

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 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, Moore, Tefend and Wrobel.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

02-01-01 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 19, 2010 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

A resident from the audience asked the status of the Metro Park Trail Bridge. Mr. Mans stated Flat Rock has already applied for a \$500,000 grant from the State of Michigan DNR Trust Fund and is asking permission to apply for a grant for the matching amount funds for the project. A portion of the trail is in Huron Township and Flat Rock is taking the lead on the project.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

John Russ, Building Director, reported AutoAlliance had paid for their annual electrical, plumbing and mechanical permits. Also, Woodcreek Phase 4 has only three (3) lots left.

Treasurer, Debbie Lambrix, announced the winter taxes are due February 14th but will be accepted through February 15th.

Joan Pawlukiewicz, Recreation Director, invited everyone to the Community Center Friday, February 5th from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. to hear the Tequila Mocking Birds band. Dinner is \$15.00 and showtime is 8:00 p.m.

Fire Chief Vack announced the transmission went out on the 1998 ambulance and will cost \$1,940.00 to replace. Also, the fire employees are being measured for turn-out gear purchased with a 95% grant from the Federal AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant).

Bruce Hammond, DPS Director, informed Council that he and the City Engineer had met with MDOT to review plans for Hall and Arsenal Road. The City has a high trust fund grant through the state for the work and the bids go through the state and will be opened May 16, 2010. We do not know when they will be awarded. Bruce said TIFA and DDA are working on the drainage problem on the west side of Hall Road.

George Mans, Economic Development, distributed a list of thirty business people who attended the BCN (Business Connect Network) meeting today in Conference Room A. He stated they are all supportive of all businesses in the community, helpful and proactive.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Moore sent condolences to Gary Borden, Planning Commission Member, on the loss of his Mother.

Council Member Painter stated he attended the South Huron Valley Authority meeting last week and then turned the mike over to the Mayor who had a meeting with some members of the SHVA today. Mayor Dropiewski stated they discussed current outstanding issues and hopes to have a constructive relationship them.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dropiewski said "HELLO" the second graders who visited city hall last week and then addressed the 2010 census. He said it is critical that everyone fills out the form and sends it back because it has a direct impact on the budget.

Mayor said he had a meeting with the School Superintendent on how schools and city can work together on after school programs, sharing equipment, etc.

He said he is in the process of interviewing city planners.

He announced budget work sessions beginning Monday, February 8th at 7:30 p.m. in conference room "A". Everyone is invited to attend.

He said there are rumors going around about the Community Center closing and wanted to stop that rumor – The Flat Rock Community Center is not going to close!

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Downriver Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement.

02-01-02 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to authorize the City Clerk to sign the agreement as submitted.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Request to schedule a public hearing re: City applying for a grant

From the State of Michigan DNR Trust Fund.

02-01-03 Motion by Painter supported by Moore to hold a public hearing Tuesday, February 16th at 7:30 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Senior Alliance FY2010 match in the amount of \$679.00.

02-01-04 Motion by Tefend supported by Martin to approve payment as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Invoice from North American Salt Company - \$2,613.82.

02-01-05 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve payment as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Planning Commission minutes of December 22, 2009.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION to discuss (a) City of Flat Rock vs. Flat Rock Development Group LLC (b) Petitions on National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Phase 11 General permits (City of Flat Rock vs. MDEQ) (c) Labor negotiations police patrol and command:

02-01-06 Dropiewski, Gagne, Moore, Martin, Painter, Tefend and Wrobel voting yes. No – None.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Dropiewski called a ten (10) minute recess at 8:00 p.m.

02-01-07 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to return to Open Session at 8:50 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dropiewski stated that Council had approved to have an appraisal of AutoAlliance and that is not a good thing right now due to the State of Michigan issuing new depreciation tables that apply to Automotive Manufacturers which will result in less personal property tax revenue from Auto Alliance.

02-01-08 Motion by Wrobel supported by Painter to rescind the motion to do an appraisal of AutoAlliance.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

02-01-09 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:12 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

JONATHAN D. DROPIEWSKI, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved