TOWN COUNCIL
February 3, 2025

The Flora Town Council met Monday, February 3, 2025 in the Board Room of the Town Hall. Present; Charlotte Moppin, Kevin Clothier, Jill Clothier, Mason Rudd, Steve Catron, Randy Hoffman, Gabrielle Taber and Rachel Runge w/ Commonwealth, Tyler Jenkins, Jack Begley Barbara Pearce, Justin Hayes, Kendra Linn (Town Lawyer) Trevor Ayres, Chris Albaugh, Rob Kauffman, Darrell Yoder, and Pam Beck -Clerk Treasurer.

Darrell Yoder opened the meeting with welcome. Rob moved the minutes of the previous meetings (January 6th and January 21, 2025) be approved as presented; Chris Albaugh seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth: Rachel Runge and Gabrielle Taber gave an update on the WWTP project for Division A and Division B.
Pay application presented for approval for Division A for $470,750. Rob moved to pay the presented application. Chris seconded. Approved
Pay application presented for approval for Division B for $18,145.80. Rob moved to pay the presented application. Chris seconded. Approved

NEW BUSINESS:

A. A+ Dumpsters – 2025 Renewal Agreement. An agreement was presented for the fee to stay the same as 2024 at $200 per dump per dumpster with the dumping occurring once a week. Chris moved to accept the agreement for 2025. Rob seconded. Approved.

B. Mowers: Darrell presented quotes from Truland for replacing mowers at the park. Chris moved to replace both mowers with trade in final price of $6600. Rob seconded. Approved. Park gator needs replaced. The WWTP will take procession of the existing gator and a new one will be purchased for the park. Chris moved to accept the bid for a 2025 gator in the amount of $11,500. Rob seconded. Approved

C. Generator: Water Plant: Quotes were received from Huston for $44,260, Baker $40,913 and Brand Elec $78,000. After discussion, Rob moved to accept the quote from Huston in the amount of $44,260. Chris seconded. Approved. The Council approved maintenance agreements for all three Town generators for Huston last month, therefore; thought it would be a good idea to purchase from Huston.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department. Steve Catron reported there were 6 Misdemeanor arrests, 4 Felony arrests, 5 Citations, 32 Warnings, 79 Calls for service, 2 Accidents and 1 warrant issued. Mason is in Phase 2 of his police training by driving his vehicle with Officer Catron in the passenger seat.

B. Fire Department – Tyler Jenkins reported there were 9 medical runs, 8 fire runs, and 17 calls for service. The first responder course is gaining interest with approximately 7 confirmed to take the course. Tyler mentioned fund raisers are being looked into in addition to the pancake breakfast.

C. Park Department- No one present. Looking to spring/ summer a new piece of equipment needs to be purchased to replace the merry-go-round that was removed last year.

D. Airport- Jack Begley reported he just has a few more 2025 contracts outstanding. The next airport meeting is March 4th, 2025.

E. Plan Commission: 2 permits issued for January. Jeff Dague- New Build and Terres Ayres- rental storage container.

F. Utility/ Electric/Water Report: Trevor submitted and read report. Street Dept: Plowed and salted streets. Did maintenance on trucks, finished road back to the dog park. Water Dept: Locates, leaks and 3 water main breaks kept the dept busy this month. Electric Dept: Street Lights fixed, 4 power outages, helped the WWTP pulled the pumps, set pole for new service at Vine Street. Trevor presented quotes for a salt spreader that can be mounted the back of one of the trucks instead of using the dump truck all over town. He indicated there are places hard to get to with the dump truck.

G. WWTP Report- Randy submitted and read report. The IDEM inspection took place 1/27 and went well. Monthly maintenance, cleaned Bringhurst flow meter as needed, 3 new catch basins being made due to being damaged, influent pumps pulled to discover cavitation holes in the volutes and used the last 2 spares to replace. New Vactor truck discussed, waiting on Readi grant information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Town Office will be closed on February 17th in observance of President's Day.
2. The next Town Council Meeting is Monday March 3rd, 2025.

Rob made a motion to adjourn, Chris seconded; motion carried.

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Darrell Yoder, President

Rob Kauffman, Vice President

Chris Albaugh, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer