FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
December 1, 2025

The Flora Town Council met Monday, December 1, 2025, 2025 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; James Bishop, Breezy Land, Randy Hoffman, Tyler Jenkins, Trevor Ayres, Darren Wells (Commonwealth), Jack Begle, Jessica Heater, Lisa Dague, 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 previous meeting November 3, 2025 be approved as presented; Chris seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- WWTP Update- Darren Wells- Division A Progress Meeting #13 is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th @ 11:00 a.m. at the Flora Town Hall. Division A-Patterson Horth Update: NPW piping and yard hydrant replacement-Option 1- All Iron Piping- $197,564.36. Option 2- Ductile Iron Main w/ Polyethylene Lines to Hydrants- $146,199.00. Darren tabled. Work Change Directive #5- Electric panel $7,239- Chris made a motion to approve Work Change Directive #5 Electric panel for $7,239. Rob Seconded. Motion carried. Work Change Order #6 Aeration tanks for $46,986- Rob made a motion to approve Work Change Order #6 Aeration tanks for $46,986. Chris Seconded. Motion carried. Partial Payment Application No. 12-$1,305,694.67 + $68,720.77 (retainage) = $1,374,415.44- Chris made a motion to approve PPA No. 12 for $1,374,415.44. Rob Seconded. Motion carried. Division B- Insight Pipe Update: Next Progress Meeting #15 is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th @ 10 a.m. No Pay apps.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Jessica Heater- Community Club- The Community Club received $10,000 from the County Council to fund the Carnival during the 2026 4-H Fair. Jessica reported the Holiday Market went well again this year.

B. Lisa Dague- 109 W. Vine St.-requesting information about road not complete in front of new build and semi parking on property- Darrell said it is the homeowner's responsibility to put the road in, but once the road is in the Town will maintain it. Semi parking- need to see what property the semi is parked on and what the town/police department can do.

C. Yearly Aim Dues- $2002.00- Chris made a motion to approve the Yearly Aim Dues for $2002.00 plus a $500 contribution for a total of $2502.00. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

D. Prestigious Lawn & Landscape- Matt Schick- 4 Sugar Maple trees @ the park for a total of $2,300 installed and 18 Norway Spruce trees @ the old school for $430 not installed. Rob made a motion to approve the 4 Sugar Maple trees for $2,300 & 18 Norway Spruce trees for $430 from Prestigious Lawn & Landscape-Matt Schick. Chris Seconded. Motion carried.

E. Police Department- Request to carry over time from 2025 to 2026- Council approved.

F. Appointments, Commissions and Committees- Expiring 12/31/25
Plan Commission:
Tom Kressley declined a new term- 1opening a 4-year term
Don Shivey- 12/31/26
Jason Seibert- 12/31/27
Jim Handcock- 12/31/28
Board of Zoning Appeals:
Don Shively- recommitted for 4 years
Josh Ayres-
Jason Seibert-
Open-12/31/2027
Park & Recreation:
Josh Ayres-
Brook Miller-
Dennis Brown- Declined- Open

Susan Denny- Committed to another 4 years
Bob McKnight- Committed to another 4 years
Lisa Eikenberry- 12/31/27
Scott Miller- 12/31/28
Economic Development:
Bret Rinehart- Letter of commitment for another 3 years
Laurie Brower- 12/31/26
Joe Moss- 12/31/27
Aviation:
Vince Frasier- Letter of commitment for another 4 years
Scott Burge- 12/31/26
Jack Beagly- 12/31/26
Warne Spencer- 12/31/27
Russ Kasper- 12/31/28
Library Board:
Elizabeth Kauffman
Town Lawyer:
Kendra Linn
K-IRPC REP:
Chris Albaugh

Rob made a motion to approve the appointments, commissions and committees expiring 12/31/25. Chris Seconded. Motion carried.

G. Salt Hopper Spreader- Quote from Truland John Deere $15,825 minus discount of $6,390 for a total sale price of $9,435. If approved the funds will be taken out of Local Road & Street. Rob made a motion to approve the salt hopper spreader from Truland for $9,435. Chris Seconded. Motion carried.

H. Dale Seward- Thank you note to Pam and Town Council for hosting Lt. Governor and staff - Darrell read

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief James Bishop submitted his report. There were 117 calls for service, 7 citations, 42 warnings, 0 arrests/misdemeanors. Mason is at the Police Academy and due to graduate December 17, 2025. Mark should be back after the 1st of the year. The 2000 International Vactor truck sold on GovDeals for 15,000.00.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Tyler Jenkins reported 634 older Dodge truck is getting brakes fixed at Hufty's. Looking into replacing cameras on the fire trucks due to the old ones not holding charge.

C. Plan Commission- 0 permits issued for November.

D. Park Department- No one present.

E. Airport- Jack Begley reported next board meeting is at Frie Pizza December 9th and he invited the Council. Darrell presented- Purdue University Airport is now boarding United Airline fights, operated by SkyWest, connect Greater Lafayette to Chicago O'Hare. 20 min flights: Monday-Thursday-Friday-Sunday- 3flights. Tuesday-Wednesday-Saturday- 2 flights. Parking is steps from the door and cost $5/day. Visit united.com or purdue.edu/airport to book flights.

F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman- Trevor's report included: Street Department: Plow and salt streets. Working on alley ways. Water Department: Several locates. 4 water leaks. 50 calls for services. Hydrant flags are out. Electric Department: Had 80 calls for service. 5 power outages. Fixed 20 streetlights. Christmas decorations are installed. Worked with Duke on power outage. Need to think about new reclosers in the future. Council told Trevor to get quotes. Need to be thinking about new dump trucks in the future.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy's report included: Got the new vactor out. The first job was a water leak at Westwood apartments and the next job was at the park replacing the french drain at the baseball field this was all done in one day. Hauled out 96,000 gallons of our digester. The Bringhurst lift station is switch over. It is no longer running on the old system, all is new and to date. Monthly reports including sludge e-submitted to IDEM.

OTHER BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Town office will close at Noon on Christmas Eve, December 24th and all-day on December 25th Christmas Day.
2. The Town office will be closed Thursday, January 1, 2026 for New Year's Day.
3. The next Town Council meeting will be Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6 pm.

Rob moved to adjourn; Chris seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Darrell Yoder, President

Robert Kaufman, Vice President

Chris Albaugh, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer