FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
March 3, 2025

The Flora Town Council met Monday, March 3, 2025 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Tyler Jenkins, James Bishop, Trevor Ayers, Randy Hoffman, Alyson Jackson, Breezy Land, Kendra Linn, Rachel Runge (Commonwealth), Gabrielle Taber (Commonwealth), Jack Begley, Barbra Pearson, Jessica Heater, Ross Hagen, Jonathan Blake, Chris Albaugh, Rob Kauffman, and Darrell Yoder.

Darrell opened the meeting with welcome.

PUBLIC HEARING-COMMONWEALTH: Drinking Water Improvements. Water Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) to obtain assistance from The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Program. Ross Hagen from Baker Tilly presented and Estimated Annual Revenue Requirements and Annual Operating Receipts. Rob made a motion to approve The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Program. Chris seconded. Motion carried.

Chris moved the minutes of the previous meeting February 3rd 2025 be approved as presented; Rob seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- WWTP Update- Rachel Runge- Council approval/signature of WWTP-Division A Partial Payment Application No. 3 of $709,400.00. Rob made a motion to approve Division A Partial Payment Application No. 3 in the amount of $709,400.00. Chris seconded. Motion carried. Division A Progress Meeting #4 is scheduled for Thursday, March 13th at 11:00 a.m. at the Flora Town Hall. Division B Progress Meeting #5 was held on February 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. via Teams. Rachel stated that Division B will be getting a new Project Manager for Insite Pipe.

B.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2024 Flora Utilities Write offs in the amount of $2,488.40- Rob made a motion to approve the 2024 Flora Utilities Write Offs in the amount of $2,488.40. Chris seconded. Motion carried.

B. EDC Update Interim Director Jonathan Blake- EDC is not ready to commit on list until READY 1 is ready. READY 1 is only at 35 %. Nothing will be released for READY 2 until READY 1 is complete.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief James Bishop submitted his report. There were 72 calls for service, 2 citations, 50 warnings, 1 arrests/misdemeanors, 1 felony, and 0 accidents. Mason goes to the Police Academy on May 6th.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Tyler Jenkins reported the department had 4 fire-related call, and 8 EMS runs.

C. Plan Commission- 1 permit issued for February: Gary Parrett-Pole Barn.

D. Park Department- Darrell read the report- The new mowers and Gator were ordered from Truland. WWTP is taking the old gator.

E. Airport- Jack Begley reported all the 2025 lease are signed and up to date.

F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman- Trevor's report included: Street Department: In the process with meeting for crack seal bids. Darrell wants Trevor to reach out to Cory Mahan about the roads. Water Department: Had 40 calls for service. Had 3 water leaks. Generator is ordered for the Water Plant. Electric Department: Had 35 calls for service. 1 power outage leaving 164 residents without power. This issue was resolved and fixed in 30 minutes. Put up a new softball scoreboard and trenched in new wire. Received new transformer of WWTP. Changed out the rest of the electric meters.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy's report included: Had a meeting with Alliance of Indiana circuit rider. Talked about the renewing of the NPDES permit and the Tier 11 report. Big thanks to Will Bishop for helping on a holiday to work on one of the hydro sweeps that was failing. Updating some safety equipment for our confined space entry. Items wanted to update are confined space winch and air bag blower system. Rob made a motion to approve to Falltech 5 pc confined space system winch for $7,692.14 and USA Bluebook 8" Air bag blower system w/15' duct hose for $726.95 for a total of 8,419.09. Chris seconded. Motion carried. Monthly reports including sludge were submitted to IDEM. CHS Flow: 248,938 (EST) gallons. BRSD Flow: 429,853 gallons. Plant Influent Flow: 7,204,100 gallons= 257, 289 gallons per day. Plant Effluent Flow: 6,367000 gallons= 227,393 gallons per day.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Randy Hoffman's recognition letter from Sheila Myer, RME Insurance- Darrell read.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council Meeting will be Monday, April 7th, 2025 at 6 pm.

Chris moved to adjourn; Rob seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Darrell Yoder, President

Robert Kauffman, Vice President

Chris Albaugh, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer