FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
May 4, 2026

The Flora Town Council met Monday, May 4, 2026 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; James Bishop, Trevor Ayres, Randy Hoffman, Tyler Jenkins, Breezy Land, Kendra Linn, Rachel Runge (Commonwealth), Marcelo Maros (Commonwealth), Scott Miller, Jessica Heater, 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 meeting minutes from Monday, April 6, 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 #17 for a total of $345,543.40- Chris made a motion to approve Pay App #17 for $345,543.40. Rob Seconded. Motion carried. Project is 92% complete. Division B is complete with all final work as of 4/29/26. A final PPA and CO5 will be submitted in advance of the June council meeting.

B. Commonwealth Lead Service Line Replacement Project update- Rachel Runge- Engineer's Recommendation and Certified Bid Tabulation Owner's Acceptance Letter- Rob made a motion to accept the Certified Bid Tabulation bid from F & K Construction for $972,900. Chris Seconded. Motion carried. SRF Loan Ordinance No. 2026-06- Darrell read. First Reading: Rob moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-06. Chris Seconded. Motion carried. Next: Chris made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only for the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 2026-06. Rob Seconded. Motion carried. Seconded Reading: Title is read by Rob who made a motion to approve the seconded reading of Ordinance No. 2026-06. Chris Seconded. Motion carried. Third Reading: Title is read by Chris who made a motion to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2026-06. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Forman Blasters- Fireworks invoice for $9,000. Payment of $4,500 is due by May 14, 2026 and second payment due of $4,500 on or before July 15, 2026- Rob made a motion to approve the $9,000 fireworks invoice from Forman Blasters. Chris Seconded. Motion carried.

B. Sr. Center parking Lot- Quote for repair/resurface from Central Paving $8,300- Chris made a motion to approve the quote from Central Paving for $8,300 to repair/resurface the Sr. Center parking lot. Rob Seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department –Chief James Bishop presented his report. There were 202 calls for service, 4 citations, 48 warnings, 0 arrests/misdemeanors, and 0 accidents. For safety reasons, the town petitioned INDOT to reduce the speed limits on the east side of Flora on St Rd 18. It has been granted; the speed limits have been changed to 35MPH to 100 East and 45MPH to the middle of Maple Lawn Cemetery. Speeds start reducing to 45MPH at Maple Lawn coming into town from the east to 35MPH at 200 East. James would like Flora to have an Emergency Disaster Plan in place.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Tyler Jenkins reported the department had 4 fire-related call, and 27 EMS runs. Pancake breakfast went well. Hose and ground ladder testing complete.

C. Plan Commission- 6 permits issued for April: Carroll Consolidated School Administration Office- Demo. Brady Oldham-Fence. Shawn Hipsher-Fence. Kenneth Mewbourn-Shed. Lisa Morrow-Driveway. Dennis Mockerman-Sidewalk.

D. Park Department- Scott Miller reported mowing is in full swing. Planted 4 big trees east of the minor league field. Two pieces of new playground equipment needs to be installed. Need a paved path to the ADA swing.

E. Airport- Jack Begley absent. All hangars are full.

F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman- Trevor's report included: Street Department: Filled pot holes. Dump trucks and trencher are on Gov Deals. Planted trees at old school lot. Spring Drop-off had to get 6 extra dumpsters total of 14 dumpsters. Water Department: 5 water leaks. 52 calls for services. 2 water installs. Flushing hydrants. Electric Department: Had 46 calls for service. Fixed 5 streetlights. New service is installed at the WWTP. 3 power outages.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy report included: Starting testing and training on some of the new equipment. Used the Vack truck at 113 E. Clem and at 223 W. Maple for water jobs. Cleaned Bringhurst flow meter as needed. Monthly reports including sludge e-submitted to IDEM.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Community Club- Jessica Heater reported- July 4th celebration- Atlee Oyler Event Center is fully booked with 19 vendors. Merchants building is still available for vendors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Town Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th, 2026 in observance of Memorial Day.
2. The next Town Council meeting will be Monday, June 1st, 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. Beek, Clerk-Treasurer