

TOWN COUNCIL
November 5, 2018

The Flora Town Council met Monday, November 5, 2018 in the Board Room of Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Charlotte Moppin, Jason Burns, James Bishop, Michael Gurnick, Jim Hancock, Karla Jenkins, Susan Scholl, Bill McCarty, Charlotte Hicks, Ron Fritz, Rachel Runge-Commonwealth, Abigail Diener, Mark Hufford, John McPherson, Darrell Yoder, Vincent Seward, Josh Ayres, and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell moved the minutes of the previous meetings (October 1, 2018 and October 15, 2018) be approved as presented; Vince seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Commonwealth-Rachel Runge ~ Gave update on water project. Division A is on schedule. Division B is four weeks behind schedule and painting is becoming an issue. Josh signed contractor's application for partial payment and council reviewed an invoice. A construction meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 10:00 am.
- B. Sound Advice Computer Quote ~ Darrell moved to purchase a Dell computer system including a new server, four work stations and other related and necessary equipment needed to run Frey Software in the amount of \$15,281.61 from Sound Advice in Lafayette IN. Vince seconded. Motion carried. Will take \$10,570.00 out of riverboat money and the balance will be divided between town, electric, water and sewage.
- C. Ordinance 2018-06 ~ An Ordinance establishing interconnection standards for renewable generation facilities (solar energy) for the Town of Flora between IMPA and the consumer to protect the town's electric utility. Vince made a motion to approve first reading and Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Advertise the ordinance and do second & third reading at December town council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Log Cabin at the Park ~ Flora Main Street has come up with uses for the cabin and believes it would be more functional if moved nearer the Boy Scout cabin but they are unwilling to take on the project as they currently have challenges with the Depot. The cabin is sitting in a water hole and that is why it is in the condition it is. Mark Hufford made a proposal to fix/move the log cabin in the amount of \$50,000.00 (\$15,000.00 to move it, \$12,000.00 to raise it) plus replace rotten logs, and put a foundation under it. Council feels the town has little money to put into the project but took under advisement.
- B. Flora Main Street Letter-Melissa Bishop ~ Council approved a request to plant a fir tree to be used as the town's Christmas tree on the town's property to the west of the depot, across the drive. They are trying to get permission to plant the tree

in the railroad right of way but have not had a response. Tree will be planted on one of the locations by December 1st for a tree lighting ceremony following the annual Christmas parade that begins at 4 PM.

- C. Carroll County Economic Development Invoice ~ Vince moved to pay invoice per our contract in the amount of \$21,137.00 from the town's share of EDIT money received. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. .
- D. Michael Gurnick ~ Resident from 700 block of West Columbia had a complaint regarding his trash pickup. He has issues with Clinton County Disposal leaving some of his trash. Ron Fritz will contact Clinton County Disposal. Mr. Gurnick also had a compression brake complaint and asked that signs be posted like other county towns have posted. Council informed him that the State sent a letter to the town of Flora to take down the signage posted on state highways as it is not an enforceable violation. Town of Flora was compliant.

REPORTS

- A. Town Marshal – James Bishop reviewed the submitted October police report. There were 6 Misdemeanor arrest, 1 Felony arrest, 10 Citations, 22 Warnings, 69 Calls for service, 1 Accidents, and 1 Warrant. Halloween went very well. James reported October was a busy month for the department.
- B. Plan Commission – Issued two permits in October. General Dynamics (AT&T) a generator slab at the Elizabeth St. tower site. Wayne Riffey a shed addition.
- C. Fire Department – No one present. Todd Trent text Josh the report for October including 16 medical runs and 14 other runs.
- D. Park Department – Reporting for the park department, Ron Fritz said the restrooms are all closed until spring, boats & campers are coming in for storage and Brumbaugh still plans to build the lean-to onto the merchant's building for picnic table storage this fall. Ten holes have been dug for Rhine's Landscaping to plant the ten new trees when weather permits.
- E. Airport – No one present. No report.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Ron Fritz reported he is researching new LED lights to replace the deteriorating lights on walking trail (presently 84 lights). Sending street sweeper away for needed maintenance. Leaf truck is up and running, however down to one motor for it and Ron is investigating the best way to get another motor. Ron thanked Vince Seward for helping by running the backhoe during a weekend wind storm cleanup. Thanked line crew for their diligence in keeping tree limbs trimmed. Residents to report street light outages.
- G. WWT Superintendent –Wastewater foreman, Bill McCarty, will secure quotes on fixing the clogged sewer pipe in the men's room at the 27 West Main Street building. Still one more upgrade to be completed. Bill is in discussions with T-

Bird and looking for grant options. Will wait until the first of the year but considering taking bids/quotes for a new engineering firm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Charlotte Hicks asked questions regarding the fines mentioned in the nuisance Ordinance 79-4. Council explained that we work with people on clean up of their properties and very rarely fine residents.
2. Vince announced 2017 Water Fluoridation Quality Award presented to town.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Town offices closed Monday, November 12, 2018 for Veterans Day and Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
2. Next regular town council meeting Monday, December 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Vince made a 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