FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
October 7, 2024

The Flora Town Council met Monday, October 7, 2024 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Todd Trent, Tyler Jenkins, Mark Thomas, Trevor Ayers, Randy Hoffman, Breezy Land, Kendra Linn, Fredd Mckay, Dustin Gutierrez, Gabrielle Taber (Commonwealth), Darren Wells, Chris Albaugh, Jack Begley, Barbara Pearce, Charlotte Moppin, Jill Clothier, Kevin Clothier, Danielle Appleton, Erica Knotts, Jessica Rowe, Vince Seward, Darrell Yoder, and Pam Beck Clerk-Treasurer.

Darrell opened the meeting with welcome.

Vince moved the minutes of the previous meeting September 9th, 2024 be approved as presented; Darrell Seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- Darren Wells reported WWTP update: Division A- Alternate plug valves with lower pressure ratings- $80,000 savings. Influent pump station relocation- $70,000 savings. A preliminary project schedule was submitted by Patterson Horth and shows a mobilization date of 11/08/2024. Contract Dates: Administrative NTP= 8/9/2024. Construction NTP= 11/7/2024. Substantial Completion= 4/1/2026. Final Completion= 30 calendar days following SC. Division B- Insight plans to begin the cleaning and CCTV on 10/23/2024. Contract Dates: NTP= 8/9/2025. Substantial Completion= 7/5/2025. Final Completion= 30 calendar days following SC. Water Utility Update: IDEM Service Line Inventory deadline for submittal is October 16, 2024. The EPA has proposed that all lead and GRR lines should be fully replaced within 10 years (plan and initiate replacements with 3 years).

B. Budget 2025- 2nd and 3rd reading of 2025 Budget- Vince made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only for the second and third reading of Ordinance 2024-05. Darrell Seconded. Motion carried. Title is read. Vince moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2024-05. Darrell Seconded. Motion carried. Title is read. Vince made a motion to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 2024-05. Darrell Seconded. Motion carried.

C. Skid Steer- 2 bids both with 5 attachments- Bid 1- Truland John Deere- $100,032.52. Bid 2- RPM- $104,783.74. Vince made a motion to approve Bid 1 from Truland John Deere with out the grapple for $94,428.76. Darrell Seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Flora Girls Softball- Randy Hoffman asked if the town would pay for new fence at the softball diamond. He presented 2 bids. Bid 1- Bailey Fence- $11,870.26. Bid 2- Mr. Fence It-$8,585.00. Darrell made a motion to approve Bid 1 from Bailey Fence for $ 11,870.26. Vince Seconded. Motion carried.

B. Trick or Treat- October 31st, 2024 from 6-8. Approved by Council.

C. 2024-04 Resolution- 2024 Budget- Appropriation Reduction- Darrell read Resolution 2024-04 appropriations needed to reduce for the budget year 2024 for Budget year 2025. Vince made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04. Darrell Seconded. Motion carried.

D. Certificates of Recognition - Mark Thomas presented Trevor Ayres, Dustin Gutierrez, and Fredd Mckay with certificates of recognition for their remarkable composure, effective actions, and lifesaving first aid measures for Will Bishop.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Mark Thomas submitted the report. There were 114 calls for service, 4 citations, 33 warnings, 2 arrests/misdemeanors, 1 felony, 2 warrants, and 1 accident.

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B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Todd Trent reported the department had 1 fire-related call, and 10 EMS runs. Kendra will start working on an Open burn Ordinance for the Town. Fire Department will be passing out candy at the Fire Station October 31st for 6-8.

C. Plan Commission- 3 permits issued for September- Michael Rush- Garage. Mario Martinez – Pole Barn. Charles Kelly- Deck.

D. Park Department- No one present.

E. Airport- Jack Begley reported the Fly- In was a success again this year. Jack thanked Todd Trent and the Flora Fire Department for being apart of the Fly-In. Council approved to reappoint Russ Kaspar to another term on the Airport Board for January 2024- December 2028. The Airport Board would like to make changes with the 2025 lease for Airport Rules. Requested Change- Storage of no more than 10 gallons of fuel in approved DOT container is allowed. Pam is checking with the Town's insurance company.

F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman- Trevor's report included: Street Department: Filled many holes left behind from Hoosier X. Parking lot for Gears and Grit. Water Department: Had 18 calls for service. Had 5 water leaks. Lead and copper are complete. Electric Department: Had 30 calls for service. 5 power outages. Safety Meeting this month was bucket truck and pole top rescue. Merchants building is finished.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy's report included: Lost all power to CL2 pump. The plugin burnt up. Replaced plugin. Helped with a water leak at 308 S Division St. Jetted sewer line at 108 S. Howard St. Plant Influent Flow:6,656,200 gallons= 221, 873 gallons per day. Plant Effluent Flow: 6,122,000 gallons= 204,067 gallons per day.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Resignation Letter- Quinton Veach- Last day will be 10/18/2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Town office will be closed Monday, October 14th, 2024 in observance of Columbus Day.
2. The next Town Council Meeting will be Monday, November 4th , 2024 at 6 pm.

Vince moved to adjourn; Darrell seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Darrell Yoder, President

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer

Absent

Robert Kauffman, Vice President

Vincent Seward, Finance Chairman