FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
May 5, 2025

The Flora Town Council met Monday, May 5, 2025 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Tyler Jenkins, Randy Hoffman, James Bishop, Breezy Land, Kendra Linn, Mark Thomas, Rachel Runge (Commonwealth), Gabrielle Taber (Commonwealth), Kathy Flora, Judy Ayres, Charlotte Moppin, Jessica Rowe, Jonathan Blake, Brain Keene, Steve Schreckengast, Jessica Heater, Chris Albaugh, Rob Kauffman, Darrell Yoder, and Pam Beck.

Darrell opened the meeting with welcome.

Rob moved the minutes of the previous meeting April 7th , 2025 be approved as presented; Chris seconded. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- WWTP Update- Rachel Runge- Wastewater improvement projects. Division A Pay Application #5- $1,089,006.75. Chris made a motion to approve Division A Pay Application #5 for $1,089,006.75. Rob seconded. Motion carried. Division B- Work Change Directive 1 for $2025.00. Rob made a motion to approve Division B Work Change Directive 1 for $2025.00. Chris seconded. Motion carried. Rob made a motion to approve the Contract Amendment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project for $90,000.00. Chris seconded. Motion carried.

B. Jonathan Blake-Subdivision- Jonathan reported READY 1 is at 38%. IEDC Pre-Commitment Letter needs to be approved by the council. Rob made a motion to approve the IEDC Pre-Commitment Letter. Chris seconded. Motion carried. Jonathan stated that a council member needs to be on the Scoping Committee for the Scoping Phase of the project. Darrell said he will be a member of the Scoping Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Judy Ayres-Case against fluoride- Judy discussed the non-benefits of fluoride in the town water. She would like to see it taken out. Council will do research on this. It was table at this time.

B. Park-Playground Equipment quote from Sports Play $3,997.23- Rob made a motion to approve the quote from Sports Play for the Geo Dome Climber for $3,997.23. Chris seconded. Motion carried.

C. Atlee Oyler Event Center- Kitchenette quote from Zinn Kitchens $1,898- Rob made a motion to approve the quote from Zinn Kitchens for $1,898. Chris seconded. Motion carried.

D. Jessica Heater- Painting picnic tables for the 4-H fair- Scott Miller will get the picnic tables. The council approved.

E. Sound Advice- Renewal 3-year firewall service cost $1,582- Chris made a motion to approve Sound Advice renewal 3-year firewall service for $1,582. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief James Bishop submitted his report. There were 82 calls for service, 3 citations, 16 warnings, 2 arrests/misdemeanors, and 2 accidents. On April 26th the Flora Police Department, Flora Fire Department, and 14 Purdue students installed 36 smoke alarms on Hoop Street and at the trailer park. James and Mark took 400 pounds of unused drugs to Merrillville. Flora baseball and softball parade will be Saturday, May 10th.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Tyler Jenkins reported the department had 6 fire-related call, and 22 EMS runs. Picture was taken for everyone that donated to the fundraiser. Pancake breakfast will be Saturday, May 10th from 6-10.

C. Plan Commission- 4 permits issued for April: Chanda Hart- Fence. Diana Johnson-Fence. Tony Kelly-Sidewalk. Beth Leszcynsk-Fence.

D. Park Department- Scott Miller not here. Darrell reported mowing and clean-up.

E. Airport- Jack Begley not here.

F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman- Trevor not here. Trevor's report included: Street Department: Spring drop off was a success. #5 and #11 trucks both had 2 tires repaired. Fixed several alley ways. Water Department: Had 58 calls for service. Had 12 water leaks. Generator is installed at the Water Plant. Waiting on NIPSCO to resolve gas issue. Installed water and sewer at AO building. Electric Department: Had 64 calls for service. 4 power outages. Worked on restrooms at the park. The softball pavilion now has electric. Trevor, Tyler, and Nick went to Prairie State Coal Mine. Fredd is back to work.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy's report included: Installed sewer lateral at the Atlee Oyler Event Center. Used the vactor truck at The Soda Shack for a water leak at the water pit. Used the vactor truck for the electric department at the park for a pot hole. Monthly reports including sludge were submitted to IDEM. CHS Flow: 286,493 gallons BRSD Flow: 400,019 gallons. Plant Influent Flow: 14,741,801 gallons= 491,393 gallons per day. Plant Effluent Flow: 15,650,000 gallons= 521,667 gallons per day.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Culpepper & Merriweather Circus Wednesday, June 11th. Show times: 5:00 & 7:30. Location: Flora Park. Sponsored by: Flora Community Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Town office will be closed on Monday, May 26th, 2025 in observance of Memorial Day.
2. The next Town Council meeting will be Monday, June 2nd, 2025.

Rob moved to adjourn; Chris seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Darrell Yoder, President

Robert Kauffman, Vice President

Chris Albaugh, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer