FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
February 5, 2024

The Flora Town Council met Monday, February 5, 2024 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Todd Trent, James Bishop, Trevor Ayres, Randy Hoffman, Breezy Land, Kendra Linn, Gabrielle Taber (Commonwealth), Rachel Runge (Commonwealth), Madison Kauffman, Sadie Pennington, Charlotte Moppin, Jill Clothier, Kevin Clothier, Jack Begley, Laurie Brower, Rob Kauffman, Darrell Yoder, Vince Seward, and Pam Beck Clerk-Treasurer.

Darrell opened the meeting with welcome. Vince moved the minutes of the previous meetings (January 8th, 2024 & January 22nd, 2024) be approved as presented; Rob Seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- Gabrielle & Rachel- SRF called on January 26th moved back to 1st Qrt, which will be July or August. USDA money is set.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Solar Eclipse- Madison Kauffman & Sadie Pennington (Green Alternatives)- Dark in the Park Monday, April 8th from 1-7 at the 4-H building and Fair Grounds. Activities will include a science fair, face painting, live music, food trucks, & more. Madison will fill out an Event Application.

B. Chamber of Commerce- Madison Kauffman- Madison stated the Chamber had their Year End Review. 2024 Event Calendar and an updated membership levels was presented to the council.

C. Children's Garden Purchase Option Agreement of Real Estate- Shawn Cain- Approval upon contingency of Mariam Robeson signature. Rob moved to approve. Vince Seconded. Motion carried.

D. Annual John Deere Quotes- Shop mower- 2 quotes: Zero- turn- trade in price $2,800.00. All Wheel Steer- trade in price $3,775.00. Rob moved to approve to trade in old mower for the All-Wheel Steer at $3,775.00. Vince Second. Motion carried. Park mowers and Gator trade in quotes: Smaller zero- turn mower- trade in price $4,700.00. Large zero-turn mower trade in price $1,500.00. Gator trade in price $2,500.00. Vince moved to approve to trade in the mowers only at $6,200.00 and keep the Gator. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief James Bishop submitted his report. There were 124 calls for service, 7 arrest/misdemeanors, 1 felony, 7 citations, 70 warnings, and 3 accidents. Axon body cameras are in. James is working on training and set up. The cameras have a 5-year hazard plan.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Todd Trent reported the department had 8 fire-related calls and 7 EMS runs. Todd report 5 rookies graduated: Alex Boyd, Mason Salts, Drew Hufford, Wade Peters, and Caleb Wolf. The department now has 24 firefighters.

C. Plan Commission- 0 permits.

D. Park Department– Trevor will get quotes for paving the road by the new ball diamond. Need to get pricing on new playground equipment to replace the merry-go-round.

E. Airport- Jack Begley reported 1 Hangar is still available.

F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Trevor's utility report included: Street Department: A+ Dumpsters is doing our recycling containers. The maintenance truck (#2) is leaking antifreeze. Water Department: 14 water leaks and 5 water freezes. Replaced the relief valve at the water plant. The backhoe had to have some maintenance done. Mulberry was hooked up for service at the water plant. Water loss at the trailer park for last year was 1,048,000 gallons. Electric

Department: 11 electric service calls. Sent in some old transformers to be refurbished. They added and replaced some powerlines at Zinn Kitchens. #4 Bucket truck is out of service and Delphi Body Works can no longer gets parts for it due to it being so old. Trevor would like to get a replacement, one that is 60 feet. The Sweeper is out of service. The Council wants Trevor to get quotes for renting a sweeper or have a company do it for us for the Spring. Trevor stated we have had a lot of locates and our locaters are very old and not effective. C&S Solutions is coming to do a demo for new locators. General Labor interviews will be held at the Town Office on February 6th. Rob asked Trevor to contact the County Department about fixing the potholes on State Road 18 (Columbia St.). Darrell asked Trevor to get quotes for crack filling.

G. WWTP Superintendent- Randy's WWTP report included: Sewer backed up at 412 W. Walnut and 10 W. Main. Randy is looking into upgrading some of the lab equipment, Drying ovens and Muffle Furnace.

OTHER BUSINESS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Town Office will be closed on Monday, February 19th, 2024 in observance of Presidents' Day.
2. The next Town Council meeting will be Monday, March 4th, 2024.

Rob moved to adjourn; Vince seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

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Darrell Yoder, President

ATTEST:

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Robert Kauffman, Vice President

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Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer

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Vincent Seward, Finance Chairman