

**SPECIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Flat Rock City Council convened at the Municipal Building on the above date at 7:00 p.m.

**1. PRESENT ON ROLL CALL:** Mayor Pro-Tem Martin, Council Members Gagne, Wrobel, and Painter.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Jones and Council Members Dropiewski and Tefend.

01-26-01 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to excuse the absent members.

Motion carried 5-1 with Gagne voting no.

**The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the June 30, 2010 budget with the following Department Heads: Police Chief Neal Rossow, Fire Chief William Vack and Recreation Director Joan Pawlukiewicz.**

Mayor Pro-tem Martin called Neal Rossow, Police Chief to the podium. The Chief passed out a summary of his department which included budgeting challenges, contract issues, previous actions, recent budget history discussions and a list of options.

Fire Chief Vack was called to the podium. Mr. Vack stated his revenues, at the six month mark, are at 60%. He said revenue from ambulance calls is \$270,000. To help with revenues he said he is looking into HAZMAT cost recovery, utility standby (they have to wait for DTE) when there is down power lines, gas lines, etc. and incidents on railroad property like grass fires, railroad car fires, etc. He said he is checking with Chief Mercure of Rockwood regarding shared services.

He stated the expenses for overtime is up due to being down one man. He said the first call for overtime has to go to a full time person and you must have two people on the ambulance at all times

He said the only other options are (1) no fire department (2) total volunteer fire department (3) paid on call fire department. Some options have been tried and don't work for Flat Rock – that is why we have hired full time personnel and are now a combination department with both full time and paid on call personnel. He said that soon the department would have computer based reporting/invoicing on ambulance calls. The computers will be provided by a grant from Homeland Security.

Mayor Pro-Tem Martin called Joan Pawlukiewicz to the podium. She discussed eliminating daytime fitness attendants June through September, increasing life guard's

pay, more family activities, utilities are less, memberships are doing well, considering lowering the senior age to 62-63 and the banquet/catering is status quo.

Council discussed signs and the sale of beer at the softball fields, a community sign and selling advertisements.

01-26-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Painter to adjourn the special meeting at 8:20 p.m.

All present voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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**JAMES E. MARTIN, MAYOR PRO-TEM**

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**LORENE BUTSKI, CMC CITY CLERK**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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