

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, JANUARY 04, 2010

The regular meeting of the Flat Rock City Council convened at the Municipal Building on the above date at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Mayor Dropiewski, Council Members Martin, Gagne, Painter, Wrobel, Tefend and Moore.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

01-04-01 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 21, 2009 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION: PRESENTATION OF HOME AND BUSINESS CHRISTMAS DECORATING AWARDS.

Sue Farrar, Chairperson of the Beautification Commission, introduced Molly Luempert-Coy of DTE who was present to present three first place awards in the amount of \$50.00 each and three second place awards in the amount of \$25.00 each. She said she was pleased to be back in Flat Rock again this year.

The winners were:

Residential Traditional category – 1st place - Donald Green, 28525 Pondsides Court. 2nd place – Mike Kostrewa, 26067 Matilda Street.

Residential Religious category – 1st place – Chester Kozinski, 29905 Tamarack. 2nd place – Robert Goudin, 23101 Country View Lane.

Residential Original category – 1st place – Chris Sulewski, 30153 Cherry Blossom. 2nd place – Rocky May, 30178 Hickory Drive.

Business Traditional category – 1st place – Arthur Bobcean Funeral Home. 2nd place – Ray Hunter Florist.

Business Original category – 1st place – Porter & Clark Chiropractic. 2nd place – Flat Rock Family Café.

For those winners who were not present, Mrs. Farrar said the awards can be picked up in the Clerk's Office.

5. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Lee Bobcean of Bobcean Funeral Home, thanked the Police Department and Chief for their assistance in leading funeral processions through town. He said it meant a lot to the funeral home as well as to the relatives and friends of the deceased.

6. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

City Treasurer, Debbie Lambrix, stated the 2010 animal tags are available in the Treasurer's office for \$7.00 until April 30th. Beginning May 1st the price is \$14.00.

Economic Development Director, George Mans, informed Council that the Business Connection Network (BCN), a group of 20-25 entrepreneurs, meet bi-monthly in conference room "A" in City Hall.

Recreation Director, Joan Pawlukiewicz, said they are looking to update the rates for corporate membership. She said they are meeting with the Arthritis Association for use of the pool. If they get the pool accredited it will be advertised in the arthritis foundation flyers and brochures.

DPS Director, Bruce Hammond, gave an update on the Vreeland Road project and stated it is on track to open the end of January or first of February.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Eric Painter complimented Joan and her staff for the swearing in party stating it was the nicest one we have ever had. He welcomed Council Member Moore and asked that the web site be updated. He confirmed with MR. Hammond that Christmas trees are to be put out with the trash. He asked about an advertisement his father received regarding insurance for the water service line from the curb to the house. Mr. Hammond said residents are responsible for that part of the line, however, out of 3000 residences only about 10 cases have had a leak in the line between the curb and the house. He stated he would not buy the insurance himself.

Council Member Wrobel welcomed Moore and also stated the swear in was nice.

Council Members Martin and Gagne also welcomed Moore.

Council Member Moore thanked everyone for their support and welcome. She questioned the speed limit on the Vreeland Road extension of 35 miles an hour. Mr. Hammond stated that since there are no residential on the street and will probably be commercial, he and the City Engineer decided on the speed which can be reevaluated later when it is developed.

8. MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski stated we must find a way to all come together and come up with ideas that will allow us to maintain the quality of life that makes this a tremendous community to live in while managing our finances in a physically responsible manner. He said he intends to work very closely with our school district because he believes you can’t have a great city without great schools and vice versa. He stated he supports different activities and functions such as Riverfest, kidfest, etc. He said he plans to have set hours in the Mayor’s Office, a published phone number and a Mayor’s blog. Mayor Dropiewski stated a change in administration is difficult and especially in times like these; however, by working together as a community we will find our way through it. He thanked everyone for their support and looks forward to working with everyone over the next two years.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Mayoral Appointments.

01-04-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to appoint the Department Heads as submitted by Mayor Dropiewski:

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| Building & Safety Director | John Russ |
| Fire Chief | William Vack |
| Civil Defense Director | William Vack |
| Assistant Fire Chief | Mark Hammond |
| DPS Director | Bruce Hammond |
| Street Administrator | Bruce Hammond |
| Police Chief | Neal Rossow |
| City Clerk | Lorene Butski |
| City Purchasing Agent of Record | Lorene Butski |
| City Treasurer | Debra Lambrix |
| City Fiscal Officer | Debra Lambrix |
| City Assessor | Timothy E. O’Donnell |
| City Attorney/Labor Attorney | Grunow & Associates |
| Recreation Director | Joan Pawlukiewicz |
| Senior Citizen Advisor | Joan Pawlukiewicz |

Mayor Dropiewski stated he is nominating the current department heads that served under the previous administration. He said don’t mistake that in any way will the “business as usual” and the way we’ve operated in the past continue. He said he has already met with department heads both separately and as a group to lay out expectations and a way of operating going forward. We focused on making us a very lean and efficient organization and a very accountable organization.

Motion carried 5-1 with Mayor Dropiewski abstaining and Wrobel voting no.

01-04-03 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to appoint Council Member Painter as Representative to the South Huron Valley Authority and appoint Bruce Hammond as Alternate.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

01-04-04 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Painter to appoint Dropiewski as Representative to Mutual Aid/Drano and appoint Paul Gagne as Alternate.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

01-04-05 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Painter to appoint Dropiewski as Representative to the Downriver Community Conference and appoint Paul Gagne as Alternate.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

01-04-06 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to appoint Paul Gagne as Representative to the 33rd District Court and appoint Kenneth Wrobel as Alternate.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

01-04-07 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Wrobel to appoint James Martin as Representative to the Community Development Block Grant and appoint Felicia Moore as Alternate.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

01-04-08 Motion by Painter supported by Wrobel to appoint Ricky Tefend as Representative to the Huron River Watershed.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

01-04-09 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to appoint the Heritage News Herald as the official news paper for the City.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

01-04-10 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to appoint Dr. Patterson as the City Health Officer.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dropiewski said the appointment of the City Engineers, Planning Consultants and City Auditors would be left until the next meeting.

Item B – AccuMed Billing agreement.

01-04-11 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to table the agreement until the next meeting to get cost from other companies.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – MDOT performance & indemnification resolution.

01-04-12 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to appoint Bruce Hammond and Russell Wittman as authorized agents of the city to sign MDOT permit applications on behalf of the city.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Wayne County annual permit resolution.

01-04-13 Motion by Martin supported by Painter to appoint Bruce Hammond, Russell Wittman and Matthew Sype as authorized agents to sign applications for county permits.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Invoice from TWI (tire wholesalers company) in the amount of \$4,408.00.

01-04-14 Motion by Martin supported by Wrobel to pay the invoice as presented.

DPS Director, Bruce Hammond, explained the invoice by saying he compares the price to the state bids. He said the DCC is working on buying in bulk.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Item A – 2009 Annual Report from the Planning Commission.

Item B – Letter of thanks to the Police and DPS Departments.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

01-04-15 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:15 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

DEBRA LAMBRIX, TREASURER

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