

## TOWN COUNCIL

October 1, 2018

The Flora Town Council met Monday, October 1, 2018 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Ron Fritz, Sarah Hanaway, Atlee Oyler, Jim Hancock, Bill McCarty, Karla Jenkins, Susan Scholl, Abigail Diener, Jesca Waybill, Stephanie Waybill, Kevin Clothier, Jill Clothier, Todd Trent, James Bishop, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Josh Ayres, and Joretta Tinsman.

**PUBLIC HEARING ~ 2019 Budget-1st reading.** Josh read. No public input. Vince moved to approve first reading of 2019 Budget and Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell Yoder moved the minutes of the previous meeting (September 10, 2018) be approved as presented; Vince Seward seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- A. T-Bird Update ~ No one present. Bill has been in contact with T-Bird by phone. They are interested in a more detailed plan of sewage updates planned in 2019.
- B. Ordinance 2018-04 ~ Vince made a motion to suspend local home rules and read the yard waste ordinance by title only for second and third readings. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Darrell made a motion to approve second reading and Vince seconded. Motion carried. Vince moved to approve third reading and Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Ordinance 2018-04 adopted.
- C. Dog Park-Girl Scout Project ~ Stephanie Waybill presented fencing quote from Todal Fence (\$9,972.23) and Bailey Fence (\$11,853.75). Scouts have raised \$5300.00 of the \$15,000.00 project. Vince moved that the town pay \$8,500.00 of the \$9,972.23 fencing quote and Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Girl Scouts will assist Todal Fence with the labor to build the fence this fall.
- D. Brenneco bid for flushing of sprinkler pipe debris ~ Council approved the \$4,562.00 bid for time and material cost to investigate the extent of the internal pipe debris and to flush the dry system. This will be performed during normal working hours and the bid is good for thirty days.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Paul Valduizen-Director at the Youth Center on Main Street ~ Asked to be on the agenda but was not present at the meeting.
- B. Trick or Treat hours ~ Set for Wednesday, October 31, 2018 6 – 8 o'clock pm.

## REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon did not submit an October police report as computers would not sync to produce report. Hopefully issue fixed soon.
- B. Plan Commission – Issued no building permits in September, 2018.
- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported 22 calls for service - 12 medical and 10 other. Kindergarten through third grades will go to Lafayette next week for fire prevention program. Department is three-quarters finished with hose testing.
- D. Park Department – Atlee Oyler reported gutter guards have been put on the new building. Vince moved to approve Ed Rhine’s bid for ten trees 1.75 to 2-inch planted trees in the amount of \$1500.00. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Council requested no locust, only hardwood trees. Atlee presented a second quote from Michele Robeson Howard (\$150.00 to \$175.00 each for 1-2 inch trees unplanted).
- E. Airport – No one present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Josh read October report. Gator reported receiving \$13,000 DEED grant from APPA for the GIS system and for a 6 month fully funded intern for this project. Community Crossing grant has been submitted. Water project is well underway and update will be given on that at the 9 AM October 10, 2018 construction meeting. Ron and Bill requested permission to attend the Alliance Conference in Fort Wayne later in October and permission granted. Community Crossings street work is completed for the season but the town will continue to patch holes as needed. Reminder to residents taking yard waste to compost piles behind the old school to keep sticks out of compost pile. There is a separate place marked to put sticks.
- G. WWT Superintendent – Josh read October report. No overflows reported in September. Rob received 5 technical CEUs at training seminar in Lebanon.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Council approved closing of Meadow between Columbia and Main Streets for two hours on October 31, 2018 for Trick or Treat.
2. Letter from Flora Main Street (Melissa Bishop) last month requesting an ordinance requiring pet owners to clean up after their animals in public places (sidewalks, downtown alleys and parking lot) imposing a fine on those who violate the ordinance. Due to the difficulty there would be in enforcing such an ordinance, council agreed to put signage downtown reminding dog owners it is their responsibility to clean up their dog’s waste from property that is not their own.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Town Offices closed Monday, October 8, 2018 for Columbus Day.
2. Special town council meeting will be held Monday, October 15, 2018, at 6 PM to open roofing bids for 4 East Main building and to finalize the 2019 Budget.
3. Next regular town council meeting will be Monday, November 7, 2018 at 6 PM.

Vince made a motion to adjourn, Darrell 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