FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
February 2, 2026

The Flora Town Council met Monday, February 2, 2026 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; James Bishop, Tyler Jenkins, Trevor Ayres, Kendra Linn, Rachel Runge (Commonwealth), Marcelo Maros (Commonwealth), Jack Begle, Jessica Heater, Amy Webster, James Wells, Vince Seward, Kevin Clothier, Jill Clothier, 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 meetings January 5th and January 12th, 2026 be approved as presented; Chris seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- WWTP Update- Division A & B -Rachel Runge-Division A Pay App #14 for a total of $1,077,906.54- Chris made a motion to approve Pay App #14 for $1,077,906.54. Rob Seconded. Motion carried. Division A Change Order #5 for $15,280- Rob made a motion to approve Change Order #5 for $15,280. Chris Seconded. Motion carried. Division B Pay App for a total of $406,480.74- Chris made a motion to approve Division B Pay App for $406,480.74. Rob Seconded. Motion carried. Division B Change Order #4 for $65,217.35- Rob made a motion to approve Division B Change Order #4 for $65,217.35. Chris Seconded. Motion carried. Division A progress meeting #15 is scheduled for Thursday, February 12th at 11:00 a.m. at the Flora Town Hall.

B. Lead Project- Commonwealth- Rachel Runge- 40 out of the 88 addresses have signed a right of entry for the lead service line replacement project. Will send out letters one more time to those that did not respond. 2026 is the last of the grant money for this project. Rachel will have a meeting with Nick and Pam within the next two weeks.

C. Flora Community Club- Jessica Heater- July 4th Celebration/ Carroll County Fair- At the July 4th Celebration there will be vendors at the Atlee Oyler Building and Merchants Building. Food trucks and Loins Club ice cream @ noon. Golf cart parade. Band at 6:30-9:30. Carroll County Fair- Enforce no golf carts on fairgrounds. The council and Chief Bishop suggested to put up no golf cart signs and snow fencing.

D. Carroll County Fair Buildings/Land- Contract for survey services- The fee is $1,595.00 to be split between The Town of Flora and Carroll County Commissioners at $797.50 for each party. Rob made a motion to approve $797.50 for half of the survey services. Chris Seconded. Motion carried.

E. Utility customer uncollectable write off accounts for the year of 2025 in the amount of $62.48- Rob made a motion to approve 2025 uncollectable write offs in the amount of $62.48. Chris Seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Baker Tilly- Yearly agreement for general accounting support for the Town of Flora on a per need basis- Chris made a motion to approve Baker Tilly yearly agreement for general accounting support on a per need basis. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

B. Haley's Lock Safe & Key- $7,928.80 for a power operated door install at the Scout Cabin- Rob made a motion to table at this time. Chris Seconded. Motion carried.

C. Truland Equipment- Park 72" lawn mower trade-in for the difference of $3,200.00- Rob made a motion to approve the $3,2000 difference for the 72" lawn mower trade-in. Chris Seconded. Motion carried.

D. New truck to replace #7 dump/salt truck-Trevor- Brad Howell 2025 Ford F550 Flatbed Dump Bed $87,746.50, salt box, plow, strobes $19,184.82 for a total of $106,931.32- Chris made a motion to approve 2025 Ford F550 Flatbed Dump Bed with the salt box, plow, & strobes for $106,931.32. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief James Bishop submitted his report. There were 134 calls for service, 4 citations, 41 warnings, 0 arrests/misdemeanors, and 0 accidents. New police vehicle will be here at the end of this month.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Tyler Jenkins reported the department had 4 fire-related call, and 34 EMS runs. Assisted Cutler and Camden fire departments with fire-related calls. New cameras are installed on the firetrucks.

C. Plan Commission- 1 permit issued for January: Mark Gilliam- addition.

D. Park Department- No one present.

E. Airport- Jack Begley reported the two hangars that are coming up for lease and he has two people already interested in leasing them.

F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman- Trevor's report included: Street Department: Plowed and salted streets. Water Department: 4 water leaks. 56 calls for services. 23 frozen meters. 3 water main breaks. Electric Department: Had 41 calls for service. 3 power outages. Fixed 7 streetlights. Changed transformer at Hog Slats. Changed transformer bank at WWTP. Changed broken pole at 50 North.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy report included: Randy absent. Tyler presented Randy's report- Quote from Haley's Lock, Safe, & Key for new door locks at the WWTP for $5,261.51. Rob made a motion to approve the quote from Haley's Lock, Safe, & Key for $5,261.51. Chris Seconded. Motion carried. Had a power outage due to the change to two new transformers. Sewer lateral at 231 E. Main St. was replaced. Helped with two water main leaks and thawed out a couple water meters during that time. Tyler has started his Wastewater operator classes. Monthly reports including sludge e-submitted to IDEM.

OTHER BUSINESS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Town office will be closed Monday, February 16th in observance of President's Day.
2. The next Town Council meeting will be Monday, March 2nd, 2026.

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