

FLORA TOWN COUNCIL

September 7, 2021

The Flora Town Council met September 7, 2021 in the Boardroom at 4 E Main Street. Those present were: Todd Trent, Bill McCarty, Kevin Shafer, James Bishop, Kendra Linn (Harmon Robeson Law LLP) Bret Rinehart (EDC) Charlotte Hicks, Rob Kauffman, Vincent Seward, Darrell Yoder and Clerk-Treasurer-Joretta Tinsman.

**PUBLIC HEARING 2022 BUDGET:** Vince read the proposed budget and there were no comments from those present. Darrell moved to approve first reading. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

Vince Seward opened the meeting with welcome. Rob moved the minutes of the previous meetings (August 2, August 11, August 16, August 18 and August 19, 2021) be approved as presented; Darrell seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Commonwealth – Vince read the e-mail from Gabrielle on the Wastewater project indicating the USDA Rural Development application for the project has been submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. EDC- Bret Rinehart – Reviewed the 2022-2023 EDIT contract and discussed the EDC'S work in Flora and Carroll County. Darrell moved to accept the 2-year contract at \$23,023 for 2022 and 2023. \$11.50 x 2002 residents.
- B. Flora Ministerial Association- Vince read an E-mail asking to close Center Street on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4 to 6 pm for a short service between Columbia and Main Street for World Communion Sunday. The Town Council agreed on the street closure.
- C. Ordinance 2021-03 Amend Salary Ordinance-Vince read Ordinance 2021-03 amending Ordinance 2020-06.  
Rob moved to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2021-03. Darrell seconded. Motion carried. Darrell moved to suspend and read by title only Ordinance 2021-03. Rob seconded. Motion carried. Darrell moved to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading by title only. Rob seconded. Motion carried. Rob moved to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> reading by title only. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

- A. Police: James Bishop submitted his report. There were, 3 Citations, 16 Warnings, 55 Calls for service, 1 Accident. Officer Bishop mentioned that the scam calls are hitting hard in the area so be aware.
- B. Plan Commission – Issued 2 building permits: Derek Eikenberry – Sidewalk/Fence/Deck. Don Zlaty- Fence.
- C. Fire Department – Todd reported 14 med runs, 5 fire runs and 2 meetings. Concrete Apron work will start on Monday Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. Todd explained the area under the doors need repaired for an additional cost of \$2000 to \$2500. Darrell moved to go ahead with the change order not to exceed \$2500. Rob seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Park Department No one present. Basketball goals in place, leaking roof at brown building repaired and the old tennis court area will be seeded in the next month. Town Council asking for suggestions to re-name the “Brown Building”.
- E. Airport – No one present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Kevin submitted written report. A 5-year vehicle and tool replacement list was presented to the Council and discussed. He was asked to secure a bid for a new # 1 truck. The salt spreader needs work. The Council discussed replacing or fixing. Darrell moved to approve the \$3950 quote to replace spreader with the town guys installing. Rob seconded. Motion carried. The recycle truck needs to be advertised to be sold.

- G. WWT Superintendent – Bill submitted report. Randy Hoffman is signed up for a 10 week on line certification preview class that meets once a week. The Town will reimburse him once he passes the class.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next meeting will be Monday, October 4, 2021 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

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Robert Kauffman, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

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Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer