

TOWN COUNCIL

August 5, 2019

The Flora Town Council met August 5, 2019 in the Flora Town Hall. Those present were: Susan Scholl (Comet), Paul Redmon, Cory Mahan (ACE), Rachel Runge (Commonwealth), Charlotte Hicks, Joyce Yoder, Bill McCarty, Ron Fritz, Atlee Oyler, Paul Veldhuizen, Sarah Hanaway, Pam Beck, Bill Brown, Angie Brown, Jason Burns, Todd Trent, Jim Hancock, Jessica Young, Kevin & Jill Clothier, Abigail Diener, Darrell Yoder, Jacob Adams, Vincent Seward and Joretta Tinsman.

Vincent Seward opened the meeting with welcome. Jacob Adams moved the minutes of the previous meeting (July 1, 2019) be approved as presented. Darrell Yoder seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and Payroll were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Commonwealth- Rachel Runge stated the water project is in the home stretch. IBB loan matures Aug 14 and a 3-month extension is requested. Darrell moved to accept the 3-month extension and Jacob seconded. Approved. Jacob moved to accept the A4 change order. Darrell seconded. Approved. Jacob moved to make the payment to Graves plumbing for completion of work. Darrell seconded. Approved. Jacob moved to accept the amendment to consolidate line items to close out the loans. Darrell seconded. Approved

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Carroll County Hwy Garage: Bill Brown assured the council at this time there is no plan to move the garage to Camden. A location is needed for the EMA, 911 and morgue offices
- B. Block Party: Jessica Young would like to close 2nd street on Sunday Aug 18 from 2pm to 8pm. She has contacted the neighbors for approval. The council had no problem with closure.
- C. Little Free Library: Melissa Bishop presented a plan for the library to be located facing the Depot and taken care of by the Flora Library. All Council members were in favor of installation of the Library.
- D. Community Youth Center: Paul Veldhuizen distributed a picture of our building that is dropping bricks on the roof of the Community Youth Center. Darrell Yoder will have a brick repair company take a look at it in the next few weeks.
- E. ACE Consulting Engineers: Cory Mahan presented the INDOT Phase I & Phase II - Asset Management Plan Contract in the amount of \$8,000.00 total. Darrell moved to approve the contract. Jacob seconded. Approved.

- F. Reserving CC Fairgrounds: Drew Godby submitted a letter asking to reserve the fairgrounds in May of 2020 for camping & an archery tournament. The council will contact him to obtain more information before making a decision.
- G. Building at 19 W Walnut: The insurance needs to be changed to ACV (actual cash value instead of replacement cost. Darrell moved to change the coverage. Jacob seconded. Approved

REPORTS:

Police: Paul Redmon reviewed report which included several break-ins, letters for nuisance properties, school starting and be mindful of school buses. Quotes submitted for a new vehicle, options are Impala, Dodge Ram or a Durango. Council discussed. Darrell moved to purchase a 2019 Dodge Ram for an estimated cost of \$25,500.00. Jacob seconded. Approved. The 2014 vehicle will be sold.

- A. Plan Commission :1 building permit issued in July -Cassie Clouter for a shed.
- B. Fire Department: Todd Trent reported he currently has 15 active fire fighters, no new applicants. Department had 13 fire calls and 7 medical runs. Proposal for sign reviewed by the council at the cost of \$350.00. Council approved changes to update the sign. Hot spot is still in the works.
- C. Park Department Atlee Oyler mentioned the building trades class at the school will be building about 10 new picnic tables. The town will provide materials at a cost of \$75 to \$80 per table. Council needs to think about planting new trees due to two more Ash trees that need to be cut down. Al-Con Leveling submitted estimate to level the concrete at Pavilion # 1 Council discussed and decided to look at the concrete before deciding what to do and tabled until next meeting. Walking trail lights should be installed soon. Mark Hufford will be moving the Log Cabin with in the next couple of weeks. Jason Burns suggested some type of permanent fencing to keep visitors from parking on the soccer fields during activities at the park. Council discussed and decided to table for now until they can look at the area in question.
- D. Airport –Ron reported the Airport had inspection and passed.
- E. Utility Manager/Water Forman: Ron Fritz passed out and reviewed report. **Street** - A quote for resealing parking lots and walking trail discussed. Council approved doing the walking trail and Municipal shop parking lot. The lot along Columbia Street will not be done at this time. Leaf truck is ready to go. The metal street poles are being painted and will be finished up next year. **Water**- report reviewed. The water project is near completion and Ron would like to have open house for the community and any school class that want to visit. Ron ask permission to go to the fall conference in Ft. Wayne Oct. 23 & 24 for Alliance. Council approved. **Electric**. - Tom Routt has officially completed his four-year apprenticeship and his top out test. He was one of two to get 100% on his test out of the whole class. IMPA would like to have a meeting with the Council, date to be determined. A used trencher has been purchased. Sealed

bids will be taken for the old trencher and will be advertised. ICE program discussed and Jacob moved to participate in the program. Darrell seconded. Approved.

- F. WWT Superintendent Bill submitted Wastewater report for July. Discussed and reviewed with Council. Bill ask to attend the Fall Conference in Ft. Wayne on Oct 23 & 24 for Alliance. Council approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. Charlotte Hicks- Explained during the fair when it rains the Merchants building has rain water running thru it and ending up in the SE corner of building. She requested the Council check into it. Council agreed to look at the situation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Office closed Monday, September 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day.
- 2. Next Meeting will be Tuesday September 3, 2019 at 6 PM.

Darrell made motion to adjourn, seconded by Jacob, motion carried. Meeting adjourned

TOWN OF FLORA

Vincent A. Seward, President

Darrell Yoder, Vice President

Jacob Adams, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer