

TOWN COUNCIL
November 1, 2010

The Flora Town Council met on November 1, 2010, in the Fireside Building. Those present were: Jim Hancock, Phil Miller, John Julian (Umbaugh), Eric Walsh (Umbaugh), Daniel Marsh (Umbaugh), Gail Ennis, Susan Scholl, James Bishop, Paul Redmon, Karla Jenkins, Kevin Clothier, Dick T. Bishop, Vincent Seward, David Albaugh, Josh Ayres, and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Vince moved the minutes of the previous meeting (October 4, 2010) be approved as presented. David seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and Payroll were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Umbaugh's Sewage Rate Study~John Julien, Daniel Marsh and Eric Walsh presented their findings. They gave preliminary recommendations for an approximate 30% raise needed in sewage rates based on their analysis. Need to set down with Bill and prioritize the \$900,000.00 in needs to be addressed at the sewage plant. They suggested the town consider funding \$300,000.00 through fees and \$600,000.00 through financing. These projects are not set in stone but only serve as a roadmap with other unexpected expenses arising as well. Having a yearly increase in rates of approximately 10% would keep customers from having such a large increase at one time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Emergency 911 Advisory Board~Paul Redmon has volunteered to represent on this board in place of Jerry L. Reinke who resigned. Council will be happy to have Paul represent and Paul has agreed to keep the Council updated.
- B. Carroll County Extension Office Building~Cornerstone Design presented a Proposal for Architectural Preliminary Planning Services in the amount of \$2,800.00 (Fixed Maximum Fee). David moved we accept the County's offer to pay one half of this fee (\$1,400.00) and the town pay the remaining half. Vince seconded. Proposal accepted. Mr. Hancock will take care of presenting this offer to the County Council and will continue to move forward with plans to move the county extension office to the Flora Community Park.
- C. TruGreen Lawn Maintenance~Paying \$148.50 per year for lawn maintenance at the Fireside Building. Council approved the maintenance agreement for another year to see if the appearance of the lawn improves.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon submitted his written report for October. Report included one misdemeanor arrest, two felony arrests, five citations, 26 written warnings, 56 calls for service, and three accidents. Paul mentioned that it seems the numbers have been down on reports this year and all are glad for that. Also talked about seeing how much interest there would be in a local Neighborhood Watch Program. The Half Marathon ran on October 23, 2010 in Flora went off very well with no accidents or incidents noted. Will check into a wireless doorbell for the police door.
- B. Plan Commission – There were two building permits issued in October. One to Dave Miller for a storage shed and one to Michael Little for a handicap ramp.
- C. Fire Department – No one present.

- D. Park Department – Gail Ennis reported that the restrooms at the park have been closed not only due to the weather but because of fires being set in the restrooms. All water was shut off at the park as of October 29th. Park board and little league have decided to wait until spring, 2011, to move ahead with dirt moving and seeding for the little league diamonds. It is too late to start this fall. Need to think about what to do with the farm land if it is not planted in crops next year.
- E. Airport – No one present.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman – See written report. Picking up leaves, west side of the tracks in the morning and east side of the tracks in the afternoon. Residents are asked to keep sticks out of the leaves. Ordered two loads of salt to be delivered November 1, 2010.
- G. WWT Foreman – No written report available.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. Channel 2 Board has hired Eric Fewell as program director to replace Keith Burge effective immediately.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Our office will be closed Thursday November 11, 2010 for Veteran's Day as well as November 25th and 26th for Thanksgiving.
- 2. Next meeting will be Monday, December 1, 2010.

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

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