FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
March 4, 2024

The Flora Town Council met Monday, March 4, 2024 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Todd Trent, James Bishop, Trevor Ayres, Breezy Land, Kendra Linn, Gabrielle Taber (Commonwealth), Rachel Runge (Commonwealth), Emily Albaugh, Chris Albaugh, Charlotte Moppin, Jill Clothier, Kevin Clothier, Jack Begley, Laurie Brower, Nathan Braden, Samantha Miller, 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 (February 5th, 2024) be approved as presented; Rob Seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- Gabrielle Taber and Rachel Runge- Signing of Resolution 2024-01- Resolution of The Town Council of Flora, Indiana approving the interlocal agreement concerning expansion of the Flora Wastewater Treatment Plant. Darrell read Resolution 2024-01. Rob moved to approve Resolution 2024-01 as read. Vince Seconded. Motion carried.

B. The Childrens Garden- Option Agreement- Samantha Miller- Rob made a motion to approve the Option agreement for the Childrens Garden. Vince Seconded, Agreement signed. Samantha reported that they received $500,000 grant from the Purdue Lilly Fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. N. Division Street- Speed Limit/Children Playing signs- Nathan Braden has concerns about the speed of traffic on N. Division St. He asked if another speed limit sign could be put up and children at play signs could also be put up on N. Division. Council agreed to have Trevor get children at play signs to be put up to see if this helps. The new signs will be put up on both sides of Division St.

B. 2 Quotes for yard repair for 1408 S. Center St.- Pole was replaced during the winter and the yard was damaged. Triple G Lawncare & Landscaping $2337.50 and Delphi Dirt & Excavation, INC $1750.00. Council decided not to have either company to do the repairs. The Council wants our Town guys to repair it once the ground is safe to do so. Trevor will take care of renting any equipment if needed.

C. Baker Tilly- Letter of engagement for day to day needs of Town of Flora and Flora Utilities including but not limited to accounting, reporting, debt and financial management, comprehensive plan, tax levy, and billing. The standard hourly rates are listed on page 8. Rob made a motion to accept the Letter of engagement. Vince Seconded. Motion carried.

D. Eco-Shred- Annual Shred Day- Tentative date August 3rd, 2024. The rate is $600 for the hours of 9-12 at the Municipal Shop. Vince made a motion to accept the Annual Shred Day to be on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024 from 9-12. Rob Second. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief James Bishop submitted his report. There were 134 calls for service, 4 arrest/misdemeanors, 0 felonies, 9 citations, 88 warnings, and 3 accidents, 2 searches/probation, 1 consent. James reported that we need street signs that say No Semi Trucks/ Fines on Center St., Elizabeth, Division, SR18. Council wants James to work with Kendra to write up a new Ordinance for this.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Todd Trent reported the department had 8 fire-related calls, 6 other calls and 12 EMS runs. Fire Department breakfast will be on June 4th, 2024.

C. Plan Commission- 2 permits issued for February. Gary Parrett-Driveway and Kevin Handy-Room addition.

D. Park Department– Scott Miller is our new Park Supervisor.

E. Airport- Jack Begley reported all the Hangars are rented. Next Airport Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 5th, 2024.

F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Trevor's utility report included: Street Department: Filled potholes. Put a new water pump in the maintenance truck (truck #2). Put a new radiator in the backhoe. Complete sweep is going to start sweeping our town in March. Water Department: Had lots of locates. Moved all the water parts to our shop. Has 8 callouts for water service issues. Brightspeed has been getting water from our fire hydrants. Grant paperwork was filled out for lead and copper project. Electric Department; Installed a new pole on Clem St. Electric line was hit by Brightspeed at Mann Manor. 7 trees were cut this month. 9 callouts for electrical service issues. Park lights are not working by the water tower (maybe hit by underground boring equipment). Thanks to James for putting the bucket truck and sweeper on Gov Deals. Have quotes for a new bucket truck. Trevor and Randy went to a IMPA Supervisor class and said it was informative.

G. WWTP Superintendent- Randy's WWTP report included: Quote from USA Bluebook for $8,095.20 for a new muffle furnace and digital mechanical convection oven. Vince made a motion to approve the quote for $8,095.20 for a new muffle furnace and digital mechanical convection oven. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Town of Flora Spring Clean-Up drop off at the Municipal Shop May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. More information in the next few weeks about times, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Special Meeting for Splash Pad will be Monday, March 11th, 2024 from 1-2.
2. Comprehensive Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12th.
3. The next Town Council meeting will be Monday, April 1st, 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

TOWN COUNCIL
March 11, 2024

The Flora Town Council met Monday, March 11, 2024 in the Board Room at 4 E. Main Street, Flora. Those present were Will Bishop, Dustin Gutierrez, Trevor Ayres, Mason Rudd, Fredd McKay, Randy Hoffman. Trevor Ayres, Jason Daniels, Breezy Land, Catherine Puckett, Kyle Lueken, (HWC Engineering), Justin Moos and Nick Branyan (PlayPros). Darrell Yoder, Vincent A. Seward, Robert Kauffman and Pam Beck -Clerk-Treasurer.

Darrell Yoder opened the meeting with welcome

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Splash Pad-: Information only: Kyle Lueken with HWC Engineering discussed the engineering aspect and different costs associated with a possible installation of a splash pad with or without recycled water, location, etc. Justin Moos representing PlayPros explained the different options for features of a splash pad for installing and timing of the water flow.

B. Resolution 2024-02 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A PUBLIC-PRIVATE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO TRANSACTION, AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN MATTERS RELATED THERETO, PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE SECTION 5-23 REGARDING UTILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF FLORA, INDIANA. Darrell read resolution 2024-02. Vince moved to accept Resolution 2024-02. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

C. Electric Department Vehicle: The electric department presented a quote for a 2- man bucket truck for $223,000. The Council and Trevor Ayres discussed the quote. Rob moved to purchase a bucket truck for an amount not to exceed $223,000. Darrell seconded. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next meeting Monday, April 1st, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Vince moved to adjourn. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

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Robert Kauffman- Vice- President

Vincent A. Seward

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Beck | Clerk-Treasurer