



**CITY OF FLORA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
131 EAST SECOND STREET**

December 16, 2024 – 4:30 P.M.

City Clerk Kaci O'Dell administered the Oath of Office to new Police Officer Trenton Harrell. Trenton's mother, Jenny, held the Bible as he was sworn in.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Rick Slaughter called the Regular Council Meeting of the City of Flora to order and City Clerk Kaci O'Dell called roll. Present were Mayor Rick Slaughter, Commissioner Linda Spicer, Commissioner Jeremy Henderson, Commissioner Phil Wiley and Commissioner Jim Fehrenbacher.

Others in attendance were City Attorney Bob Coble, Chief of Police Jeremy Ruger, City Administrator/Economic Development Director Mike Stanford, City Clerk Kaci O'Dell, City Treasurer Kim Adair, and Building and Zoning Official Chad Bayles and Superintendent of Public Services Toby Rinehart. Several family members and friends were present to witness the new officer being sworn in. Two media representatives were also in attendance.

Mayor Rick Slaughter led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Jeremy Henderson offered the Invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER 16, 2024, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE CITY OF FLORA WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPICER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
No – None
Abstain – None; Absent – None

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were listed under the Consent Agenda:

- SET CITY WIDE RUMMAGE SALES FOR MAY 16 & MAY 17, 2025
- SET CITY'S SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK – MAY 19-23, 2025
- ACCEPT POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2024
- ACCEPT BUILDING AND ZONING REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2024
- APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2024
- APPROVE SCHEDULE OF BILLS FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 10, 2024
- APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2024

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
No – None
Abstain – None; Absent – None

REGULAR BUSINESS

Mayor Rick Slaughter had one item to present.

A MOTION TO APPROVE GIFTING FULL-TIME CITY EMPLOYEES WITH CERTIFICATES FOR LOCAL DINING ESTABLISHMENTS (\$50 PER EMPLOYEE IN LIEU OF CHRISTMAS DINNER) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
No – None
Abstain – None; Absent – None

Commissioner Phil Wiley thanked everyone that was involved with Kriskindle Market this past weekend. There was a great turn out. A lot of work goes into the planning, set up, operation, and take down for these events. Commissioner Wiley thanked City Employees, Sandy Goodman and everyone at the Outpost, D.I.Y. Equipment & Rentals, all the vendors, Tourism, and everyone who volunteered. He then welcomed anyone with suggestions or input regarding events to attend the next Tourism meeting, which is on January 15th at The Depot at 5:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome at the meetings and everyone is encouraged to volunteer at Tourism events.

City Administrator/Economic Development Director Mike Stanford had several items to present.

A MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 24-3391, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLORA, CLAY COUNTY, ILLINOIS CONCERNING THE RECDS INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM AND A LOAN THEREUNDER TO BE MADE TO RODNEY L. HAWKINS AND GLORIA J. HAWKINS, AUTHORIZING SUCH LOAN AND THE RELATED LOAN DOCUMENTS MATTERS (\$46,000.00) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPICER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
No – None
Abstain – None; Absent – None

A MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 24-3392, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FLORA AND ILLINOIS FOP LABOR COUNCIL REPRESENTING THE CITY OF FLORA POLICE DEPARTMENT (JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
No – None
Abstain – None; Absent – None

A MOTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT REGARDING WAGES, COMPENSATORY TIME AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
No – None
Abstain – None; Absent – None

Superintendent of Public Services Toby Rinehart presented an item for approval.

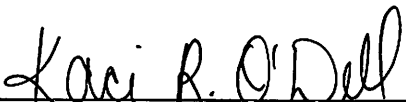
A MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 24-3393, AN ORDINANCE AWARDED A BID AND APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH ECOWASH, LLC (\$37,950.00) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
- No – None
- Abstain – None; Absent – None


ADJOURN

At approximately 4:42 p.m. with no further business to discuss, Mayor Slaughter requested a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCURRED AND MAYOR SLAUGHTER DECLARED SAID MEETING ADJOURNED.



Kaci R. O'Dell, City Clerk



Rick J. Slaughter, Mayor

Approved by City Council on: January 6, 2025