

TOWN COUNCIL

March 4, 2019

The Flora Town Council met Monday, March 4, 2019 in the Board Room at 4 East Main Street. Those present were: Paul Veldhuizen with Community Youth Center, Julia Leahy with Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, Cory Mahan with Ace Consulting, Charlotte Moppin, Bill McCarty, Karla Jenkins, Jason Burns, Todd Trent, Ron Fritz, Abigail Diener, Lora Adams, Susan Scholl (Carroll County Comet), Alex Dickman with O & I Risk Partners, Paul Redmon, Josh Disinger, Eric Fewell, Jacob D. Adams, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward and Clerk-Treasurer Joretta Tinsman.

Vince opened the meeting with welcome. Jacob moved the minutes of the previous meeting (February 11, 2019) be approved as presented; Darrell seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Julia Leahy~Gave Carroll County Chamber of Commerce up-date and presented the annual invoice. Darrell moved to approve the \$2,000.00 invoice for a top level partner at \$3,000.00 less \$1,000.00 credit for CCCC using office space at the Flora town hall. Jacob seconded. Motion carried. Laurie Brower of Flora is serving as president of the Chamber this year. Ribbon cutting for Trudie's second shop will be Wednesday March 6th at 5 PM.
- B. Eric Fewell~Channel 2 Director discussed the issues he has been having with the cable equipment. Jacob volunteered to work with Eric and a group of students, parents and school officials to try to revitalize channel 2 by getting sports and school events taped for Channel 2. Eric said another alternative is to go live on a U tube channel or a TV app rather than cable TV. Revisit next month.
- C. Paul Veldhuizen~ Director of Community Youth Center asked for permission to close West Main Street from Center to Willow Street on Saturday April 20, 2019, from 10 AM to 4 PM for a Youth Development and Health Safety Day. There will be speakers, music, and vendors in the parking lot for the event. Council granted permission for street closing and will support the event with infrastructure and man power. April 20th is also opening day of Little League.
- D. Commonwealth Water Project~Gator gave update on water project. Council signed paperwork for partial payment PPA A-5 Graves Plumbing Company Inc.
- E. Cory Mahan ~Presented a quote in the amount of \$8,000.00 for an ADA plan including an inventory of all sidewalks and curb ramps detailing compliant/noncompliant information at the request of Jacob Adams. Council will review the quote. We have an ADA plan on file but does not include sidewalks.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ONI Risk Partners~Alex Dickman presented insurance information for the town in a summary broken into three sections. First section brings attention to deficiencies that could leave the town in desperate financial peril. The second is

a review highlighting insurance policy provisions that should be modified and the third section is comprised of sample pricing. Council will review.

- B. Resolution 2019-01~Darrell moved to adopt Resolution 2019-01, a Slum and Blight Spot Declaratory Resolution for the structure at 801 West Columbia Street. Jacob seconded. Motion carried. This is the first step in obtaining a grant to demolish the former Brethren Home.

REPORTS:

- A. Police Department – Still cannot access reports from the new CAD system. Programmers hope to have issues worked out by next meeting. The new police car is on the road. Interviews are being conducted to hire an officer to replace Randy Larimore who is retiring. Department would appreciate more cameras in the center of town, at the park, and in dumpster areas.
- B. Plan Commission – 1 Permit issued –Paul Wisler for sidewalk.
- C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported 18 medical runs and 5 fire runs in the month of February. Pancake breakfast will be held April 20, 2019 at the Fire Station from 6 AM to 10:30 AM. ISO Report is back. Flora had been a 5 and is now a 5/10 as several residences are more than five miles from a fire station or 8,000 feet from an approved water source. Recruiting efforts are still underway.
- D. Park Department – Jason Burns reported the Park Committee plans to schedule a meeting next week and will present a report from that meeting at the April town council meeting. Jacob moved to approve the \$3600.00 trade-in quote for a new 2019 John Deere TS Gator from Tri Green for the 2015 Gator. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Will put ad in the Comet for part time help at the park.
- E. Airport – No one present. Gator reported that Debbie Lowe had asked that the outside door not be locked at the airport building.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Gator reported the intern is doing a great job. New street signs are being installed. To save wear and tear on the recycling truck Gator asked if they could do residential recycling every other week rather than weekly and still do businesses every Friday. Permission was granted (see announcements below). Patching streets as weather permits. The street sweeper is still in the shop. Darrell moved to approve the trade of the 2018 X730 John Deere with a quote of \$2,825.00 for a new 2019 X730 tractor mower and deck. Jacob seconded. Motion carried. Will be installing the water line for the new dog park by April.
- G. WWT Superintendent – Bill reviewed his written report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- I. Work Session held on February 26th with IMPA regarding future improvements required for electric sub stations/poles/transformers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next meeting will be Monday, April 1, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.
2. Spring trash pick-up will be Friday May 3rd and Saturday May 4th. All trash must be out at the curb by 7:00 A.M. on Friday May 3rd.
3. Will begin in April picking up residential recycling on the first and third Wednesdays (April 3rd and April 17th) and every month thereafter. Business recycling still picked up every Friday.

Darrell made a motion to adjourn, Jacob seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Vincent A. Seward, President

Darrell Yoder, Vice President

Jacob D. Adams, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer