

TOWN COUNCIL
November 2, 2020

The Flora Town Council met Monday, November 2, 2020 in the Boardroom at 4 E Main Street. Those present were; Charlotte Moppin, Trent Downing, Cory Mahan, Jim Hancock, Kevin and Jill Clothier, Brian and Jennifer Beaver, Abigail Diener, Susan Scholl, Darrell Yoder, Jacob Adams, Pam Beck , Vincent Seward via Facetime, and Joretta Tinsman.

Darrell Yoder opened the meeting with welcome. Jacob Adams moved the minutes of the previous meeting (October 5,2020) be approved as presented; Darrell Yoder seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Trash Bids – 1 bid was received and opened from Clinton County Disposal. The bid contract would be for 3 years. The Council decided to take under advisement until the December meeting.
- B. Howard County Recycling District – Our agreement with HCRD was that we could use the recycling bins for a one-year period and then either return them or purchase them. An invoice was submitted for 2 - 30 yard recycling bins for \$3,000 each for a total of 6,000 to purchase. It was noted that new ones would be approximately \$8,000 each. Jake moved to approve the purchase of bins. Darrell seconded. Motion approved.
- C. Business Recycle- The council discussed the continuing cost of maintaining the recycle truck. Vince moved to discontinue business cardboard recycling with Thursday, December 31, 2020 being the last pick-up. Jake seconded. Motion approved.
- D. Community Garden Site- A permanent site has been staked out and approved by the Utility Department.
- E. Commonwealth-Darrell reviewed report in reference to the Wastewater Utility Improvements Preliminary Engineering Update, Water Loss Audit and Excellence Award Submission.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Brian Beaver- He discussed his pending building permit for his garage with the Town Council. Darrell will meet with Building Commissioner & Wastewater Foreman to discuss the resolution to complete the permit.
- B. Blight Clearance Project- K-IRPC – Original agreement was approved for the wrong amount. The amount submitted on the application was \$26,664. Jake moved to accept the corrected agreement. Vince seconded. Motion approved.
- C. Tom Routt - requested 9 days from the Sick Leave Bank for the Month of November. Jake moved to accept the request. Vince seconded. Motion approved.
- D. Carrollton and Monroe Township Fire Protection Agreements for 2021.- The contracts run January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021. Monroe Township Contract is \$6,000 and Carrollton Township contract is \$1,700. Jake moved to approve both Agreements; Vince seconded; Motion approved.

REPORTS:

- A. Police Department- No report submitted. Jake recommended that some sort of slow moving signs be set up on Columbia Street for Halloween. Tight traffic on Columbia with children darting out from behind cars and trucks.

- B. Plan Commission – Issued 4 building permits in October. Shed- Sarah Orem, Fence- Toni Neal, Garage- Richard Green ,Wheelchair ramp- Paul Rider.
- C. Fire Department – No one present. Report submitted by Todd Trent. The department had 10 medical and 6 fire runs. Only one concrete bid was received and Council tabled until Spring of 2021.
- D. Park Department – No one present. Atlee submitted report. The park is officially closed and the two storage buildings are filling up.
- E. Airport – No one present. Joretta reported all hangers are rented.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Not present due to COVID restrictions. Kevin Shafer submitted report. Darrell reviewed report which included bids for replacement various utility trucks. The bids tabled until next meeting.
- G. WWT Superintendent – Not present due to COVID restrictions. Jake reviewed written report submitted by Bill. T-Bird wants town to get a new GIS program. Council discussed checking with our current vendor first.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Town Office will be closed November 11th for Veterans Day.
2. The Town Office will be closed November 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving.
3. The Town Christmas Party is November 30th 6pm at Ethan's All American Grill.
4. The next Council Meeting will be Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6 pm

Jake moved to adjourn. Vince seconded. Motion approved.

TOWN OF FLORA

Vincent A. Seward, President

Darrell Yoder, Vice President

Jacob Adams, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer