FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
June 3, 2024

The Flora Town Council met Monday, June 3, 2024 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Todd Trent, Mark Thomas, Fredd McKay, Dustin Gutierrez, Randy Hoffman, Breezy Land, Kendra Linn, Rachel Runge (Commonwealth), Gabrielle Taber (Commonwealth), Chris Albaugh, Jack Begley, Richard Von Ahrens, Karla Calvin, Laurie Brower, Eric Walsh (Baker Tilly), Adam Wilcox (Baker Tilly), Jill Clothier, Kevin Clothier, Vince Seward, Darrell Yoder, and Pam Beck Clerk-Treasurer.

Darrell opened the meeting with welcome. Vince moved the minutes of the previous meeting (May 6th, 2024) be approved as presented; Darrell Seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- Rachel Runge and Gabrielle Taber- Bids are in for the Water Utility Improvements Projects. Divisions "A"- Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, Division 'B"- Collection System Improvements, and Engineers Recommendation and Certified Bid Tabulation Patterson Horth, Inc, - Base Bid $15,360.000. Division B- Collection System Rehabilitation: Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC- Base Bid- $,1,385,192.00- Total= $16,745,192.00. Vince made a motion to accept the Division A- Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Bid from Patterson Horth $15,360.00 and Division B- Collection System Improvements Bid from Insight Pipe Contraction, LLC for $1,385,192.00 for a total of $16,745,192.000. Darrell Seconded. Motion carried.

B. Baker Tilly- Eric Walsh and Adam Wilcox- Update on sewage rates. Eric presented a phase-in of rates as opposed to the entirety of the rates being effective upon adoption. Eric explained that the total impact will be divided into three qual parts to be phased-in more gradually.

C. Municipal Shop Garage Door- Quote for $4,575 from Graybill Overhead Door for a larger garage door for new bucket truck. Vince made a motion to accept the quote for $4,575 from Graybill Overhead Door. Darrell Seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Introduce ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02- AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE TOWN OF FLORA FROM THE OWNER OF PROPERTY SERVED BY THE SEWAGE WORKS OF SAID TOWN, AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

B. Public Hearing Proposed Sewage Rates Thursday, June 27th, 2024 at 6 PM. Town Hall. 2nd Floor.

C. Richard Von Ahrens- 706 S Willow wants the alley by his house closed off.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Mark Thomas submitted the report. There were 89 calls for service, 10 citations, 32 warnings, 5 arrests/misdemeanors, and 4 accidents. The new 2023 Dodge Charger Police car is here.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Todd Trent reported the department had 1 fire-related call, and 7 EMS runs. Ten tons of river rock was donated from Oak Lane Structures. This is being used for continued maintenance at the Fire Station. Todd reported that we need 5 ADA parking spots in the back parking lot behind Fire Pizza according to Unified Zoning Ordinance.

C. Plan Commission- 3 permits issued for May: Chelli Wright- deck. Randall Holmes - fence. Children's Garden Inc- New Build.

D. Park Department– Potential donor (Remington Seeds) for new playground equipment. New 24x32 pavilion/shelter concrete pad will be poured this week.

E. Airport- Jack Begley reported everything is going good at the airport. Hangar door #5 is still waiting on repairs. One hangar is open for rental. Next board meeting is 6/4/2024

F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman- Trevor's report included: Street Department: Fixed hole on 18. Sprayed weeds and weedeated downtown. Fixed some alley ways. Worked on the yard at 1408 S.

Center St. Water Department: Quotes are ready for lead and copper pothole. One water leak this month. Three water calls for service. Prepared for water tap at Children's Garden. Electric Department: Hung hero banners. Cut three trees down. Fixed siding and windows at the Pony League stand. Fixed electric plugs at Softball and Little League. Had fifteen Electric service calls for the month. Change two poles. Will Bishop completed his first year of climbing school. #5 truck (flatbed) had work done at Mann's. Fire extinguishers were inspected this month.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy's report included: Main water line coming in the Girls Softball Field popped off and flooded the concession stand. BL Anderson came in and did yearly flow meter calibrations. Vactor truck failed at a job site. Lost all boom and hose controls. Vactor truck is in the shop for repairs. Cleaned Bringhurst flow meter as needed. Unclogged and back flushed and reprimed both clarifier units. Plant Influent Flow: 16,174,100 gallons= 521,7745 gallons per day. Plant Effluent Flow: 14,670,000 gallons= 473,226 gallons per day.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Community Crossroads Awarded the Grant: $351,894.37

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Atlee Oyler's Open House will be Wednesday, June 12th, 2024 from 4-6 at the Brown Building (Atlee Oyler Event Center).
2. The next Town Council Meeting will be Monday, July 1st, 2024 at 6 pm.
3. The Town Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th, 2024 in observance of Independence Day.

Vince moved to adjourn; Darrell seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Darrell Yoder, President

ATTEST:

Absent
Robert Kauffman, Vice President

Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer

Vincent Seward, Finance Chairman