FLORA TOWN COUNCIL
August 3, 2026

The Flora Town Council met Monday, August 3, 2026 in the Board Room of the Flora Town Hall. Those present were; James Bishop, Tyler Jenkins, Katy Smith (Commonwealth), Kendra Linn (Town Attorney), Randy Hoffman Jessica Heater, Scott Miller, Trevor Ayres. Laurie Brower, Jack Begley, Mark Thomas, 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, July 6th be approved as presented; Chris Seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Commonwealth- WWTP Update- Division A & B -Katey Smith- Division A: Katy went over the submitted project report explaining the work completed by Pattterson Horth and upcoming work as well. No pay application was submitted for contractor at this time. The contract dates were discussed with no firm final completion date from Patterson Horth. The NIPSCO line is still not installed, no estimated date is set to install the line to the generator. Division B: Currently in warranty period.

Commonwealth Pay Application #18 in the amount of $78,495.29 for the WWTP project was presented. Rob made a motion to pay the request for $78,492.29 to Commonwealth. Chris seconded. Motion carried.

B. Commonwealth Lead Service Line Replacement Project update- Katy Smith- Construction is slated to begin August 3rd, 2026 with potholing commencing that week. Notice to proceed will be signed once the Contractor provides finalized construction schedule.

C. Brian Johnson- Invoice in the amount of $1270 for stone, labor and bobcat rental to add gravel to elevate his personal property as well as his neighbors. The matter was tabled at the July 6, 2026 Town Council Meeting due to the members needed to discuss and would decide at the August 3rd, 2026 meeting. The Town Council discussed, ask for those in attendance for questions or comments and there were none. Rob made a motion to not pay the submitted invoice in the amount of $1270. Chris seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Capitol Asset Ordinance 2026-10 – Darrell, Rob and Chris took turns reading Ordinance 2026-10. Darrell made a motion to approve the First reading of Ordinance 2026-10 Capitol Asset. Rob seconded. Motion passed. Rob made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only for the second and third reading of Ordinance 2026-10. Chris seconded. Motion carried. Chris made a motion for the second reading of Ordinance 2026-10 to be approved. Rob seconded. Motion passed. Rob made a motion for the Third and final reading of Ordinance 2026-10 to be approved. Chris seconded. Motion passed.

E. Community Club: Jessica Heater gave a fair update and indicated from the feedback she got from the commissioners and vendors that having rides was a success and hopes to continue to have rides. Depot Days is coming up September 12th.

REPORTS

A. Police Department –Sergeant Mark Thomas presented the report. There were 173 calls for service, 5- UTT and 26 warnings.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Tyler Jenkins reported the department had 4 fire-related calls, and 27 first responder runs.

C. Plan Commission- 1 permits issued for July – Jennifer Beale – Fence

D. Park Department- Scott Miller reported baseball is done and the girls will have fall softball.

E. Airport- Jack Begley talked about the Fly-in on September 12th.

F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman- Trevor went over submitted report. Street Department: usual brush pick -up, sweeping streets and paving has started for the Community Crossing Grant. Water Department: 1 water leaks. 50 calls for services. 1 water installs. Electric Department: Had 108 calls for service, fixed 16 streetlights, replaced blown transformer, kept busy during the fair, trimmed trees along the bus route and digger truck is in the shop.

G. WWTP Superintendent – Randy's report included: Continuing testing and training on some of the new equipment, monthly maintenance, influent pumps are out of bypass and new screening equipment is being used. A couple of equipment needs were brought to the Council's attention. A root destroyer from Joe Johnson Equipment in the amount of $3600. Rob made a motion to purchase the equipment for $3600. Chris seconded. Motion passed. Pump equipment in the amount of $3506 from Straeffer Pump and Supply was submitted. Chris made a motion to purchase the pump equipment for $3506. Rob seconded. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Carriage Estates Residential Subdivision- Groundbreaking Ceremony Friday August 14th at Noon at 713 Carriage Lane.
2. The Town Office will be closed Monday September 7th, 2026 in observance of Labor Day.
3. The next Town Council Meeting will be Tuesday September 8th at 6pm.

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