FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
March 2, 2026

The Flora Town Council met Monday, March 2, 2026 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; James Bishop, Tyler Jenkins, Breezy Land, Kendra Linn, Darren Wells (Commonwealth), Jack Begle, Jessica Heater, Don Shively, Rachel Ashcraft, Teresa Zinn, 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 February 2, 2026 be approved as presented; Chris seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- WWTP Update- Division A & B -Darren Wells-Division A Pay App #15 for a total of $936,184.00- Chris made a motion to approve Pay App #15 for $936,184.00. Rob Seconded. Motion carried. Division A Change Order #6 for $196,135.00- Rob made a motion to approve Change Order #6 for $196,135.00. Chris Seconded. Motion carried. Division B Certificate of Substantial Completion- Chris made a motion to accept Division B Certificate of Substantial Completion. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

B. Amending Ordinance 2025-01 2026 BUDGET- General Fund from $2,866,087 to $2,813,204 for the Budget Year 2026- Rob made a motion to approve to amend Ordinance 2025-01 2026 BUDGET General Fund from $2,866,087 to $2,813,204 for the Budget Year 2026. Chris Seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Flora Public Library project- Rachel Ashcraft and Don Shively- Improvements and upgrades for the library. Improvements will be paid for by a 7-year bond and residents tax rates will not go up. This will be approved by the County Council. Town of Flora Council- Darrell Yoder, Rob Kauffman, and Chris Albaugh support the Flora Public Library project.

B. Water heater estimates for the Town office- 2 estimates- Climatek estimate-$1,679.00. Camflo estimate-$2,412.00. Rob made a motion to approve the estimate from Climatek for $1,679.00. Chris Seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department – Chief James Bishop submitted his report. There were 137 calls for service, 6 citations, 23 warnings, 0 arrests/misdemeanors, and 0 accidents. James thanked Pam for getting 6 new AED for the Flora Park buildings. Donated through US Deputy Sheriff's Association $750.00 RTS tactical rifle shield. Steve Catron and his wife had their baby.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Tyler Jenkins reported the department had 6 fire-related call, and 23 EMS runs. Fire department needs to replace their big air compressor.

C. Plan Commission- 1 permit issued for February: Chase Meade- signs.

D. Park Department- No one present.

E. Airport- Jack Begley reported Hangar 2 has a new lease.

F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman- Trevor's report included: Trevor absent. Street Department: Received the new #2 truck. Waiting on the plow and salter for it. Water Department: 5 water leaks. 30 calls for services. 1 water main break. Met with Commonwealth about Lead and Copper project. Electric Department: Had 28 calls for service. Fixed 8 streetlights. Installed baby changing stations and AED cabinets at the park buildings.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy report included: Randy absent. Tyler presented Randy's report- Used the Vack truck at the WWTP in a couple spots to help clean up pits for the project. Tyler has his last Wastewater operator classes March 12th, 2026 and will be testing on March 16th, 2026. He was granted permission from the state to take the class 2 and skip the class 1. Locks have been replaced at the WWTP. Monthly reports including sludge e-submitted to IDEM.

OTHER BUSINESS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council meeting will be Monday, April 6th, 2026
2. The Town of Flora Sewer Ban has been terminated.
3. Town of Flora Residents Only- Spring Drop off Clean-Up- Location: Maintenance Shop 501 N. Division St. Dates & times: Wednesday, April 29th – 7:30 am – 7:00 pm, Thursday, April 30th - 7:30 am – 7:00 pm, Friday, May 1st – 7:30 am – 7:00 pm, May 2nd – 8:00 am – Noon.
4. Thank you letter to the Flora utility guys from Judy Ayres- Flora Flood Pantry.

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