. Luther Martin a shed. Ernest Smelser a shed. Fredd McKay a shed and fence.
- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported 20 medical runs and 16 other runs. Department did 11 pool fills with only \$80.00 in donations. They feel \$40.00 per load (approximately 3000 gallon) is a fair price. Fire Dept. feels the truck drags scheduled at the new pulling site are not safe. Todd explained Senate Enrolled Act No 393 stating building permits issued after 6/30/18 need a question of Class I or 2 structure-use of Advanced Structural Components (lightweight I-joist or roof trusses). Free smoke detector blitz is planned in September.
- D. Park Department – No one present. Atlee had submitted three quotes for a Lean-To the entire length of the north side of merchant building (120' x 16') for storage of picnic tables.
  - 1. AAA Beaver Construction-Brian Beaver- \$13,600.00 total cost.
  - 2. Graybill Construction -\$9,022.00 total cost.
  - 3. Daryl Brumbaugh \$ 8,275.00 total cost. Table these quotes pending further investigation.
- E. Airport – No one present. Ann Brown submitted resignation letter from the Airport Board, making two vacancies on the Board. Council approved Debbie Lowe's recommendations of Wayne McIntosh and George Rodgers, who both currently rent hangers at the airport, to serve

on the Board. Debbie sent a letter thanking utility workers for running a water line at the airport .

F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Josh reviewed report. Joretta will check with Schneider Corp regarding the passwords for the GIS system. Josh will check prices for a 12 ft bat wing finish mower to cut down on mowing time. Permission granted to Gator to attend IMEA fall conference in Scottsburg this September. Town parking lot dumpster area is now under camera surveillance and signs have been posted in the area “No Illegal Dumping”.

G. WWT Superintendent – Josh reviewed Bill’s July report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Shred day scheduled for Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at town shop 8AM to noon.
2. Town Offices closed Monday, September 3, 2018 for Labor Day.
3. Next meeting Monday, September 10, 2018 (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday due to Labor Day).

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

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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