FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
April 3, 2023

The Flora Town Council met Monday, April 3, 2023 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Susan Scholl (Carroll County Comet), Gabrielle Taber (Commonwealth), Charlotte Moppin, Todd Trent, Kevin & Jill Clothier, James Bishop, Kevin Shafer, Breezy Land, Marcy Robledo, Jack Begley, Kendra Linn, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, and Pam Beck Clerk-Treasurer.

Darrell opened the meeting with welcome. Vince moved the minutes of the previous meetings (March 6 and March 20, 2023) be approved as presented; Darrell sconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Commonwealth: Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Update: Gabrielle explained the Final Design continues to be refined. The Project has been submitted to the SRF-IFA for consideration in the upcoming round of funding. The Asset Management plan is complete and copies were presented to the Council.

B. Comprehensive Plan: The Public Hearing is set for May 1st before the Town Council Meeting. Letters are due May 1st and the public survey is available on line and can be picked up at The Town Office. Residents are encouraged to submit letters and fill out the survey to give the Town Leaders direction for future projects, growth and outdoor recreation.

C. Library Board: The Town Council accepted Elizabeth Kauffman's request to serve on the Library Board thru the current term of 12/31/2026.

D. Community Crossings: The paving project has been awarded to Central Paving in the amount of $398,704.13.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Town Owned Property: Two Lots by The Depot on West Columbia Street and 4 lots in front of old school on E Main Street. Appraisals will be obtained.

B. Ordinance No 2023-02 Amending Meter Deposits for Utility Services. The Council discussed the changes and decided to make modifications and review again at the next Council meeting.

C. Flora Community Club: Marcy Robledo mentioned upcoming events and volunteers are needed.

D Portable Restrooms: Service Sanitation submitted a price of $190 a month with a one- time delivery fee of $60. The softball league will use one for 5 months and the baseball league for 3 months for a total of $1580 which includes the 1 delivery fee. The delivery would be the week of May 1st. Vince moved to accept the quote of $1580. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

E. Baker Tilly- 2nd Quarter 2023 tracking factor ~ The tracking factor for second quarter will be $0.015015 and shall be charged monthly on all metered rates. This represents an increase in the overall tracking factor of $0.001650. Vince moved to accept the tracking factor as stated. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

E. Flora Park Archway: Vince received concerns from residents about the arch at the park falling apart and would like to see it preserved. He will obtain a quote from Pioneer Restoration.

**REPORTS:**

A. Police Department – Chief James Bishop submitted his report. There were 15 misdemeanor arrests, 4 felony arrest, 17 citations, 76 warnings, 116 calls for service, 0 accidents, and 0 warrants. The interview room needed a new DVR and the county prosecutor's office provided the funds.

B. Plan Commission – There were 4 permits were issued in March: Rustin Tinsman- Garage and Room Addition. Mulberry Communications – New Building. Gary Scholl -sidewalk. Jesse Marcias – New Home

The Plan Commission met on March 13,2023 to assign zoning for 2 parcels containing approximately 23.85 acres located to the East of the Carroll County Community Center. The Commission is recommending the zoning be General Business. Vince moved to zone the property general business. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported the department had 5 fire and 8 medical runs. Fireworks have been ordered at the same price as last year. The steps at the fire station have been repaired and the cost came in at the $1500 as quoted. The annual pancake breakfast is May 6th from 6am to 10am at the fire station.

D. Park Department – The Park will be open around April 1st. The tennis courts refurbishing will begin mid- summer. A new slide will be re-ordered to replace the damaged one.

E. Airport – Jack Begley indicated there is a Airport meeting Saturday April 8th at 4 pm. He ask about security cameras and Chief Bishop indicated the town has used all of the spares at the park. A few of the hanger doors are in need of repair at the north building.

F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Kevin submitted report. The salt truck is in for repair at the cost of around $5000. Electric poles continue to be replaced a few at a time. The newly purchased 2004 International is on the road. Trevor Ayres has received his water license.

G. WWT Superintendent – Randy submitted report. Monthly cleaning done. New hire Quentin Veach started on March 27th.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Tire Recycle at Municipal Shop April 15th , 2023 9am to 1pm.
2. Next Town Council Meeting is Monday May 1st, 2023.
3. Spring Trash pickup will be Saturday May 13 th, 2023.
4. Household Hazardous Waste drop off at Municipal Shop June 3rd, 2023.

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

TOWN OF FLORA

Darrell Yoder, President

Robert Kauffman, Vice President

Vincent Seward, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer