FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
December 2 , 2024

The Flora Town Council met Monday, December 2 , 2024 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Todd Trent, Tyler Jenkins, Justin Hayes, James Bishop, Steve Catron, Mason Rudd, Kendra Linn, Trevor Ayers, Randy Hoffman, Breezy Land, Chris Albaugh, Jack Begley, Barbara Pearce, Shawn Cain, Charlotte Moppin, Jim Hancock, Jason Seibert, Jessica Heater, Katie Clark, Vince Seward, Darrell Yoder, and Pam Beck Clerk-Treasurer.

Darrell opened the meeting with welcome.

Public Hearing-Resolution 2024-05-Flora Comprehensive Plan- Katie Clark- Vince made a motion to approve Public Hearing-Resolution 2024-05-Flora Comprehensive Plan. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion- Town Council signed Resolution 2024-05 -Flora Comprehensive Plan. Rob made a motion to close the Public Hearing-Resolution 2024-05-Flora Comprehensive Plan. Vince Seconded. Motion carried.

Rob moved the minutes of the previous meeting from November 4th, 2024 be approved as presented; Vince Seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth-Update- Division A Update: Deductive Change Order 31 was approved by the town Council and signed on 11/20/2024. Patterson Horth plans to mobilize to the site on 12/02/2024. Progress Meeting #1 is tentatively scheduled for 12/12/2024. Contract Dates: Administrative NTP= 8/9/2024 (90-day period) Construction NTP= 11/7/2024. Substantial Completion= 4/1/2026. Final Completion= 30 calendar days following SC. Division B Update: Progress Meeting #2 occurred on 11/14/2024. Minutes distributed on 11/15/24. Progress Meeting #3 is scheduled to occur on 12/12/2024. Contract Dates: NTP= 8/9/2024. Substantial Completion= 7/5/2025. Final Completion= 8/4/2024. Recommend approval in the amount of $80,398.02.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2024 Appointments, Commissions and Committees terms expiring December 31, 2024:
EDC- Joe Moss- Joe wants to serve another 3 yr. term- Letter submitted.
Board of Zoning apples- 3 yr. term- Janice Marvin not returning- Open
Park & Recreation- 4 yr. term- Atlee Oyler not returning- Open
Plan Commission- Jim Hancock- Jim wants to serve another 4yr. term.

B. WWTP Project- Division B- Certified Payroll- Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC:
#1. $4072.36
#2. $6119.72
#3. $6823.29
#4. $4974.26
#5. $6895.97
Total: $28,885.60.
Rob made a motion to pay Division B- Certified Payroll-Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC in the amount of $28,885.60. Vince Seconded. Motion carried.

C. WWTP Project- Division B- Pay Application #1- Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC- $80,398.02
Vince made a motion to pay Division B- Pay Application #1- Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC in the amount of $80,398.02. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief Bishop submitted his report. There were 64 calls for service, 3 citations, 28 warnings, 2 arrests/misdemeanors, and 4 accidents. James reported that phone and email fraud scams are really bad. To be mindful of what you open on your phone and computer. James welcomed/introduced Mason Rudd our new hire to the Flora Police Department. Mason's first day as Flora PD is 12/2/2024. Mason will be training with Steve Carton.

B. Fire Department –New Fire Chief Tyler Jenkins reported the department had 8 fire-related call, and 13 EMS runs. Todd Trent outgoing Chief reported he is still working with Kendra Linn on the Open Burn Ordinance. He also reported Scott Sisson and Mike Titus retired from the Fire Department after many years of service. We have 2 new hires.

C. Plan Commission- 2 permits issued for November: Brain McGill-Shed. Waste Water Treatment Plant-New Plant

D. Park Department- No one present. Trash cans and nets have been put up for the winter.

E. Airport- Jack Begley reported- Final Board meeting of 2024 will be held at Fire Pizza.

F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman- Trevor's report included: Street Department: Mason Rudd's last day was 11/27/2024.Changed oil in the salt truck. Fixing bricks on downtown sidewalks. Water Department: Had 12 calls for service. Airport is winterized. Park is winterized. Electric Department: Had 8calls for service. Christmas decorations are all up and working.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy's report included: Installing LED lights at the plant. Trevor, Nick, and Randy attended the IFA Wabash and Wildcat Regional meeting. Hauled out 11 tankers 79,243 gallons of sludge from the digester. Monthly reports including sludge e-submitted to IDEM. Plant Influent Flow: 6,363,800 gallons= 212,124 gallons per day. Plant Effluent Flow: 5,847,000 gallons= 194,900 gallons per day.

OTHER BUSINESS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Town Office will be closed Christmas Eve, December 24th at noon and all-day Christmas Day December 25th, 2024.
2. The Town Office will be closed January 1st, 2025 for New Year's Day.
3. The next Town Council Meeting will be Monday, January 6th, 2024 at 6 pm.
4. Rob thanked the Flora Community Club for the Christmas Parade.
5. Darrell and Rob thanked Vince for his 16 years' service being on the Flora Town Council. Vince's last Town Council Meeting will be December 19th, 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