FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
September 9, 2024

The Flora Town Council met Monday, September 9, 2024 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Todd Trent, James Bishop, Trevor Ayers, Randy Hoffman, Breezy Land, Kendra Linn, Nick Hoffman, Gabrielle Taber (Commonwealth), Chris Albaugh, Jack Begley, Barba Pearson, Vince Seward, Darrell Yoder, and Pam Beck Clerk-Treasurer.

Darrell opened the meeting with welcome.

PUBLIC HEARING-2025 BUDGET 2024-04-1st READING: Darrell read. Rob made a motion to approve the 1st reading of 2025 BUDGET 2024-04. Vince Second. Motion carried.

Vince moved the minutes of the previous meeting August 5th, 2024 be approved as presented; Rob Seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- Gabrielle Taber reported Electrical service coordination meeting was held on August 28, 2024 with the Town, Commonwealth, and Patterson Horth. Contract Dates: Administrative NTP= 8/9/2024 90-day period. Construction NTP= 11/7/2024 if full 90-day period is utilized. Substantial Completion= 4/1/2026 if full 90-day period is utilized. Final Completion= 30 calendar days following SC.

B. Lead and Copper Inventory- Nick Hoffman reported Hoosier X is done and the $ 100,000 grant has been used. Homes built after 1987 there is no need to check for lead or copper. IDEM required Service Line Inventory deadline for submittal is October 16th 2024.

C. Fire Department- Fire Station new kitchen cabinets- Vince made a motion to go with option 1 Zinn Kitchens for $12,042.20 plus install and labor. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

D. County Fair- Last month it was tabled in reference to the Town helping financial wise to the fair. Rob made a motion for the Town to pay the Utility bills for the Community Club for the usage at the Carroll County 4-H Fair. Vince Seconded. Motion carried.

E. Equipment Donation- An anonymous donation of $5,000 has been made to purchase handicap swings for our park. One will be wheelchair accessible and the other will be a compatible for a baby/toddler.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Baker Tilly- Fourth Quarter Tracking Factor will be $0.013821 and shall be charge monthly to all metered monthly to all metered rates. This represents a decrease in the overall tracking factor of $0.004835. Rob made a motion to accept Tracking Factor for 4th quarter $0.013821. Vince Seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief James Bishop submitted his report. There were 125 calls for service, 3 citations, 29 warnings, 6 arrests/misdemeanors, 8 felonies, and 3 accidents.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Todd Trent reported the department had 1 fire-related call, and 20 EMS runs.

C. Plan Commission- 4 permits issued for August: Erica Hudley- shed. James Hall - sidewalk. Ruth Berkshire- fence. Rhys Allbaugh- fence.

D. Park Department- Darrell read the report- Tennis court bathrooms have been updated and painted.

E. Airport- Jack Begley reported there will be a new tenant for Hangar 1. Flora Airport Fly-In is Saturday, September, 21st from 10 am-2 pm.

F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman- Trevor's report included: Street Department: Changed several street signs. Brush is in full swing. Working on alley ways. Water Department: Had 18 calls for service. Had 8 water leaks. Multiple water problems at the park with things getting broken. Hoosier X is completed with their part of Lead and Copper. Electric Department: Had 34 calls for service. Met with Commonwealth about WWTP power. Changed 4 poles. New Skid Steer: 2 options: tabled until next Council meeting.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy's report included: Replaced sewer lateral at 308 S. Wayne St. Mark Cable fixed the creek bank behind the Wastewater Plant. Jetted the lines out at the park restrooms. Monthly reports including sludge were submitted to IDEM. Plant Influent Flow; 8,966,500 gallons= 289, 242 gallons per day. Plant Effluent Flow: 8,362,000 gallons= 269,742 gallons per day.

OTHER BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Depot Day Event is Saturday, September, 28th, 2024.
2. The next Town Council Meeting will be Monday, October 7th, 2024 at 6 pm.
3. The Town office will be closed Monday, October, 14th, 2024 in observance of Columbus Day.

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