FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
April 6, 2026

The Flora Town Council met Monday, April 6, 2026 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; Mark Thomas, Tyler Jenkins, Breezy Land, Kendra Linn, Rachel Runge (Commonwealth), James Wells, Bo Weir, Jack Begle, Scott Miller, Jessica Heater, Laurie Brower, Jill Clothier, Chris Albaugh, Rob Kauffman, and Pam Beck - Clerk-Treasurer.

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

Rob opened the meeting with welcome.

Chris moved the previous meeting Monday, March 2, 2026 be approved as presented; Rob seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- WWTP Update- Division A & B -Rachel Runge-Division A Pay App #16 for a total of $968,309.20- Chris made a motion to approve Pay App #16 for $968,309.20. Rob Seconded. Motion carried. Division A Change Order #8 for $30,000.00- Chris made a motion to approve Change Order #8 for $30,000.00. Rob Seconded. Motion carried. Div. A- Proposal Request #15 for NPW piping unforeseen rock drilling- Proposed amount from Patterson Hoarth in the amount of $6,738. Division B 5-Year Warranty Certificate for subject CIPP segments from sampling/testing issues. Chris accepted Div. B 5-Year Warranty Certificate. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

B. Lead Service Line Replacement Project update- Pre-Bid Meeting will be on April 9, 2026 at 2 pm Flora Town Hall. Bid Opening Meeting on April 23, 2026 at 2 pm Flora Town Hall. Commonwealth will make recommendations to the Council at the May Council Meeting. Closing on the IFA Grant is planned for June 16, 2026. 72 out of 88 residents have currently signed an ROE form. Fourth attempt to contact non-responsive properties will be sent out next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. CCEDDC James Wells- 2026 Strategic Plan Update- The plan focuses on four priority areas: Business Development, Workforce Development, Community Identity & Quality of Place, and Community Collaboration & Leadership Development. This strategic plan provides the framework to guide their efforts over the next five years.

B. Bo Weir Fire Pizza- Structural issues at 2 S. Center St.- Bricks falling off front part of building at 2 S. Center St. Sidewalk has been blocked off until Bo can get a brick mason to fix the building. Bo said it may take him a few weeks to get this done. Bo would like to have outdoor seating in the alleyway at Fire Pizza. Council said this would have to be discussed with the utility department, fire department, and police department to make sure it will be up to code.

C. Amending Ordinance No. 2025-02 2026 Salary Ordinance- Waste Water Treatment Plant Position- Chris made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2025-02 2026 Salary Ordinance. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

D. ECO Shred- Quote for Community Shred Day- $600 plus $84 fuel charge total cost $684. Shed Day will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2026 from 9 am to Noon at the Maintenance Shop if approved. Chris made a motion to approve Community Shred Day to be held on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at the Maintenance Shop for the total cost of $684. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

E. Solidarity Credit Union Kokomo- They would like to sponsor a Shred Day at our Maintenance Shop on Thursday, April 30 from 5 pm-6:15 pm. Chris and Rob approved.

F. Service Sanitation- Service agreement in the amount of $350 monthly for the Little League diamond and Softball field portable restrooms- Chris made a motion to approve the service agreement for $350 monthly. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

G. Penn Care- Quote for 3 AED for a total cost of $5,657- Locations need: Bucket Truck, Maintenance Shop, and Wastewater Treatment Plant- Chris made a motion to approve the 3 AED from Penn Care for the total cost of $5,657. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

H. Payton's Cleaning- Quote for sealing the concrete floor at the Atlee Oyler Building- Clean floor only- $475. Clean and seal- $1950.- Chris made a motion to approve Payton's Cleaning to clean the floor only at $475. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

I. Flora Community Club- Garden Fair will be Saturday, April 25 from 7 am to 3 pm. Event locations: Flora Park, Atlee Oyler Building, Merchants Building, and 4-H Building. Event application is filled out and has been approved by the Flora Police Department.

J. Golf Cart- Town needs to replace the old golf cart to water the Town flowers. Cost for the new golf cart is $5,000- Chris made a motion to approve the new golf cart for $5,000. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

K. Baker Tilly- Second Quarter tracking factor 2026 will be $0.013534 and shall be charged monthly to all metered rates. This represents a decrease in the overall tracking factor of $0.000575. Chris made a motion to approve Second Quarter tracking factor for $0.013534. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department –Mark Thomas presented Chief Jame Bishop's report. There were 140 calls for service, 5 citations, 39 warnings, 0 arrests/misdemeanors, and 0 accidents. New Police vehicle will be here April 10th. Mark said James would like to get approval to put the 2019 Dodge Durango on GovDeals. Council approved for James to put the 2019 Dodge Durango on GovDeals.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Tyler Jenkins reported the department had 10 fire-related call, and 10 EMS runs. Pancake breakfast will be May 2nd from 6 am- 10 am at the fire station. Vehicle: 2021 Silverado truck at Mann Chevrolet-GMC- trading in 2 vehicles total price $35,820. Chris approved the 2021 Silverado truck for $35,820. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

C. Plan Commission- 2 permits issued for March: Meredith Wagoner- Sidewalk. Fabian Garcia- Demolition sheds.

D. Park Department- Scott Miller- Park is open. Restrooms are open. Buildings are empty from storage. T-ball fence needs to be put up. There needs to be a path to the ADA swing.

E. Airport- Jack Begley reported the Airport needs a new 8-foot roller to pull behind the tractor.

F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman- Trevor's report included: Street Department: Picked up brush. Decommission #7 dump truck. Water Department: 9 water leaks. 67 calls for services. Turned water on at the park. Electric Department: Had 89 calls for service. Fixed 18 streetlights. Changed 2 poles. Had 7 power outages. New dump truck from Stoops- Freightliner M2 106 with a 7-year warranty total price $137,750. Chris made a motion to approve the Freightliner M2 106 with a 7-year warranty for $137,750. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy report included: Randy absent. Tyler presented Randy's report- Had to pull pumps multiple times found lots of rags and a softball chunk of asphalt. Tyler passed his class two wastewater exam and obtained his CDL class B. Had two IDEM inspections. Monthly reports including sludge e-submitted to IDEM.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Community Club- Jessica Heater- July 4th celebration at the park there will be a foam party for kids 12 and under.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council meeting will be Monday, May 4th, 2026.
2. The Town Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th, 2026 in observance of Memorial Day.

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.

Chris moved to adjourn; Rob seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Absent
Darrell Yoder, President

Robert Kauffman, Vice President

Chris Albaugh, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer