

TOWN COUNCIL

February 4, 2013

The Flora Town Council met Monday, February 4, 2013 in the Fireside Building. Those present were: Keith O'Brien (T-Bird), Tim Balensiefer (T-Bird), Miriam Robeson (Flora Community Club), Laura Walls (EDC), Joe Moss (EDC), Kevin Clothier, Jill Clothier, James Bishop, Susan Scholl (Comet), Brandon Beck (Leadership Carroll County), Lisa Eikenberry (Park Board), Vince Seward, David Albaugh, Josh Ayres, Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Vince Seward moved the minutes of the previous meeting (January 7, 2013) be approved as presented; David Albaugh seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and payroll signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. T-Bird Deign Corp Proposal~David moved to accept the scope of services contract submitted for the sanitary sewer remediation project not to exceed \$92,000. Vince seconded. Motion carried. President, Tim Balensiefer, explained this fee is using a reduced fee schedule for Flora. The original estimate was about \$50,000.00 higher.
- B. Johnson House on Columbia Street Appraisals~Town secured two appraisals.
 - a. Appraisal Shop \$12,000.00. b. Jack Cross Appraisals \$20,000.00.Vince moved to send Bob & Sandy Johnson (owners of the residence on the south side of West Columbia St. just west of the railroad tracks), a letter offering a \$16,000.00 bid for their property (by law cannot offer more than the average of two appraisals). David seconded. Motion carried. Currently no plans for the property but if purchased, town would plan to tear the house down and this would square up the parcel the town already owns for future development.
- C. Laura Walls-EDC Countywide Website~Vince moved to accept proposal from One Technologies to unify the county's websites to one first class website. David seconded. Motion carried. The EDC Board voted to pay all fees for creating and maintaining the website until the year 2015 for the towns of Burlington, Camden and Flora.
- D. Contract with Architectural Design Concepts LLC~Vince moved to accept AIA document B105-2007 contract to historically document the old Flora School for a fee of \$ 5,330.00. David seconded. Motion carried. History of the school will then be archived by the State. This is a requirement of Disaster Recovery Grant and the fee will be paid for from the town's Rainy Day Fund.
- E. Disaster Recovery Grant Award~Josh signed contract for grant in the amount of \$446,400.00.
- F. KIRPC~David moved to accept agreement with KIRPC for them to handle the Old School DR2 Grant Administration. Vince seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. EMA Advisory Board~Requested a letter from the Council appointing Paul Redmon as the Town of Flora representative. Paul has been doing this for several years for Flora with no formal appointment. Council instructed Joretta to write the requested letter appointing Paul as town of Flora's representative.
- B. Twin Oaks Project Managers~David moved to accept Twin Oak's (Doug Crume) quote for putting together bid specifications for hail damage to Town property in the amount of \$3600.00 or \$80.00/hour (not to exceed \$3600.00). Vince seconded. Bid accepted. Will present bid specs at March meeting.
- C. OCRA extension letter~Letter will be sent asking OCRA for an extension until May 31, 2013 for the sewage grant.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – James Bishop reviewed submitted January report. There were 3 misdemeanor arrests, 4 felony arrest, 5 citations, 3 parking violations, 18 written warnings, 60 calls for service, 1 parole violation and 2 warrants served. Officer James Bishop reported that the police department has two new radar detectors through a grant from the Carroll Co. Traffic Safety Partnership. Delphi Police Depart. received two also. Cost of new equipment a little over \$5,000.00 total.
- B. Plan Commission – Issued four building permits in January including a carport remodel at Genda Funeral Home-Reinke Chapel, First Financial Bank demolition for current building and construction permit for new building on same site and David Sensenig new steel building.
- C. Fire Department – No one present. Flora Volunteer Fire Department is conducting a fire safety awareness campaign for Town of Flora and Monroe Township in February. Smoke detectors and installation offered free of charge.
- D. Park Department – Lisa Eikenberry asked permission for mower trade in. David moved to accept Tri-Green Tractor LLC's bid for trade in of \$2,600.00. Vince seconded. Motion carried. This trade in is for a larger zero turn mower. Lisa also reported that park board is looking into whether or not installing cameras at the park would curb vandalism. Board also considering putting a container at the park for recyclables. Park board meets on third Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the town hall. Will not be hiring additional help for Atlee this year at the park.
- E. Airport – No one present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Superintendent – Vince moved to accepted Tri-Green Tractor LLC's bid in the amount of \$2350.00 (divided by E-W-S-T = \$587.50 each) to trade in the 2011 mower. David seconded. Motion carried. Ask Rob to find information on where he could attend a welding class and the cost for same.
- G. WWT Superintendent – Josh reviewed report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. Heart Healthy Month~Council granted permission to tie red ribbons on town poles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Office closed Monday, February 18, 2013 in observance of President's Day.
- 2. Next meeting will be Monday, March 4, 2013 at 6 PM.
- 3. Tuesday, March 19, 2013 David and Joretta will attend Legislative Luncheon in Indianapolis with IMPA and IACT.

David made a motion to adjourn, Vince seconded; motion carried.

TOWN OF FLORA

Joshua S. Ayres, President

David B. Albaugh, Vice President

Vincent A. Seward, Finance Chairman

ATTEST:

Joretta L. Tinsman, Clerk-Treasurer