



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

**August 4, 2025 – 4:30 P.M.**

**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 Chief of Police Jeremy Ruger, City Attorney Bob Coble, City Clerk Kaci O'Dell, City Treasurer Stephanie Bailey and Superintendent of Public Services Toby Rinehart. City Administrator/Economic Development Director Mike Stanford and Building and Zoning Official Chad Bayles were absent. There were a few guests and two media representatives in attendance.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mary Walker, with Magical Moments Event Planning requested to use Library Park Gazebo for a wedding. Walker stated there will be no alcohol, only a ceremony and provided proof of insurance.

A MOTION TO ALLOW MAGICAL MOMENTS TO USE THE GAZEBO IN LIBRARY PARK ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 FROM 12:00PM TO 5:30PM WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST 4, 2025, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE CITY OF FLORA WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; 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:

- APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2025
- APPROVE SCHEDULE OF BILLS FOR JULY 16, 2025 THROUGH JULY 29, 2025

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

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

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

Mayor Slaughter introduced Lee Beckman from Milano and Grunloh Engineers to give an update on ongoing grants.

Before Mayor Slaughter read his request for approval, he wanted to share an explanation. He stated this is not a new tax. Slaughter clarified that the State of Illinois has repealed it, effective January 1, 2026 and the City is proposing to continue it, as many other communities have already done. The State claimed this repeal is to help the people of Illinois, but this 1% was coming to our community and not the State. Without this Grocery Tax, we would need to tax in other ways.

A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 25-3441, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 19 A MUNICIPAL GROCERY RETAILERS; OCCUPATION TAX WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPICER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER.

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

Commissioner Jeremy Henderson had one item for approval.

A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 25-3444, AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE REAL ESTATE AT 419 PRESLEY AND 401 W 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, FLORA, ILLINOIS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

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

Commissioner Phil Wiley thanked First Christian Church, area businesses, and individuals that have donated or have had school supply and backpack giveaways. With school starting soon, Wiley wanted to remind everyone to please pay attention as kids are on their way to and home from school.

City Clerk Kaci O'Dell had one item for approval.

A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO IMLRMA (ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION) FOR MINIMUM/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION (\$31,120.71) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

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

Superintendent of Public Works Toby Rinehart had two items for approval.

A MOTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION APPROVING A 3-YEAR RENEWAL WITH 120 WATER - \$34,254.00 (Term: 08/22/2025-08/21/2028) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER.

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

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING BIDS ON BUDGETED ITEMS:

- 2025 Ford Maverick \$29,962.00 - Engel Brothers Ford
- 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD Service Truck w/plow \$75,000.00 - Dan Hecht Chevrolet
- 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD Dump Truck w/plow \$92,942.70 - Dan Hecht Chevrolet

WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

➤ Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher

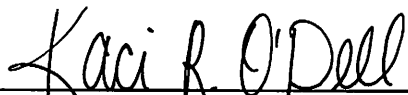
No – None

Abstain – None; Absent – None

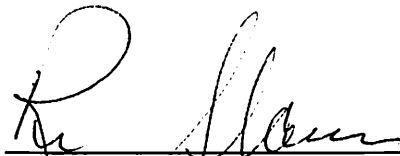
**ADJOURN**

At approximately 4:45 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: August 18, 2025