FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
October 6, 2025

The Flora Town Council met Monday, October 6, 2025 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Mark Thomas, Randy Hoffman, Tyler Jenkins, Trevor Ayres, Kendra Linn, Rachel Runge (Commonwealth), James Wells, Joe Moss, David Hughes, Jack Begle, Brian Johnson, Beth Johnson, Barbara Pearce, Laurie Brower, Jessica Heater, Jessica Rowe, Dale Seward, Jean Faughn, Chris Albaugh, Rob Kauffman, Darrell Yoder, and Pam Beck - Clerk-Treasurer.

Meeting is streamed and can be viewed on line at townofflora.org.

Darrell opened the meeting with welcome.

Rob moved the minutes with corrections of the previous meeting September 6th, 2025 be approved as presented; Chris seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- WWTP Update- Rachel Runge- Work Change Directive #4 for $13,315.00- Chirs made a motion to approve Work Change Directive #4 for $13,315.00. Rob seconded. Motion carried. Division A-Pay Application # 10 for $1,328,147.02 Rob made a motion to approve Division A Pay Application #10 for $1,328,147.02 Chris seconded. Motion carried. Division B-Pay Application #7 for $33,748.99. Chris made a motion to approve Division B-Pay Application # 7 for $33,748.99. Rob seconded. Motion carried. The Town will be getting SRF Grant money to help replace lead and galvanized lines in town. Rob made a motion to approve Commonwealth to do the engineering and planning work for the lead and galvanized lines project at the cost of $369,000.00. Chris seconded. Motion carried. Progress Meeting #11 is scheduled for Thursday, October 16th @ 11:00 a.m. at the Flora Town Hall.

B. Steering Committee-UDO and Zoning Map- Darrell Yoder-HWC Engineering is working with the steering committee on updating The Town of Flora's Zoning Map. There will be a Special Town Council Meeting- Public Hearing/Presentation of UDO and Zoning Map on Thursday, November 20th at 6 pm.

C. Flora Community Club- Jessica Heater- Carnival update for the 4-H Fair- The carnival company cost is $15,000.00 for 6 days to be at the fair.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Baker Tilly- Tracking Factor for the fourth quarter will be $0.009630 and shall be charge to monthly to all metered monthly to all metered rates. This represents a decrease in the overall tracking factor of $0.003358. Chris made a motion to accept Tracking Factor for 4th quarter $0.009630. Rob seconded. Motion carried.

B. Robert Bishop- Asking permission to do metal detecting in front yard on Monroe School ground- No show.

C. New Vactor Truck-Joe Johnson Equipment-$528,628.19- Rob made a motion to approve the new vactor truck from Joe Johnson Equipment for $528,628.19. Chris seconded. Motion carried.

D. David Hughes- 216 W. Clem- Sewer line needs reworked and would like to tie into the main in front of his house. Currently he is tied in with multiple neighbors and would like to change that. David will need to get a permit before the work is started and Randy will have to approve.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief James Bishop submitted his report. James absent. Mark Thomas read the report. There were 111 calls for service, 10 citations, 57 warnings, 0 arrests/misdemeanors, and 3 accidents. Mason is at the Police Academy and due to graduate December 19, 2025.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Tyler Jenkins reported the department had 9 fire-related call, and 10 EMS runs. Tyler needs an updated list of residents that are on oxygen. This is necessary so the fire department can assist these residents when there is a power outage.

C. Plan Commission- 2 permits issued for September: Jeremiah Poole- Shed. Drew Ayres- Garage.

D. Park Department- New fence was installed by the soccer field. Slit seeding is done.

E. Airport- Jack Begley reported the airport passed the INOT inspection. Jacked thanked the Town guys for all their help with getting the airport ready for the inspection.

F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman- Trevor's report included: Street Department: Leaf pick-up will start October 7th. Have been working on alley ways. Replaced 41 trash cans for WM this month. Water Department: Several locates. 5 water leaks. 47 calls for services. Flushing hydrants. Electric Department: Had 118 calls for service. 5 power outages. Fixed 31 streetlights. Moved poles at the Little League.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy report included: Picked up the new #9 work truck. New proposed NPDES permanent move to a class lll and a major facility, not a minor. Cleaned Bringhurst flow meter as needed. Unclogged, back flushed, and reprimed both clarifier units. Monthly reports including sludge e-submitted to IDEM.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Dale Seward- Requesting to use the Town Council room as a mobile office for the Lt. Governor's visit on Tuesday, October 28th, 2025. Council approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Town office will be closed Monday, October, 13th in observance of Columbus Day.
2. Trick or Treating- Halloween Friday, October 31st from 6 pm to 8 pm.
3. The next Town Council meeting will be Monday, November 3rd, 2025 at 6 pm.
4. Special Town Council meeting Thursday, November 20th, 2025 at 6 pm. Public Presentation of UDO and Zoning Map.
5. Duke Energy will be cutting the power source to our electric customers on Saturday, November 22nd at 10 pm until Sunday, November 23rd at 8 am.

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