

TOWN COUNCIL

January 11, 2021

The Flora Town Council met Monday, January 11, 2021 at the 4-H Building at the Flora Park. Those present were; Todd Trent, Neil Mylet, Julia Leahy, Chris Albaugh, Emily Albaugh, Bill McCarty, Jill & Kevin Clothier, Paul Redmon, Kevin Shafer, Jake Craig, Cory Mahan, Susan School, Charlotte Hicks, Brian Johnson, Sarah Hanaway, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, Jake Adams, and Clerk Treasurer, Joretta Tinsman.

Joretta Tinsman opened the meeting with welcome and election of officers. Darrell moved to nominate Vince Seward as President. Jake seconded. Motion approved. Jake moved to nominate Darrell Yoder as Vice President. Vince Seward seconded. Motion approved. Vince moved to elect Jake Adams as Finance Chairman. Darrell seconded. Motion approved. Joretta turned the meeting over to Vince.

Darrell moved the minutes of previous meeting on December 7, 2020 be approved as presented. Jake seconded. Motion approved. Darrell moved the minutes of the December 29th end of year meeting be approved as presented. Jake seconded. Motion approved. Claims and Payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. K-IRPC annual appointment - Council approved Christopher Albaugh to serve as Flora's representative on the K-IRPC Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. K-IRPC- Emily Albaugh – Discussed the OCRA Grant to provide short term internet service for Covid Phase III recovery to residents. The proposal is due Jan 29th, Application is due Feb 25th and April would be start up. The free public Wifi would be a short term for e-learning, unemployment sign- up, etc. Neil Mylet and Julia Leahy answered questions. Once the grant time is over then the school, Town of Flora and or other sources would have to pay for the fiber internet service. Jake moved to support the Grant application. Darrell seconded. Motion approved.
- B. Charlotte Hicks- She discussed housing and the cost of repairs. She suggested talking to residents about their situation, they may not have the money or help needed to make repairs. Vince thanked Charlotte for her comments & concerns.
- C. Baker Tilly- Tracking Factor- 1st Quarter 2021 tracking factor will be \$0.001932 and will represent an increase charged monthly in the amount of \$0.38 for every 1,000 kilowatt hours used. Darrell moved to approve the 1st Quarter tracking factor; Jake seconded; Motion approved.
- D. John Deere- Quotes for Utility Shop and Park mowers. Council discussed the park mower trade for the 2018 mower for a difference of \$3,199. Jake moved to trade the 2018 park mower. Darrell seconded. Motion approved. Utility shop mower quote of \$2,700. No action taken on this quote. The big tractor and bat wing mower were discussed. A new tractor would be 37,000 and is used for other things besides mowing, the bat wing would be 11,550. Will look at adding it to the 2022 budget. Delivery would be about 12 months out.

REPORTS:

- A. Police Department: Town Marshall Paul Redmon submitted and reviewed his December written report. There were 3 Misdemeanor arrest, 2 Felony arrest, 1 Warning, 43 Calls for Service, 4 Accidents, and 0 Warrants served.
- B. Plan Commission – There was 2 permits issued in December ~ Dean Sink – Shed. Mark Wisely – mobile home demolition permit.

- C.** Fire Department – Todd Trent reported 9 med calls and 9 fire runs. Todd will obtain a quote for the concrete to be done in the Spring. The 3 outside lights have been purchased and electric department will install.
- D.** Park Department – Atlee Oyler not present, however; he submitted paperwork for a suggested increase in fees for storing boats, RV's,,rental of the brown building and merchants building. The Council will take a look at suggested fees no action taken at this time. Atlee would also like to create two drives at the North little league diamond for parking using gravel from the old tennis courts. Kevin will take care of the request per the Council.
- E.** Airport – No One Present
- F.** Utility Manager/Water Foreman – See written report. **Street Dept:** Leaves are done, brush has slowed down and sweeper brooms have been replaced. **Water Dept:** 3 main breaks were repaired and meter reading went well. **Elec Dept :** No major issues. Osmose checked the condition of the 69KV pole line. Most of the pole line is over 50 years old and just one pole needs replaced.
- G.** WWT Foreman – See written report. Routine Maintenance and repairs. Bill submitted a quote for 3 pumps for the sewage plant in the amount of \$16,566. Darrell moved to purchase the pumps. Jake seconded. Motion approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Spring Clean-up will be Friday April 1st and Saturday May1st, 2021

Jake Adams will become the Director Carroll County Economic Development and will be resigning from the Council after this meeting. Vince thanked Jake for his service on the Council and wished him the best in his new position

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Office closed Monday, January 18, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.
2. Next meeting will be Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Darrell made a motion to adjourn, Jake seconded; motion approved.

TOWN OF FLORA

Vincent A Seward, President

Darrell Yoder, Vice-President

Jacob Adams, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer