

FLORA TOWN COUNCIL  
September 8, 2020

The Flora Town Council met September 8, 2020 in the Boardroom at 4 E Main Street. Those present were; Mike Fincher, Todd Trent, Bill McCarty, Atlee Oyler, Lauren Varga, Tim Balensiefer, Lee Sorrells, Mark & Brandy Pinkard, Kevin Shafer, Brian & Lori Tanner, Kevin and Jill Clothier, Paul Redmon, Cassie Lane, Abigail Diener, Bret Rinehart, Pam Beck, Vince Seward, Darrell Yoder and Clerk-Treasurer-Joretta Tinsman.

**PUBLIC HEARING 2021 BUDGET:** Vince read the proposed budget and there were no comments from those present. Darrell moved to approve first reading. Vince seconded. Motion carried.

Vince Seward opened the meeting with welcome. Darrell moved the minutes of the previous meeting (August 3, 2020) be approved as presented; Vince seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Carroll County EDC- Bret Rinehart discussed the resignation of CCEDC Director, Laura Walls and explained the search process for a new Director. The 10 year strategic plan survey is underway. He presented a copy of talking points highlighting the activity of the EDC.
- B. T-Bird- Tim Balensiefer presented an update on the ongoing GIS mapping, system monitoring, flow and billing of the project.
- C. Interlocal Agreement for Backup E 9-1-1 Dispatch Center- Cassie Lane and Todd Trent were present to go over details of the agreement. Darrell moved to accept the Backup E 9-1-1 agreement. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Commonwealth - Lauren Varga e-mailed the monthly progress report prior to the meeting and wanted to see if the council had questions or concerns.
- E. Cosmos Coffee- Brian and Lori Tanner were present to express their concerns about all day tenant parking in front of the businesses downtown. A Parking Ordinance was discussed with a 1 hour parking limit between the hours of 6 am to 6 pm. Police Chief- Paul Redmon said he would talk to the building owner and tenants prior to adopting an Ordinance.
- F. Brian Johnson- voiced concerns once again about his neighbor's unkept property and the process of sending letters. The council once again told him the yards have been mowed and not everyone keeps their yard up to his standards.
- G. Mark Pinkard- He is still concerned with the esthetics and tenants living next to him in the Paul Rider rental. The Town Council explained the updated Nuisance Ordinance will help with the situation and a Renter Code Enforcement Ordinance is also being looked into.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Capital Improvement Plan- Plan for EDIT Fund Renovation and Improvement with the purpose of removing and replacing various items, such as sidewalks, curbs and walkways, or infrastructure improvements as needed. Funds are held by the Carroll County Auditor in trust. Darrell moved to approve the plan. Vince seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Codification Agreement-A Codification Proposal from American Legal Publishing Corporation was presented. The initial cost would be \$6250 for a binder of the Ordinances with an option to add online for an additional fee. Darrell moved to approve the agreement for only the initial cost and binder. Vince seconded. Motion carried. Will look at additional products in the future.
- C. Sick Leave Bank- Resolution 2020-06 to establish the Sick Leave Bank with Exhibit A. Darrell moved to accept Resolution 2020-06 & Exhibit A. Vince seconded. Motion carried. Exhibit A will be added to the personnel handbook.
- D. Trash Bid Specification approval. Town Council discussed the specifications for a 3 year contract in preparation to accept trash bids. Darrell moved to accept the specifications. Vince seconded. Motion carried. Specifications will be advertised in the Comet.

- E. Fence proposal- Dallas Eikenberry sent a proposal to purchase park property and add a fence beside new little league. The Town council decided to turn down the proposal.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon submitted his report. There were, 3 Citations, 9 Warnings, 80 Calls for service, 8 Accidents,
- B. Plan Commission – Issued 4 building permits. Fence- Adam Jones, Sidewalk- Kevin Clark & Michelle Holda Lytle, Shed- Mark Pinkard.
- C. Fire Department – Todd reported 13 med calls and 7 fire runs. A request was made for a SaniSpray HP20 Cordless Handheld Airless Disinfectant Sprayer for the cost of \$987.45. The CARES Act Funds will be used for the purchase. A request was made to use the field by the brush dump for a training session for the firefighters on Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. Kevin was ok with the use as long as it is cleaned up.
- D. Park Department Atlee reported they are getting ready for the tractor pull. He reported vandalism on the playground equipment being spray painted.
- E. Airport – No one present. Susan Scholl and Joretta reported the Airport Open House went well with approximately 100 attending.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Kevin submitted written report and commented on various projects underway for the utilities. Vince reviewed the submitted report.
- G. WWT Superintendent – Bill submitted report and commented on the problem he is still having with ammonia readings. Randy Hoffman started today and Fredd will move to the Street Department. Vince reviewed the submitted report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next meeting will be Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM

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

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Vincent A Seward, President

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Darrell Yoder, Vice President

ABSENT  
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Jacob Adams, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

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Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer