FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
July 6, 2026

The Flora Town Council met Monday, July 6, 2026 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; James Bishop, Tyler Jenkins, Breezy Land, Katy Smith (Commonwealth), Kendra Linn, Scott Miller, Jack Begley, Jessica Heater, David Wise, Jill Clothier, Kevin Clothier, Brian Johnson, Chris Albaugh, 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.

Chris moved the previous meeting minutes from Monday, June 1, 2026 be approved as presented; Darrell Seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- WWTP Update- Division A & B -Katey Smith- Division A: Progress Meeting #20 is scheduled for Thursday, June 16 @ 11:00 am at the Flora Town Hall. Division A: No Progress Pay Application is being submitted by the Contractor this month. A project delay/time extension virtual Teams meeting with the Town, Patterson Horth, and Commonwealth was held on 6/18/26. Much of the discussion involved Patterson Horth explaining why they took so long to have the3 NIPSCO gas service for the new generator completed and lack of communication between them and their vendor for equipment startup and training. NIPSCO stated that they are scheduled to begin their work on 7/6/26 and that it will take 2-3 weeks to complete. Division B Sewer Rehabilitation Update: Currently in warranty period. Commonwealth is working through finalizing project closeout with RD.

B. Commonwealth Lead Service Line Replacement Project update- Katey Smith- Pre-Construction meeting was held on 6/23/26 @ 3 pm at the Flora Town Hall. Construction start date is tentatively scheduled for August 1st. INDOT permit was resubmitted to SRF and has been approved.

C. Huston Electric- Generator proposals- Flora Senior Center new generator proposal- $15,300.00- The Council decided no at this time. Fire Department generator relocate proposal- Total project price: $9,850.00. Install new gas line allowance: $5,000.00- The Council wants Trevor to look into this. Town Hall & Police Department- Auto Transfer Switch Replacement- Total project price- $22,540.00- Tabled at this time. Water Treatment Plant- Manual Transfer Switch Replacement- Scope of work and quotation- Total project price for a NEMA 3 r MTS: $24,435.00 or Total project price for a NEMA 4x MTS: $27,935.00- Tabled at this time.

D. Ordinance 2026-09 Handicap parking spot on South Division Street- First Reading: Chris moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-09. Darrell 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. 2026-09. Darrell Seconded. Motion carried. Seconded Reading: Ordinance No. 2026-09 Establishing a handicap space on South Division in the Town of Flora, Indiana- Chris made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-09. Darrell Seconded. Motion carried. Third Reading: Ordinance No. 2026-09 Establishing a handicap space on South Division in the Town of Flora, Indiana- Chris made a motion to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2026-09. Darrell Seconded. Motion carried.

E. David Wise- 603 E. Adams St. New build/garage- vacate undeveloped road- The Council agreed to vacate the undeveloped road. David will have to pay to have this vacated. Kendra will have to let The Council and David know what the next steps are to move forward.

F. Jessica Heater- Community Club- Depot Days: The Community Club would like to have a beer garden during Depot Days this year. The council approved. Carnival is coming to town on Tuesday, July 7th.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Blocher Construction- New storage closet at the Atlee Oyler Event Center- Estimate: $3,914.62- The Council decided not to have Blocher Construction build the new storage closet. The Council and Trevor agreed The Town guys will build the new storage closet.

B. Bakertilly- The Third Quarter 2026 IMPA tracking factor will be $0.014022 and shall be charged monthly to monthly to all metered rates. This represents an increase in the overall tracking factor for $0.000488- Chris made a motion to approve the Third Quarter 2026 IMPA tracking factor. Darrell Seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. Police Department –Chief James Bishop presented his report. There were 188 calls for service, 2 citations, 31 warnings. James completed his 1st phase CSI school/training.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Tyler Jenkins reported the department had 7 fire-related call, and 15 EMS runs. Fireworks went great.

C. Plan Commission- 2 permits issued for June: Dennis Brown- Fence. Ethen Graybill- Garden Shed.

D. Park Department- Scott Miller reported: All restrooms are being locked at night @11 pm. New trashcans are at all the pavilions. Painting the playground equipment.

E. Airport- Jack Begley reported: Two hangars will be leaving next month and will be available. Fly-In will be September 12th from 10-2.

F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman- Trevor's report included: Street Department: Installed playground equipment at the park. Brady got his CDL. Completed concrete landscaping by Camflo. Central Paving is working on streets. Water Department: 1 water leak. 61 calls for services. 3 water installs. Confidence reports were sent out. Electric Department: Had 87 calls for service. Fixed 5 streetlights. 4 power outages. 4 electric installs. Installed signs at the park. Hung Hero banners. Prepare for 4th of July event.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy report included: WWTP guys had one 24hr day at the plant due to all the rain. They had to monitor pumps while the plant was in high flow. New sewer later installed at 235 E. Columbia St. New sewer lateral installed at Carroll School administration building at 2 S. Third St. Randy stated that we need to look more into the WWTP READI grants items that we are needing for the WWTP so they can wrap everything up with the WWTP project. Cleaned Bringhurst flow meter as needed. Monthly reports including sludge e-submitted to IDEM.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Brian Johnson- Brian is asking for reimbursement for the gravel he purchased for his driveway/alley. The Council tabled the reimbursement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Shred Day will be Saturday, August 1, 2026 from 9- Noon at our Maintenance Shop.
2. The next Town Council meeting will be Monday, August 3rd, 2026.

Chris moved to adjourn; Darrell seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Darrell Yoder, President

ATTEST:

Absent

Robert Kauffman, Vice President

Pamela J. Beck, Clerk-Treasurer

Chris Albaugh, Finance Chairman