

TOWN COUNCIL
December 3, 2018

The Flora Town Council met Monday, December 3, 2018 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Rachel Runge (Commonwealth), Charlotte Moppin, Ron Fritz, Tim Balensiefer and Clem Kuns (T-Bird), Bill McCarty, Jim Hancock, Atlee Oyler, Greg Budd (IMPA), Emily Albaugh (KIRP-C), Kevin Clothier, Jill Clothier, Karla Jenkins, Todd Trent, Paul Veldhuizen, Jake Adams, Abigail Diener, Susan Scholl, James Bishop, Paul Redmon, Darrell Yoder, Josh Ayres, Vince Seward and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell moved the minutes of the previous meeting (November 7, 2018) be approved as presented; Vince seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. T-Bird ~ Tim Balensiefer and Clem Kuns presented a strategy proposal to the council including funding options for moving forward in being removed from IDEM imposed sewer ban. In 2019 Flora needs to make strides on sewer repairs to satisfy IDEM.
- B. Commonwealth ~ Rachel Runge gave a water project update and reminded the council of the construction meeting December 5, 2018 at 1 PM. Project is wrapping up until spring. Water tower has a coat of primer paint and is to be back in operation soon.
- C. Ordinance 2018-06-2nd & 3rd reading-Solar Customer Agreement ~ Vince moved to suspend local home rules and read by title only and Darrell seconded. Darrell moved to approve second reading by title only and Vince seconded. Vince moved to approve third and final reading and Darrell seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Side Door Replacement ~ Vince moved to accept bid from Haley's Lock Safe & Key in the amount of \$2,079.70 to replace door and frame (could only get one bid as it is a steel door on a brick building). Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Paul Veldhuizen ~ Director of Community Youth Center at 3 W Main St explaining they provide a safe place for 12-18 year olds to meet, socialize and grow.
- B. Ordinance 2018-07 ~ Darrell moved to accept first reading of 2019 Salary Ordinance as written and Vince seconded. Vince moved to suspend local home rules and read by title only for second and third reading and Darrell seconded. Vince moved to approve second reading and Darrell seconded. Darrell moved to accept third and final reading and Vince seconded. Salary Ordinance approved.
- C. Ordinance 2018-08 ~ Golf Cart Ordinance amending Ordinances 2011-02 and 2014-02. This ordinance is the same except for a one-time registration fee of \$50 for golf carts or off-road vehicle for as long as the motorist owns the vehicle. Vince made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-08 and Darrell seconded. Darrell moved to suspend local

home rules and read by title only for second and third readings and Vince seconded. Vince moved to approve second reading and Darrell seconded. Darrell moved to approve third and final reading and Vince seconded. Ordinance approved.

- D. 2019 Appointment and Committees ~ Joretta will contact those with expiring terms on Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Park & Recreation, and Economic Development. Will contact Melissa Bishop about the Library Board. Will ask Debbie Lowe to take care of filling the vacancy on the Aviation Board. Anyone interested in serving on the park committee is asked to contact the town office or a council member.
- E. 2019 Meeting Schedule ~ Council approved schedule as presented.
- F. 2019 Holiday Schedule ~ Council approved schedule as presented.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon read the November report. There were 2 Misdemeanor arrest, 4 Felony arrest, 11 Citations, 13 Warnings, 37 Calls for service, and 2 Accidents. Lockdown following a student threat at both Carroll schools today Paul praised Rich Ferguson and the whole department for their work in keeping our school children safe.

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- B. Plan Commission – Issued two permits in November including permit for a shed to Curt Hufty and a sidewalk permit to Carl Schneckloth.
- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent 12 medical runs and 3 calls for service in November. Two bids presented to replace both units of the overhead furnace in the bay area (J.L. Anderson Heating & Cooling for \$5500.00 and Climatek for \$5488.00). Josh abstained. Darrell moved to accept the Climatek (local company) bid to replace both units and Vince seconded. The new carpet has been laid and the painting is done in fire station. Waiting to do the kitchen floor until the men’s restroom sewer issues are resolved. Josh is going to contact a company in Lafayette with a fancy sewer snake to determine where the sewer is clogged and if it needs to be dug up and what repairs are needed. Hippensteel Funeral Home donated a kitchen stove and Climatek will install the vent.
- D. Park Department – Atlee Oyler reported that the lean to for picnic storage is completed. Ten new trees planted at the park by Rhine Daughters look very nice (Maple, Oak and Elm). Park is closed for the winter. Atlee thanked the town council for the nice Christmas dinner Friday evening at the Sportsman in Monticello.
- E. Airport – No one present. Will ask Debbie Lowe to find someone to fill the expiring term (George Rodgers) on the Aviation Board.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Gator presented two quotes (Bailey for \$620.00 and Todal Fence for \$1762.50) for the damage done to the fencing at the water tower when a motorist, with no insurance or valid driver’s license, hit the fence following a diabetic incident. Council approved Bailey fence quote. Street sweeper will be sent to the company for a complete upgrade. Gator serviced the airport furnace and prepared

the property for winter. Have a quote from Clinton County for recycling (\$30,000.00) but would need to budget for that. Some discussion on running the recycle truck every two weeks to save on our truck's wear and tear and expenses. Mower quotes (tractor mower and little mower that we trade every year) were taken under advisement. Gator thanked Josh for his 16 years of service on the Flora town council.

- G. WWT Superintendent – Michael Hobbs, resident at 215 Brookview, presented to the town expenses he incurred for damages to his home due to a town storm drain found under his house. Council feels town owes restitution and Bill McCarty will notify Mr. Hobbs that town will pay Mark Cable's total excavating bill and one half of the plumbing bill for installing a sump pump. Town employees plan to repair this storm sewer in Brookview as soon as possible and repair a catch basin there at the same time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Vince presented Josh with a clock from fellow town council members, clerk treasurer, and town employees to commemorate Josh's 16 years of service to the town.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next regular town meeting will be Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM.
2. Office closed Monday, January 21, 2019 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Darrell made a motion to adjourn, Vince 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