FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
May 6, 2024

The Flora Town Council met Monday, May 6, 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, Rachel Runge (Commonwealth), Chris Albaugh, Charlotte Moppin, Jack Begley, Treann Quick, Kathy Flora, Rob Kauffman, Vince Seward, and Pam Beck Clerk-Treasurer.

Rob opened the meeting with welcome. Vince moved the minutes of the previous meeting (April 1st, 2024) be approved as presented; Rob Seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- Rachel Runge- Wastewater Improvements Project bids were opened on April 30th at the Town Hall. The apparent low bidder for Division B at the time of bidding was SAK Construction LLC, however, all five bids included math errors. Baker-Tilly was contacted regarding the bids and the potential impact to project funding. The IFA has approved the Town's grant for the Lead Service Line Inventory Investigation Engineering portion of work. Ziptility has been asked to gather the inventory information to start on the PER and Amp. IFA has indicated that the field work grants should be announced in early May. The READI grants are also scheduled to be announced in May.

B. Park Pavilion- 24x32x4- Our Town guys will put up the building after concrete work is done. Materials-Little Fawn $5350.31. 2 concrete bids: (1.) J & B Contractors for $6528, (2.) K. Graber $7500. Vince made a motion to approve the Town guys to build the pavilion and purchase the materials from Little Fawn for $5350.31 and the bid from K. Garber for $7500 for the concrete work for a total of $12,850.31. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tower on Elizabeth Street-Towerpoint submitted a Letter of Intent to purchase interest in Wireless Site. The Council tabled this for now. The Council will discuss at a later date with Kendra.

B. Feral Cats/Stary Cats- Kathy Flora is a concerned resident wanting to know what can be done about people feeding stay cats/feral cats and then these cats are using her yard as a bathroom. Bush Veterinary Services, Animal Control, and Horizon Vet are a few who do not take stray cats. DART and CC Cats suggest to spay, neuter, and release. The Council wants letters sent to the residents who are feeding the stray cats/feral cats in hoping this will help.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief James Bishop submitted his report. There were 84 calls for service, 2 warrants, 1 felony, 4 citations, 26 warnings, and 2 accidents. James reported the 2014 Charger was sold on GovDeals for $3553. Hiring/testing process will take place at the High School on 5-11-24. Six will be going through this process. James thanked Mark and Steve for working overtime during this hiring process.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Todd Trent reported the department had 6 fire-related calls, and 10 EMS runs. Todd thanked the Town guys for switching over the lights at the Fire Station to LED. Annual breakfast had a low turn-out this time. Todd presented paperwork/agreement to the Town Council of a 2011 Chevy Tahoe that is to be sold for a $1 to the Flora Fire Department, Flora Police Department, and the Town of Flora. Vince made a motion to approve to buy the 2011 Chevy Tahoe for a $1. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

C. Plan Commission- 5 permits issued for April: Ashley Reneau- fence. Drew Jackson- fence. Toby Yates- Room Addition. Richard Heater- Garage. Edward Payton-New Build.

D. Park Department– Rob reported that Dark in the Park turned out great.

E. Airport- Jack Begley reported everything is going good at the airport. Hangar door #5 is still waiting on repairs.

F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Trevor's utility report included: Street Department: Fire extinguishers were inspected this month. Spring clean-up was a success. 8 roll off dumpsters were at the Maintenance Shop for this. Water Department: Water leak at the softball concession stand. Hydrants were flushed this month. Water leak at the Trailer Park. Trailer Park will now also be getting 811 locates. Electric Department: Hung up new Town of Flora sign at the Town Office. Switched lights at the Maintenance Shop to LED. Fixed Little League stand fascia and soffit. Cut down tree at the Depot lot. Transformer shorted out at Co-Op. Purchased 2 new transformers for $3,000. Will Bishop will be at climbing school for the next two weeks. Rob asked about getting Handicap parking spots in back parking lot of Fire Pizza. The Town guys will work with Todd Trent on figuring out on how many that needs to be put up. Still are reading meters manually. Trevor said at least one more time they will have to do this.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy's report included: April was an extremely wet month and the plant was full and over limits most of the month. Had 2 overflow events that was fortunately was kept in plant and at the ponds. On April 2nd had some electrical problems at the pole. The electric department was able to get this fixed. Had to work 24-hour shift on 4/2 to keep the plant at a working level. Quinton helped with the water leak on East Columbia. The vactor truck blew a tire on the way to the work site at East Columbia. Jetted lines and cleaned catch basons on North Washington Street. Plant Influent Flow:35,819,500 gallons=1,193,983 gallons per day.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Household Hazardous Waste- Saturday June 1st, 2024 9 am to Noon at Municipal Shop

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Town office will be closing at noon on Monday, May 27th, 2024 Memorial Day
2. The next Town Council Meeting will be Monday, June 3rd, 2024 at 6 pm.

Vince moved to adjourn; Rob seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

_____Absent_____
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