

REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF FLAT ROCK, MICHIGAN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 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, Painter, Wrobel and Tefend.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

02-02-01 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to approve the regular minutes of January 20th and special minutes of January 26th as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Building Director, John Russ, announced that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) will hold two Flood Risk Information Open House events in February. The first event will be Wednesday, February 18th from 4:30 TO 7:00 P.M. at the Wyandotte City Hall. The second event is scheduled for Thursday, February 19th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. on the 5th floor of the Livonia City Hall. The newly prepared preliminary floodplain maps will be on display. Property owners, realtors, lenders and insurance agents are urged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation within their community. Once the maps become effective, these maps will be used by floodplain permit officials, builders and developers, lenders, realtors, insurance agents and the general public to determine flood risk, develop mitigation measures, and encourage wise and responsible risk management decision-making.

Police Chief Rossow stated that on January 20th Flat Rock Detectives, Emigration Customs and FBI Agents made a raid on the Best Message Parlor and home of the owner. Chief Rossow thanked the two Federal Agencies and the Detective Bureau for the job they did.

Chief Rossow also reported that on January 26th Officer Leon Sexsmith was in an auto accident on Telegraph and is alright. Chief Rossow thanked the community who saw the accident and has called enquiring about Officer Sexsmith's well-being.

George Mans, Economic Development Director, gave an update on the K-Mart property. He stated he met with the new owners of the property last week and they will bring forth a letter that will state their intentions of what they want to do with the property at the next Council meeting on February 17th. They have hired Friedman Reality to be the lead agent in terms of the renovation of the property. They will also have an architect at the meeting to explain the condition of the buildings and how they want to proceed. Mr. Mans said it has been his goal to get them in front of Council with that type of information.

Bruce Hammond, DPS Director, stated the economic stimulus package is before the Senate right now and what the city is doing is to be part of that package. Part of the bill is for infrastructure and roads which will be funded through an already existing funding mechanism. We are part of the Federal Aid Committee in Wayne County. We have three projects that are part of the Federal Aid approved project list. They are Vreeland Road from Telegraph to the railroad tracks, Arsenal Road and Hall Road. These will be eligible for the stimulus package. The benefit so far looks like the match the city would have to provide may be met with the stimulus package. We are also looking to add a project to the 2000 Federal Aid list which will be part of the stimulus package and that is doing the remainder of Vreeland Road from where we stopped at the railroad tracks to I-75. The large projects the city is proposing is extending Vreeland Road from Arsenal to Telegraph and the Evergreen Street project.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Painter congratulated the Police Department for shutting down the Best Message Parlor. He said he is looking into an electronic sign paid for through advertising.

Council Member Tefend asked if the City ever bids out City Planner services. Mayor Jones said not in a long time. He said the time to bid it out is next January when the Mayor makes his appointments.

Council Member Dropiewski asked if we have ever proposed to the Engineer and Planner to lower their rates and the Mayor said we have not. The Mayor stated they bill by project (% of the contract). He said they will talk to all of them during budget discussions in April or May.

7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS: None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item A – Approval to pay for 2nd story restoration of Smith Hotel.

02-02-02 Motion by Gagne supported by Tefend to approve payment to Fine Finishings in the amount of \$39,030.00 as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – Bid award for ADA City Hall front door – a Block Grant Project.

02-02-03 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to approve the City Engineer's recommendation and award the bid to Leigh's Glass Company in the amount of \$3,100.00 as submitted.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Bid award for Senior Center Garage – a Block Grant Project.

02-02-04 Motion by Martin supported by Gagne to remove the item from the table.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

02-02-05 Motion by Gagne supported by Jones to award the bid to J.G. Morris in the amount of \$251,745.00.

Discussion. Mayor Jones said he will have the Architect at the next meeting and possibly change some of the design. He suggested tentative approval due to the time frame of the Block Grant money and the contractor holding his price.

Recreation Director Pawlukiewicz addressed storage issues at the Recreation Center. She said they need storage for snow blowers, lawn mowers, baseball and soccer equipment, bus, van and now election equipment for two precincts.

Motion failed 4-3 with Jones, Martin and Gagne voting yes – Dropiewski, Tefend, Wrobel and Painter voting no.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Item A – Resolution in support of stimulus funding to local governments.

02-02-06 Motion by Martin supported by Tefend to approve the Resolution as presented.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item B – New water supply contract w/Detroit Water & Sewer Department.

DPS Director, Bruce Hammond, stated that one of the purposes of the new contract is to have the same basic contract with all of its customers and the communities can negotiate pressure ranges that DWSD will be obligated to supply. Mr. Hammond

recommended council appoint David Grunow, City Attorney, Russell E. Wittman, City Engineer and himself to a negotiating team who will report to council the terms of a new contract offered by DWSD,

02-02-07 Motion by Jones supported by Dropiewski to appoint Grunow, Wittman and Hammond to a negotiating team as recommended.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C – Invoice to replace pump at the Recreation Center pool.

02-02-08 Motion by Painter supported by Tefend to pay the invoice #77619 in the amount of \$3,602.70.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item D – Two (2) invoices from North American Salt Company.

02-02-09 Motion by Gagne supported by Martin to pay invoice #70309764 in the amount of \$4,085.12 and invoice #70315127 in the amount of \$4,212.70.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item E – Request to purchase carpet for 2nd story of Smith Hotel.

02-02-10 Motion by Tefend supported by Painter to approve the invoice from Runyon’s Furniture & Floor Covering in the amount of \$4,336.45.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item F – Appointment to CDBG Advisory Council for 2009.

02-02-11 Motion by Painter supported by Martin to appoint Council Members Paul Gagne and Jonathan Dropiewski to the Block Grant Advisory Board.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Item A – Planning Commission Minutes of December 16, 2008.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

02-02-12 Motion by Gagne supported by Dropiewski to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:10 p.m.

All voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD C. JONES, MAYOR

LORENE BUTSKI, CMC CITY CLERK

DATE: _____
approved