

# COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006

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 Gagne, Martin, and Wrobel.

ABSENT: Council Members Dropiewski, Painter, and Tefend.

01-17-06-1- Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to excuse the absent Council Members, Dropiewski, Painter, and Tefend. Motion carried unanimously.

ALSO PRESENT: DPS Director Bruce Hammond, City Treasurer Brenda Tallman, Police Chief Steve Tallman, Recreation Director Joan Pawlukewicz, Building & Safety Director John Russ, Fire Chief Bill Vack, City Attorney Dave Grunow, and Assistant City Clerk Dana Ratz.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

01-17-06-2- Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of 12/29/05, 1/2/06, and 1/9/06 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### 4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Mr. Tim Sheffler of Magnolia Street stated he objects to his tax dollars being spent on the renaming of a road in the City.

### 5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Chief Tallman explained a situation he has with the County's current rate for billing for Jail services. It was increased without a change in the ordinance setting the amounts to be charged, Chief would recommend that the City look into legal action against the County for this matter.

01-17-06-3- Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to have the City Attorney look into the matter. Motion carried unanimously.

### 6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Wrobel asked the City Attorney to explain what can be discussed in a Closed Session.

01-17-06-4- Motion by Wrobel supported by Martin to check with HEMS Wayne County about their guidelines being more stringent than State Guidelines, Motion carried unanimously.

01-17-06-5- Motion by Wrobel supported by Jones to send the street naming issue back to TIFA to be resolved. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Wrobel also questioned the City Attorney about City Employees circulating petitions.

**7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

The Mayor stated that there are currently grants available for outdoor recreation. The Mayor asked Council to approve the hiring of a grant writer to seek these grants, with a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

01-17-06-6- Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to allow the City to hire a grant writer to seek Outdoor Recreation Grants from the State. Cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jones gave some information regarding the current status of the Cities financial outlook.

Mayor Jones turned the meeting over to Mr. Bruce Jock's to present the City's annual independent audit report.

**8. BID OPENING REPORTS:**

a. Letter from DPS Director dated 1/12/2006 re: Payment Recommendation for Tree Bid.

01-17-06-7- Motion by Martin supported by Wrobel to approve the payment recommendation of the DPS Director for the Hawthorn Ridge Subdivision Trees. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a. Letter from Comcast dated 12/19/05 re: Franchise Agreement Amendment.

01-17-06-8- Motion by Jones supported by Martin to approve the City Attorney to hold one more negotiation with Comcast about updating Council Chamber equipment, Closing the Flat Rock Office, and the possibility of allowing Comcast payments to be made at City Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Letter from Mayor Jones dated 1/12/06 re: Recommendation of Appointments to the Recreation Committee.

01-17-06-9- Motion by Wrobel supported by Gagne to approve the Mayors recommendations for appointments to the Recreation Committee.

b. Letter from DPS Director dated 1/12/06 re: MDOT Performance and Indemnification Resolution.

01-17-06-10- Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the MDOT Performance and Indemnification Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Tallman approached Mayor and Council for approval to purchase GPS locating software to be able to locate Police Vehicles and anytime. Cost would be \$9,700.00 and funds are available from the 33<sup>rd</sup> District Court Sync fund.

01-17-06-11- Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the Police Chief purchasing GPS locating software in the amount of \$9,700.00 with funds from the 33<sup>rd</sup> District Court Sync Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Letter from Kevin Murphy dated 1/5/06 re: MESP Program Request.  
None.

01-17-06-12- Motion by Jones supported by Gagne to allow the City employees to participate in the State's MESP Education Saving Program with funds to be deducted by Payroll. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

01-17-06-13- Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to adjourn meeting at 8:48 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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**RICHARD C JONES, MAYOR**

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**DANA RATZ, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Approved**

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