

Trash bids higher than expected for Flora

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Editor

Flora Town Council opened bids for the town's trash contract at Monday night's meeting.

Submitting bids for the two-year contract were: Allied Waste for \$270,336; Indiana Waste Systems, Inc., \$401,940; Waste Management, \$290,928; and Clinton County Disposal, \$235,189.

Clinton County Disposal has the current contract for \$98,000 per year. That contract expires Dec. 31.

Clerk-Treasurer Joretta Tinsman explained that she

knew that costs for trash pickup would be up significantly, so she raised the budgeted amount for 2009 to \$130,000. She said she thought she had built in enough funds to cover the expected increase, and had not anticipated this much of a jump in costs.

A decision will be made before the end of the year.

A public hearing on the water rate increase was held. With no objections being made, rules were suspended and Ordinance 2008-5 passed on second and third reading by title only.

Residents will see a grad-

ual increase in water rates over a four-year period, topping out at 27.61 percent. Based on usage of 5,000 gallons per month, the increase would amount to \$7.08. The ordinance becomes effective Jan. 1.

A new stand-by truck for the Utilities Department will be purchased from Mann Chevrolet at a cost of \$17,351. The half-ton, while Silverado pickup will replace a 1994 model with 130,000 miles.

Council President Josh Ayres said the manufacturer's suggested retail price for the truck is \$24,680 but with all the in-

centives being offered by General Motors the price is reduced over \$7,000.

The truck will be paid for out of the Electric Depreciation Account. There will be no trade-in; the old truck will be put up for bid.

Tinsman announced that the park department has ordered six trees to plant in the park. She said a seventh tree will also be purchased to plant in memory of the late Milton Graham Sr., who was a former part-time town employee. His family will be consulted on what variety to choose.

"We did not have the first call during Halloween," said Town Marshal Paul Redmon. "The two-hour trick-or-treating time is re-

ally working out. Nobody had any complaints and there was no teepeeing or soaping. It was a really good Halloween."

Redmon reported his department's activity statistics for October as: 11 arrests/misdemeanors, 1 felony, 20 citations, 43 warnings, 114 calls for service, 7 accidents, and 1 warrant served.

The wastewater department has been working with T-Bird Engineering & Surveying of Lafayette on flow monitoring and locating any hidden structures and any unsure sewer lines.

Utilities employees have been checking out and working on Christmas decorations as time permits.

The decorations will be hung before the Christmas parade.

Town employees will have the option to take either a paid vacation day or an unpaid day off on Dec. 26 when the town office is closed for an extra day at Christmas.

The office will be closed Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day and on Nov. 27 and 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Residents are reminded that trash pickup will be the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Pickup will also be on Saturday the week of Christmas and New Year's.

The next meeting will be Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. in the town office.

Delphi ties up loose ordinance strings

By Debbie Lowe
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Months of work on seven individual ordinances came to fruition for the Delphi City Council as each ordinance was passed unanimously at the Monday night meeting. The ordinance which held a significant amount of meaning for all city employees was Ordinance 2008-09 to set appropriations for the 2009 budget.

Other ordinances adopted were:

- 2008-08, for elected officials salary;
- 2008-10, making an alley behind Delphi Community Elementary School one way;
- 2008-11, making E. Summit street one way going east from Washington St. to Prince William Rd.;
- 2008-12, establishing a non-reverting tree fund;
- 2008-13, smoking ban for all city-owned buildings and vehicles; and
- 2008-14, prohibiting parking on the south side of Franklin St. from Wabash St. to SR39.

Another milestone for the city was the adoption of Resolution 2008-05 which approved the Delphi Comprehensive Land Use Plan as part of the county plan.

Other business

City Court Judge David Weckerly reported a failed attempt was made at the state level to establish uniform qualifications for city judges.

Judges at that level are not, and will not, be required to be licensed attorneys or have received law education.

The city and the Main Street organization will purchase Christmas decorations for approximately \$5,500 for 2008 use. Decorations were rented from a vendor in the past. It is expected the city would add to the number of decorations each year.

Street commissioner Aaron Lyons reported the asphalt and curbs and sidewalks programs concluded for the winter.

Parks department director Richard Farrer said trees were planted in Trailhead and Riley parks. The Park Master Plan was approved by the state.

Police chief Justin Darling reported that 67 requests for applications to replace a police officer were made. Two weeks remain before applications are due.

The police activity report indicated in October more warnings, traffic summons, felony reports, animal control violations, assisting another agency calls and parking tickets issued than in September.

Board of works

Former Delphi Police Officer Paul Vondrasek's request to be paid for 12 hours for each of his nine vacation days held over from 2007, when officers worked eight-hour shifts, was denied. Mayor Randy Strasser consulted Rick Cole of the Indiana State Board of Accounts about how to proceed with the matter. He

said Cole advised there was no provision in the city's personnel policy manual which allowed officers to collect 12 hours of pay for vacation accrued in 2007. Strasser said Cole also advised when officers worked eight-hour shifts, the city was bound to pay that which was actually accrued at the time when the payout occurred the following year.

Vondrasek said officers were permitted to use held-over vacation time earned in 2007 at the 12-hour shift rate after the first of the year. He said it was not fair to deny him compensation at the same rate.

Strasser said Cole advised the city would have to re-evaluate usage by each officer since the beginning of 2008. Vondrasek accused city leaders of having a "lack of appreciation and loyalty" for the police officers for the decision.

The next board of works meeting will be Nov. 17 at 4:30 p.m. The next city council meeting will be Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

Reunions



Delphi Class of 1963

Twenty members of the Delphi High School Class of 1963 met Oct. 25 at the Carroll County Country Club to celebrate their 45-year class reunion. Pictured are (l-r): Front - Gene Humbarger, Sandy (Felix) Wilcox, Tina (Wray) Tyner and Mike Chapman. 2nd Row - Jan (Griffey) Kidder, Aleta (Scott) Tyner and Susan (Kent) Crumbo. 3rd Row - Dale Humbarger, Jeri Soper and Lynda (McCain) Brooks. 4th Row - Tom Soper, Diana (Trapp) Campbell and Sharon Hensley. 5th Row - Nancy (Cheesman) Simmons, former teacher Earleen Alvarez, Marsha (Alberts) Rossetter and Nina (Shaw) Kibler. 6th Row - Judy (Draper) Mullin, Judie (Simmerman) Peters and Vernon Cripe. Back - Former teacher Tony Berto and Bob Moore. Photo provided

Looking Back



This group of Flora Boy Scouts visited a Logansport factory sometime in the early 1950s. Four of the six boys are identified. They are Mike Hoffman (glasses), Joe Hayes (Boy Scout uniform), Steve Collins (plaid shirt), and Kent King (far right). The adults are not known. Photo provided

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10 YEARS AGO

The Republican strong hold on county government was loosened when two Democrats upset incumbents in yesterday's general election. James E. Huffer will be the new County Prosecutor, while Linda Red Elk will be the new County Auditor.

The 125-year-old Camden bridge over Paint Creek was moved to The Andersons' warehouse, where it will be rehabilitated and painted over a five-month period. A new sub-floor and deck will be built with local timber. The big job of moving the 70-foot span with an 18-foot wide deck was given to Stahl Welding of Kokomo. The load traveled at an average speed of 35 mph, with a state police escort. It will eventually be moved to a site over the canal in Delphi.

25 YEARS AGO

Brucelle Northcutt's double crust apricot pie earned her

grand champion honors at the pie baking contest held in conjunction with Flora's Halloween Festival. Pies were judged in two categories, single crust and double crust. Others placing were: Danita Lytle, 1st place double; Rose-lynn Boller, 1st single; Jean Albaugh, 2nd double; Betty Hufford, 2nd single and 3rd double; and Adriane McCain, 3rd single.

A 14 year history teacher whose "first-person presentations" of everyday people from the past inspire both his students and local townfolk to take an active interest in history, is Indiana's 1984 Teacher of the Year.

50 YEARS AGO

A new swinging, singing group, The Top Twenty, has been formed by Delphi high school music director, R. Laughlin. They are available for appearances at community meetings.

The group has special outfits for their appearance. The boys wear red corduroy sport jackets, black ties, and black flannels. The girls wear black

sheath dresses, black heels and white gloves.

Members are: Nancy Snipes, Mary Temple, Pam Woods, D9onna Kite, Karen Messick, Gwen Benner, Mary Kay Sieber, Susan Johnson, Dorrine Campbell, Corrine Keisling, Ed Hayden, Jerry Johnson, Ron Dickinson, Dave Williams, Dick Kelly, Jerry Daniels, Ron Galloway, Dennis Zook, Don Larimore and Dick Laprad.

75 YEARS AGO

All business houses in Delphi are requested by the American Legion to stop business for one minute at 11:00 o'clock promptly, Saturday which is Armistice Day. They are also asked to fly the American flag during the day.

Rev. Harry B. Parker will address the Legion and the National Guard at 10:45 a.m. At 11:00 o'clock a firing squad from the National Guards will fire a salute, after which there will be a minute of silent prayer. This will conclude the Armistice day program in Delphi.

Less than 500 votes were

cast at the election in Flora Tuesday where the entire Citizens ticket was elected.

100 YEARS AGO

According to the official count Carroll county has gone Democratic for Bryan by 46 and the entire county ticket is elected with the exception of Thomas Colvin, candidate for Recorder, who was defeated by W.F. Browne by a plurality of 9. The latter gentleman is said to be the luckiest of all the individuals that ever run for a Carroll county office, having been elected four years ago with only 1 vote to spare. Several big surprises were in store for all although it was generally predicted that the silent vote in the county would make a big change in the result, which it did. The majority of the voters in the county have expressed their desire for those who won, so the only way is to accept the verdict as cheerfully as possible.




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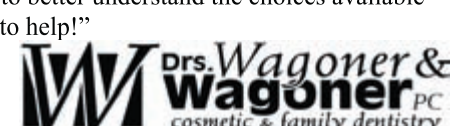
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