FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
January 8, 2024

The Flora Town Council met Monday, January 8, 2024 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Todd Trent, James Bishop, Trevor Ayres, Randy Hoffman, Nick Hoffman, Breezy Land, Kendra Linn, Gabrielle Taber (Commonwealth), Mark Green, Sara Martin, Chris Albaugh, Jill Clothier, Kevin Clothier, Rob Kauffman, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, and Pam Beck Clerk-Treasurer.

Pam opened the meeting with welcome.

Election of Officers- President- Rob moved to approve Darrell Yoder as President for 2024. Vince Seconded. Motion carried.
Vice President- Vince moved to approve Rob Kauffman as Vice President for 2024. Darrell Seconded. Motion carried.
Finance Chairman- Darrell moved to approve Vince Seward as Finance Chairman for 2024. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

Pam moved the meeting over to Darrell. Rob moved the minutes of the previous meetings (December 4th 2023 & December 20th 2023) be approved as presented; Vince Seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Chicken Ordinance- Mark Greene- Mark asked the council for the Chicken Ordinance 1-A-76 to be changed. He presented copies of rules and regulations from other towns that allow chickens. At this time the council said Ordinance 1-A-76 will remain the same.

B. Commonwealth- Gabrielle- At the December 19th meeting a request was made to keep one drying bed open for disposal of vactor truck material. Council had to sign updated IDEM Construction Permits and Easements/Row. Regulated Drain Permit/ Drainage Board Permit: Gabrielle reported they attended the Conservancy District's meeting on January 2nd 2024. They will assemble a resolution for this project and plan to present this at their next meeting on March 25th 2024. INDOT ROW Permit: Performance Bond is required. Forms are attached for the Town's review and completion.

C. Tools-Street/ Maintenance Truck- Two quotes: Truland- $3,399.36 and CarQuest $2,596.216. Both quotes include a tool box. Fredd spoke about both quotes and why this is a need for the Street/ Maintenance Truck. Vince moved to approve the quote from CarQuest for $2,596.16. Rob Second. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. K-IRPC- Appoint Representative: Pam reached out to Chris Albaugh and he said he would like to serve as representative again for 2024. Chris was present at the meeting. The Council thanked Chris for being representative for 2024.

B. Downtown Clock located in parking lot on Columbia Street- The last inspection indicated the clock needed several parts replaced and restored. To restore/replace parts is $10,780.00 plus labor. New clock installed is $16,848.00. Time frame is 4 months to receive and a 2 to 3 month wait for install. Council decided not to do anything with the clock at this time.

C. Final Bills to be written off: The amount is $3,643.37. The list is uncollectable bills from 2017 thru 2023 for deceased, bankrupt or out of business customers. Rob moved to approve to write off the Final Bills (unpaid) from 2017 thru 2023 for the amount of $3,643.37. Vince Seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief James Bishop submitted his report. There were 104 calls for service, 6 arrest/misdemeanors, 3 felonies, 18 citations, 93 warnings, and 2 accidents. James reported that it will take 2 to 3 months to get 2023 Dodge Charger fully equipped.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Todd Trent reported the department had 2 fire-related calls and 12 EMS runs. Todd reported that the Brenneco Alarm Monitoring Service Agreement has been signed.

C. Plan Commission- 1 permit was issued for December – Charlotte Hicks- for a sidewalk replacement.

D. Park Department– The new gate at the kiddy park is installed. Scott Miller was hired to be the part-time Park Supervisor.

E. Airport- Nothing to report at this time.

F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Trevor's utility report included: The #5 truck got a new hydraulic pump for the dump bed. They extended grindings road at the tractor pull for the garden spot. Darrell asked Trevor to add more. Had 6 house service calls for electric. Added timer for basketball court at the park. Set 5 poles and new transformer at a new house. Had 3 water leaks. Temporarily fixed the flooding issue at the water plant, waiting on the new part. Need new floats to fix the lift station at the water plant. Nick reported he is working on fixing what needs to be updated in the system after he had his water plant inspection.

G. WWTP Superintendent- Randy's WWTP report included: Received the new DO meter. Repaired a manhole at the end of East Carriage Ln. due to vehicle damage. Pulled out an extremely large clump of wipes out of the aeration tank.

OTHER BUSINESS

1.Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting at the 4-H Building at the park on January 30th from 5:30-7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Town Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
2. The next Town Council meeting will be Monday, February 5th, 2024.

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