

TOWN COUNCIL

May 2, 2011

The Flora Town Council met May 2, 2011 in the Fireside Building. Those present were: Susan Scholl (Carroll County Comet), Paul J. Redmon, James Bishop, Gene and Lilly Halcomb, Georges and GeeKnee Rioux, Jim and Donna Bair, Bill McCarty, Karla Jenkins, Gail Ennis, Lee Sorrells, Jim Hancock, Dick T. Bishop, Joshua Ayres, Vince Seward, and Joretta Tinsman.

Joshua Ayres opened the meeting with welcome. Vince moved the minutes of the previous meeting (April 4, 2011) be approved as presented. Josh seconded. Minutes approved. Claims and Payroll were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Golf Cart/Slow Moving Vehicle Ordinance ~ Reviewed draft of Ordinance 2011-02 and Council will set a special meeting Monday, May 16, 2011 to finalize and pass the ordinance. Ordinance includes fines so will need to be advertised and then can be in effect by early June, 2011. Still some questions posed regarding seat belts, mirrors, age of operators, insurance, size of SMV signage, etc. Copies of the draft Ordinance available at town office for public review.
- B. Omnicity (North Central CC) ~ Check for payment of seven months default rent in the amount of \$246.61 (\$35.23 per month) was returned for insufficient funds. Have sent a certified letter to them that they are still in default of license agreement on the water tower at the park and the agreement will be terminated in ten days from date of letter if the check is not made good.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Georges & GeeKnee Rioux ~ Their property at 206 W Elizabeth St. has flooded nine times in the nine years they have lived there and they have incurred over \$25,000.00 damage to their home. The Rioux's offered to put in their own drain if the town will find the drain and dig a ditch behind their barn. It is felt the drainage issue in their yard may be related to a bigger problem that involves 75 acres owned by the Community Club but without spending a large sum of money for engineering fees it is difficult to determine what all the issues may be. Bill McCarty was present at the meeting and said he would look into possible solutions for the drainage problem and report back at the May 16 meeting.
- B. United Telephone Company ~ Permission given to bury phone cable/conduit on South side of Clark Street.

REPORTS:

- A. Town Marshal – Paul Redmon read the April police report. He reported 3 misdemeanor arrests, no felony arrests, 3 citations, 1 parking ticket, 10 written warnings, 70 calls for service, and 4 accidents.
- B. Plan Commission – Issued no building permits in April.
- C. Fire Department – No one present.
- D. Park Department – Gail Ennis reported he could use community service workers to pick up sticks at the park and is having trouble getting ahold of people needing community service hours and is experiencing no-show problems with them. Paul Redmon suggested he call Justin Sheagley at the probation office. Shingles have blown off the #2 pavilion roof at the park. Park Board is getting two quotes for a new roof (both shingle and metal). Gail Ennis and Lee Sorrells representing the Park Board were present still voicing objection to the planned location of the future 4-H office at the South entrance of the Park.

- E. Airport – No one present. George Capitanio still needs to remove personal items to make room for a new renter to store a plane in Hanger #6.
- F. Utility Manager/Water Foreman – See written report. Asked residents to dump buckets, tires, old pools and anything that would hold water to help keep the mosquito population down.
- G. WWT Foreman – See written report. Still waiting on two quotes for the blower building roof. Applied sludge to the Paul Fife farm. Bill McCarty was granted permission to dig up the back (North) side of the Fireside building to clean out the sewer and see what is causing problems with stool flushing. Bill asked the public to keep yard waste out of the street and in containers to prevent it from washing into storm drains.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next meeting will be May 16, 2011 at 6 PM.
2. Changed date of next scheduled Town Council Meeting from Monday, June 6, 2011 to June 13, 2011 due to conflict.
3. Town Office will be closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

Vince motioned to adjourn the meeting and Josh seconded that motion. 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