

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, JANUARY 05, 2009

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 Jones, Council Members Dropiewski, Martin, Gagne and Tefend, Painter and Wrobel

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

01-05-01 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve the regular minutes of December 15, 2008 as submitted.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Sue Farrar, Chairperson of the Beautification Commission, introduced Molly Luempert of Detroit Edison (DTE), who provided the monetary prizes and certificates for the winners of the Christmas Home Decorating Contest 2008. Businesses – Traditional winners were: 1st place – Viscount Pools, 2nd place – Target Steel. Businesses – Original winners were: 1st place – Captain Nemo’s, 2nd place – McDonalds. Residence-Traditional winners were: 1st place – Eleanor Montgomery, 2nd place – Jennifer Harold. Residence – Religious winners were: Thomas Saville, 2nd place Debbie Nyholm. Residence – Original winners were: 1st place - Neil Hach, 2nd place – Stan Gutowski. Chairperson Farrar also presented Molly Luempert and DTE with a framed certificate of appreciation for their generosity and participation in the contest. Debbie Nyholm said she and her husband Mark would donate their prize to the Community Lutheran Church Helping Hands/Food Bank program.

Chris Woolley of 25976 Rockridge Court, spoke in opposition of the proposed Meijer location. He disapproved of the way the Planning Commission meeting was chaired on November 24, 2008 because there was no discussion or questions from the audience allowed.

Arlen Fadely asked what he was to do with a sick raccoon on his porch with the Ordinance Officer off for the weekend or on vacation. The Police Chief said he would look into the situation. Mr. Fadely also asked about limbs to be picked up. Mr. Hammond, DPS Director said limbs and brush is picked up beginning March 15th through

December 15th ; however, he will pick up Mr. Fadely's limbs but wants the public to know the pickup dates.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

City Clerk reported no bids were received by December 30th for the ADA Front Door Project and requested permission to rebid it with bids to be due January 29th at 3:00 p.m.

01-05-02 Motion by Martin supported by Tefend to approve the re-bid request as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Rossow requested the public to call him when there is a problem such as the problem with the raccoon, rather than take it to Council.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Painter asked the DPS Director for clarification of the snow emergency ordinance. It was stated that 2" on the ground is considered emergency and all vehicles should be off the street. Once the street is cleared curb to curb parking on the street is allowed.

Council Member Wrobel stated we need to do something about the large deer population in the city which is becoming a problem. Mayor Jones asked the Police Chief to look into it and report back to council.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS: None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Parks and Recreation Master Plan update.

Mayor Jones said at present the bike path stops at the bridge at the old mill race. The City will be working with the Huron-Clinton Metro Authority to complete the linkage between Huron Park and Oakwoods Metro Park and will be applying for a grant by April 1, 2009.

Discussion regarding McKenna's charge of \$7,000.00 plus documented reimbursables. It was suggested the rate be changed to \$6,000.00 including documented reimbursables.

01-05-03 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to approve \$6,000.00 including documented reimbursables.

Motion carried 6-1 with Dropiewski voting no.

Item B – Proposed Master Plan Amendment.

01-05-04 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to approve the distribution of the proposed amendment.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Chief Rossow: Vacation time and uniform allowance.

01-05-05 Motion by Tefend supported by Painter to grant the Chief’s request for 4 weeks (20) days vacation and \$1,300 clothing/cleaning allowance.

Discussion regarding the Administrative Policy ensued. No other Department Head has been given vacation the first year of employment. Mayor said we should be tightening our belts because of possible layoffs looming in the near future. Council Member Painter said he didn’t think it would break the bank to grant the Chief’s request.

Motion withdrawn by maker and supporter.

01-05-06 Motion by Tefend supported by Painter to grant the Chief 4 weeks (20 days) vacation and \$1,000.00 cleaning/clothing allowance.

Chief Rossow withdrew his request for cleaning/clothing allowance.

Roll Call vote: <u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Dropiewski	Jones
Tefend	Wrobel
Painter	Martin
	Gagne

Motion failed 4-3.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Planning Commission minutes of November 24, 2008.

11. LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Invoice from North American Salt Company.

01-05-07 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to pay the road salt invoice #70296347 in the amount of \$4,202.24.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

01-05-08 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Gagne to go into Closed Session to discuss the DPS contract negotiations.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jones called a 5 minute recess at 8:10 p.m.

Open session resumed at 8:34 p.m.

01-05-09 Motion by Dropiewski supported by Martin to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved