FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
June 5, 2023

The Flora Town Council met Monday, June 5, 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, Jill Clothier, James Bishop, Trevor Ayres, Breezy Land, Randy Hoffman,Bill McCarty, Atlee Oyler, Greg Maish, Bob McKnight, Kendra Linn, Tim Coomler, Rob Kauffman, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, and Pam Beck Clerk-Treasurer.

Darrell opened the meeting with welcome. Rob moved the minutes of the previous meetings (May 1, 2023 and May 15, 2023) be approved as presented; Vince Seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Update: Gabrielle explained Asset Management Plan Received from Baker Tilly. Additional info was provided to SRF that is under review for future funding. USDA funding may be available in the next fiscal year starting in October. WWPT department employees Rob Buttice, Randy Hoffman, and QuintionVeach will visit the Wolcott Wastewater Treatment Plant on June 22 to view equipment similar to what is to be installed with Flora's project.

B. Ordinance 2023-05-BAN- Loan Interest rate. Darrell read ordinance. Vince moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-05-BAN.Rob seconded. Motion carried. Rob moved to suspended the rules and read by title only for the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 2023-05-BAN. Vince seconded. Motion carried. Vince moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-05-BAN.Rob Seconded. Motion carried. Rob moved to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2023-05-BAN. Vince Seconded. Motion carried.

C. Mulberry- Greg Maish fiber update: New building should be finished in August. Currently about 300 households and businesses have signed up for the new service. Maish expects drop/ connections to begin in September.

D. Jackson St./ Adams St. Storm Drainage: Bill contacted Tim Coomler. Coomler discussed possible options for addressing the drainage issue at Jackson and Adams streets.

E. Recycle Area Fence: Trevor will ask Kevin if he received any quotes yet. Trevor will get quotes if not.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bakertilly- Third Quarter Tracking Factor. The rate Adjustment applicable to the above-listed rate schedule shall be $0.021916 per KWH used per month. Vince moved to approve the Third Quarter Tracking Factor Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief James Bishop submitted his report. There were 6 misdemeanor arrests, 2 felony arrest, 7 citations, 37 warnings, 99 calls for service, and 5 accidents. Bishop reported a record number of 911 hang-ups call. Last month, Officer Catron and Chief Bishop attended the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service in Washington D.C.

B. Plan Commission – There were 4 permits issued in May: Eduardo Chaver-Porch. Kurtis Hammond-Fence. Jennifer Zinn- Shed. Kyle Kelly- Fence.

C. Fire Department – Todd Trent reported the department had 5 fire and 7 medical runs. Trent reported the ladder truck is currently out of service while the cylinders are being rebuilt. Trent has received only one quote so far for doors for the north and west entrances to the fire station. Rob moved to approve replacement of the doors at a cost not to exceed $3,144 Vince Seconded. Motion carried. Trent requested to purchase High Tensil extrication equipment. Cost $40,000 Rob made a motion to approve purchase of equipment Vince Seconded. Motion carried. VFD's donation funds will also help with cost. Trent said he was able to secure fireworks for July 4 at the same price as last year. The fireworks show will begin at dark, around 10 p.m.

D. Park Department – Atlee has two High School kids working for him: Noah Falkenberg and Kaylin Randle.

E. Airport –Nothing

F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Trevor reported brush and grass pickup is occurring every day. The street sweeper has been fixed. Five new poles were set. Will Bishop has received his CDL license and Mason Rudd has been hired as a full time employee.

G. WWT Superintendent – Bill McCarty submitted report. Randy Hoffman has begun his second round of certification.

OTHER BUSINESS

1.The 45th annual Hog Jog will be June 17th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Town office will be closed Tuesday July 4, 2023
2. Next Town Council Meeting is Wednesday July 5, 2023.
3.

Rob moved to adjourn, Vince seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Darrell Yoder, President

Robert Kauffman, Vice President

Vincent Seward, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer